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**GOOD INTENTIONS.**

Most people start the new year with good intentions, even if they do not go as far as to make mental resolutions, which they know are likely soon to be broken. May we be permitted to indicate a few directions in which many ringers might endeavour to show their good intentions during 1938? There is room for improvement, for instance, in their attitude towards such important subjects as regularity and punctuality; the teaching and encouragement of beginners; and loyalty to the band or association. There always have been, and we suppose always will be, some who treat these matters lightly; and such failings have constantly been subject for discussion. Indifference and apathy are two things from which the Exercise continues to suffer, and the art and the service of ringing would be immeasurably benefited if these two besetting sins could be removed.

Many a band have their enthusiasm for progress quenched by one apathetic ringer who attends when it suits his convenience, arrives late for service ringing, or makes effective practice impossible by his indifference. He refuses by his actions to acknowledge any sense of duty to the rest, and may even think he is conferring a favour when he condescends to attend. There are others who, all the while things are going well in a belfry, will not trouble to teach beginners, or, if beginners are brought into the tower, leave their training to someone else. No tower, however well equipped at the moment, can really afford to ignore the need of a supply of recruits. Many a good band has gone to pieces by the unexpected departure of one competent member. Every belfry should have at least a fifty per cent. 'surplus' of ringers to ensure the ringing of all the bells for services and to fill the gaps in the front rank when death or removal makes a breach. The work of keeping the company up to strength cannot be neglected without risk to its continuity, and it is not fair that this task, where the necessity is recognised, should fall, as it often does, on the shoulders of one or two individuals.

And outside their own tower, ringers should realise there is another loyalty they should observe—loyalty to their guild or association. The strength of the Exercise begins with the towers, but it depends largely upon the efficiency of the various organisations which unite the members into larger bodies than parochial entities. It is strange that, while this is generally recognised, a considerable proportion of ringers fail miserably to give their active support to the associations to which they owe allegiance—even, as we have lately emphasised, to the extent of falling into serious arrears with their modest subscriptions. Perhaps with this reminder there will be,

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in this new year, some ringers at least who, realising that they have not 'pulled their weight' in their tower or association, and that their attitude has been, after all, only a selfish one, will turn over a new leaf and, being filled with good intentions, will have sufficient determination to stick to them.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	† EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 7
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 8
* RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	† ERNEST F. BENNETT ... .. 9
† ALBERT GORRINGE ... .. 4	† PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 11
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 6	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

* ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. 8
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 9
BERT HORTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 11
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 6	HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung for the Christmas festival; also as a birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

* HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 7
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 2	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... .. 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3	* FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... .. 9
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 10
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... .. 11
† WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... .. 6	* GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLY.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Mr. W. F. Judge's 200th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	* ERNEST PARKER ... .. 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 2	BERTRAM WORSDELL ... .. 8
REGINALD AMOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 10
CHARLES BUTCHER ... .. 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... .. 11
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 6	CHARLES RAISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Cinques. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of shorthand, who was born at Trowbridge.

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**TEN BELL PEAL.**

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. THORNE ... Treble	*LEONARD MASON ... 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	*FREDERICK BULLY ... 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... 8
*WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 9
*JACK PUGSLEY ... 5	†JACK ROY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal on ten bells. The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 7 belong to the local band.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	*JOHN STEED ... 5
*CHARLES TAYLOR ... 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... 6
WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

\* First peal in the method.

MOORSIDE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 5
OGDEN MOORES ... 2	JAMES LEES ... 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... 7
FRANK LAWTON ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by FRANK RHODES.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kay.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*ERNEST RETTER ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*JOSEPH BREALY ... 2	†RICHARD WILMINGTON ... 6
REGINALD TRUMAN ... 3	WILLIAM REEKS ... 7
JOHN SALWAY ... 4	*EVAN MORGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor. The conductor's 100th peal for the Devon Guild.

HARLOW COMMON.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

VINCENT TIPTON ... Treble	LEWIS CORDELL ... 5
FREDERICK WHITLEY ... 2	STANLEY CLARK ... 6
BEN COPPING ... 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER ... 7
*WILLIAM ALEY ... 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by W. WHEELER.

\* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Blaby 1, F. G. Biggs 2, R. Biggs (conductor) 3, A. G. Janes 4, E. Timpson 5, A. Newton 6, R. Blaby 7, P. Newton 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

AN ARRANGEMENT OF DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	*PERCY RICHARDS ... 6
WALTER E. MASTERS ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*BERNARD LAWTON ... 4	REGINALD ALLPORT ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SAWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9¾ cwt in G.

*HARRY G. WILMINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5
*ARTHUR J. HOLWAY ... 2	ALFRED G. BETTS ... 6
WILLIAM REEKS ... 3	*ARTHUR J. DUNSTER ... 7
ARTHUR GOODING ... 4	JOHN KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*GEORGE BARKUS ... Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal of Major. Rung for the completion of the centenary of the church.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	RICHARD H. FRENCH ... 6
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAULSON ... Treble	FREDERICK PAULSON ... 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
HAROLD AUSTIN ... 4	ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
RICHARD H. FRENCH ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Mr. Robert T. Lambert's 200th peal.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*E. JOHN RELFE ... .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 6
*GEORGE BEENEY ... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 7
STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 4	CHARLES R. PENNYGAR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor in the method.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 6
GEORGE V. MURPHY ... .. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
*FRED. G. GROOMBRIDGE ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First attempt in the method away from the tenor. First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Petrock,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
SYDNEY A. WYATT ... .. 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal in the method on the bells, also in the Deanery of Dunster.

## GREASLEY, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN ... .. 5
*J. RICHARD WILSON ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... .. 3	RICHARD M. HARVEY ... .. 7
*S. GEORGE VESSEY ... .. 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal 'inside,' first peal of Major, and first blow in Treble Bob Major.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. CARTER ... .. Treble	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... .. 5
HARRY HALL ... .. 2	HAROLD ROSE ... .. 6
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
HARRY CARTER ... .. 4	HARRY BLOOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A compliment to Mr. W. Button and Miss Jean Springett on their engagement.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 2	ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
*FRANK BORLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First peal in the method.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 6
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
THOS. H. MATHER ... .. 4	FRANK FOX ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker, in appreciation of his services to ringing.

## GRESTFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	FRED HARTMAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	*FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Litchurch,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 4	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HUGHES.

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging and augmentation by Taylors in 1923.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	HERBERT C. AUDSLEY ... 6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
*THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the third anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Page).

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## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 92.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	GEOFFREY HARRISON ... 6
*ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman on a working bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Miss Mary Elizabeth Taylor (daughter of the late John William Taylor, sen.), who passed away on Christmas Day, aged 82 years.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Double Court; (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
*A. FREDERICK BOYCE ... 2	*CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods.

## MONK BRETTON, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

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

Being 720 changes each of Richborough Delight, Conisborough Delight, Burton, Rochester and Kent Treble Bob, Oswald and Barham Delight. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIE GREEN ... .. Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the silver jubilee as a priest of Father Mercer, Vicar of Monk Bretton.

## HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents with the 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4
*DENNIS A. BAYLES ... .. 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 3	†T. WILLIAM DE VILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 5th, at St. Catherine's Church on the occasion of the dedication of choir stalls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. L. Campton 1, G. Dudley 2, W. J. Clough 3, J. E. Clough 4, A. Ballard (conductor) 5, E. Rivitt 6, F. K. Measures 7, J. Veasey 8.

## OLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(AYLESBEARE BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*HENRY J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	ERNEST RETTER ... .. 4
†CECIL BREALY ... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
JOSEPH BREALY ... .. 3	EVAN MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal away from treble.

## BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 4
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 5
JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung prior to midnight Mass.

## THURLEIGH, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours &amp; Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT STAPLETON ... Treble	ERNEST ASQUE ... .. 4
GEORGE SETH ... .. 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 5
J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3	*ARTHUR JAQUEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal.

## EYTHORNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. W. M. CHIVERS ... Treble	LAURENCE BODMAN ... .. 3
*MISS JOYCE BRAN ... .. 2	WILLIS BROOKS ... .. 4
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ...	... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. BODMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on her 15th birthday.

## DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 26, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) Rossendale and Stamford; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) Durham and York; (6) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLDMAN ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	*JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BERT STANDEN ... .. Treble	†GEORGE BERNEY ... .. 4
WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 2	FRANK H. HCKS ... .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**NEXT WEEK** we propose to publish the first of a series of articles with photographs of well-known conductors.

The names of many are 'household words' in the Exercise, and our readers will, we are sure, be interested to make a closer acquaintance with some of the outstanding men whom they may not personally have met.

**No. 1 in this series: Mr. GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

**STEVINGTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

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

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

Being 22 extents of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN E. HILSON ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	PERCY AMOS ... .. 3
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 4
DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

**STANWICK, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

Being twenty-four 120's of Grandsire (six callings) and eighteen 120's of Plain Bob (four callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 3
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... .. 2	*FRANK KIRK ... .. 4
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

\* First peal of Doubles and first attempt. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bellamy.

**FELKIRK, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

Being 720 changes each of Burton, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

DANIEL SMITH ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILFRED TIBBLE ... .. 4
*ROLAND HILL ... .. 2	J. THOMAS WHITE ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven Treble Bob methods.

**HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,**

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

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

First peal of Kent Minor by all the band and on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as an appreciation and in memory of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, general secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

**AT ARCHENFELD, IRON MILL LANE,**

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

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3-4	*ALAN J. HOPPER ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**PEAL NOTES.**

**A STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD?**

There can have been very few occasions when more peals of Stedman Cinques were rung in one day than on Bank Holiday. No fewer than five are recorded. Those of Birmingham and Worcester appeared in our last issue, and this week we publish reports from Liverpool, Wolverhampton and Oxford.

The last named was the first peal at Christ Church Cathedral since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells, although belonging to the Cathedral, are not in a part of the consecrated building.

Mr. Walter Judge, of Oxford, rang his 200th peal by taking part in this performance.

Mr. Howard Howell finished his 75th peal when the bells came round at Wolverhampton. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Chris. Wallater, of Willenhall, as well as being rung for the Christmas festival.

For the first time since 1923, the Norwich Diocesan Association has rung over 100 peals in a year. This record is very largely due to the energies and ability of Mr. Nolan Golden, who took over the duties of hon. secretary of the association on the retirement of Mr. A. L. Coleman last year. The association's total in 1923 was backed by a large number of Suffolk ringers.

On Sunday, December 19th, Father Mercer, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Monk Bretton, Yorks, reached his silver jubilee as a priest, having been ordained in St. Paul's Cathedral. The event was celebrated by a peal of Treble Bob Minor rung for evensong, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Harlow Common on December 22nd was a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler, of Mill Street, Harlow. Mr. Wheeler conducted the peal, which was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Cossey.

Miss Kathleen Fletcher and Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, rang their one hundredth peal together on Bank Holiday, when a peal of Bob Major was successful at St. Mary's, Slough, on the completion of the commemoration of the centenary of the church.

The first 'local' peal ever rung at Eythorne, a parish near Dover, was scored on Sunday, December 28th, when 42 six-scores of Grandsire were rung and two ladies rang their first peal, Mrs. Winifred Chivers and Miss Joyce Bean. The peal was in celebration of the latter's 15th birthday. Mr. Laurence Bodman scored his first peal as conductor.

Miss Bertha Reeve, who took part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich on Bank Holiday (the report of which was published last week), had never before rung peals of anything above Minor. From six to twelve is a big jump. Ipswich seems fortunate in the lady ringers produced there—Phyllis Tillett, Sylvia Bowyer and now Bertha Reeve.

The bells of St. Andrew, Litchurch, Derby, were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and augmented to ten in 1923. The first peal on them since that time was rung on December 28th. It should, of course, have been a ten-bell peal, and it was intended to start for Royal, but, the band meeting short, had to be content with Bob Major.

By ringing two peals—Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major—in one day, Mr. Robert T. Lambert completed his double century on Bank Holiday.

Another well-known Kent ringer, Mr. Albert E. Relfe, who has distinguished himself by some of the peals of Minor he has called, gained a 'star' by conducting a peal of Grandsire Triples for the first time.

At Marden, Kent, on Bank Holiday, the engagement of Mr. William Button and Miss Jean Springett was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Triples. The band was short of a man at the last moment, and Mr. F. W. Mitchell kindly stepped into the breach. After the peal the company were once more recipients of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone, to whom their thanks are tendered.

**A BUSY CHRISTMAS WEEK.**

Mr. Charles R. Lilley had a busy Christmas week. Three peals were arranged to enable him to finish three of the outstanding 'dates' in his list and all were successful.

The first of the three, that at Honiton Clyst, was his one hundredth peal for the Devon Guild, and of these he has called 70. They have been rung in 58 towers and include ten of Doubles, ten of Minor, 40 of Triples, 25 of Major, 11 of Caters, and four of Royal. Mr. Lilley's first peal for the Guild was rung at Heavitree 36 years ago.

The peal at Clyst St. George on Christmas Eve was the first on the bells since Messrs. Taylor and Co. rehung them. Four Honiton Clyst men took part in this peal.

Christmas Day is one of the 'dates' which comparatively few people have filled, but Mr. Lilley and seven of the Sawton ringers awoke the Christians of that village at 5 a.m. with Grandsire Triples and completed a peal before the 8 a.m. Communion service, and an excellent peal it was—the striking was perfect, we are told. It is believed to be the first Christmas Day peal rung for the Guild.

In the course of these Christmas week activities no fewer than seven ringers scored their first peal.

A handbell band at Crayford, Kent, also put Christmas Day 'in the bag' when they scored a peal of Bob Major. This method was rung to enable Alan J. Hopper to complete the series of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus 'in hand,' as he had not previously rung Major on handbells.



**EARLY AND LATE PEALS.**

Another 5 a.m. Christmas Day start was at Thurleigh, Beds, where a peal of Grandsire Doubles, occupying 2 hours and 55 minutes, came round at five minutes to eight.

By contrast, a peal of Minor at Bassingham, Lincs, came round at 11.52 p.m. on Christmas Eve, prior to midnight Mass. It was rung at the special request of the Vicar, the Rev. T. I. Pocock.

Mr. Daniel Smith called a peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods from the treble at Felkirk, Yorks, on Bank Holiday, and thus completed his circle of the tower.

The bells of St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, were recently retuned and rehung in an iron frame, with new fittings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They were rededicated on December 7th. The first peal on them since the restoration was rung on Bank Holiday, Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., who has for many years had the bells in his care, calling Thurstan's Four-part. Afterwards the band were entertained at 35, Albany Road, by Mr. and Mrs. Groombridge. They wish to record their appreciation of the hospitality extended to them.

Six ringers, including four of the local band, rang their first peal on ten bells when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Minehead, Somerset, on Bank Holiday. It was conducted by Mr. James Hunt, who, earlier in the day, had called a peal of Double Norwich Major (in which five others of the Minehead peal band took part). Mr. Hunt has rung two peals in a day on 17 occasions, but this was the first time he had called both.

As a token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 30th for Miss Mary Elizabeth Taylor. Daughter of the late Mr. John William Taylor, sen., and sister of Mr. E. Denison Taylor, she died on Christmas Day at the advanced age of 82 years.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of shorthand, was born at Trowbridge, 100 years ago. To commemorate the centenary, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on Friday, December 31st, in the Wiltshire town, and among the ringers was Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, who occupies a responsible position in the great business firm established by Sir Isaac at Bath.

Mr. Harry Lister has now called a peal from each of the eight bells at Stowmarket. He completed the octave with a peal of Double Norwich on Bank Holiday.

The arrangement of Dexter's variation of Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman, rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on December 23rd, was that by Mr. James Hunt published in 'The Ringing World' of December 30th, 1932. It has the treble as observation bell.

Three generations of the Paulson family took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Matlock, Derbyshire, on December 27th. It was the third peal in which the three had rung together.

(Continued in next column.)

**BEVERLEY MINSTER TENOR.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I beg to correct the somewhat erroneous statement that appeared in your last issue under the heading of 'Peal Notes' relative to an attempt for Treble Ten at Beverley Minster.

Firstly, the weight of the bell is 41 cwt. and not 45 cwt. as stated. Secondly, the statement that 'the peal had to be packed in after 2½ hours owing to the "go" of the bell,' while in one sense true, is at the same time misleading.

It is only fair to those who have rung the bell to a peal to make it clear that the bell was its 'usual self' on this occasion. Pulled off individually, the bell presents little or no difficulty, but when the whole peal are being operated she tends to 'drop' badly at times. This appears to be attributable to tower oscillation.

I may state that the same conditions prevailed some four years ago when Mr. E. Jenkins rang the bell to a peal of Cambridge Royal.

Leeds, Yorks.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

**THE LATE REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON**

On the afternoon of the funeral of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, ringers representing the Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Clifford, Hereford and Ross-on-Wye districts of the Hereford Diocesan Guild assembled at All Saints' Church, Hereford, and rang solemn and impressive muffled touches in memory of their esteemed clerical secretary.

On Tuesday evening, December 28th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Bob Minor were rung at Bredenbury, Herefordshire: T. Tomkins 1, J. Thomas 2, A. Tomkins (conductor) 3, W. Mantle 4, W. Watkins 5, R. Bethel 6.

On December 29th a half-muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Holmer.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. J. W. Parker's five-part peal of Stedman, No. 92, was rung for the first time on December 29th, when Mr. Maurice Swinfield called it at Measham, Leicestershire. Maurice has called more different compositions of Stedman Triples than anyone. In fact, few people knew there were so many peals of Stedman in existence until he called them.

The peal at Measham was rung at the special invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. King), who entertained the band to tea afterwards.

Parker's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on Bank Holiday, as a tribute to the composer, and as an appreciation of his services to ringing. The band desire to express their sympathy with the relatives in their bereavement.

A peal of Double Norwich rung the same day at Gresford was made possible by Mr. Robert Sperring standing in at the last moment, and the band are grateful to him for giving up his social engagements.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The well-known firm of John Pritchard, rope makers, of Loughborough, has been formed into a Limited Company, under the title of John Pritchard (Ropes), Ltd.

The death of Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, recalls the fact that five generations of the family learnt to ring there. Mr. William Keeble has rung with four generations, and had taken part in 96 of Mr. Elliott's 120 peals.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on Saturday, December 25th, of Mr. William Webb, of Finchley, Middlesex. He had been associated with the tower there for many years.

Work on the restoration of the bells of St. George's-in-the-East has been begun by the Whitechapel Foundry.

On New Year's Day, the Choir School of Durham Cathedral gave two leads of Plain Hunt Major and three of Plain Hunt Triples, with perfect striking, and getting home without a hitch. This was accomplished with only half a dozen practices, as the item was put on at short notice for the Speech Day concert. The handbells were rung one-in-hand, naturally.

Canon Ganderton hopes to give this matter more attention next term if it can be worked in with a rather heavy curriculum, but the lads now want to take up tower-bell ringing. 'Catch 'em early' is a good maxim.

## INSTRUCTION.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Writing on the subject of 'Instruction' in your issue of December 24th, the Rev. Herbert Drake, who, I know, revels in having a dig into most matters controversial, comments on the difficulties of learning the art of change ringing.

In his eleventh paragraph he admits he cannot distinguish the music of the different methods, or distinguish where to start, etc. I presume Mr. Drake has a copy of the Shipway reprint; if so, he has missed learning what Shipway says in his introductory remarks under 'Ringing of rounds' (pages 5 and 6, chapter 1). The principal object to be observed in rounds, and 'consequently in changes,' is understanding the 'compass' of the bells (as time in music). To ascertain this it is necessary that a young practitioner should acquire what is termed 'the beat of the bells,' which is an 'inward sensation of the mind conveyed by the ear.'

This, to my mind, puts the whole thing in a nutshell, otherwise I cannot see where the enjoyment of ringing comes in. Having been teaching now well over 60 years (with a certain amount of success), I always try to make it look as *simple* as possible, whereas it appears to me some try to make it appear more difficult.

I hope Mr. Drake will forgive me in making these few remarks, but I can assure him it is with the best intentions for his New Year's resolutions.

**GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

Eastleigh.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. FRED CARTER.

**ASSOCIATION WITH THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.**

Many older ringers of the 'nineties' will remember Mr. Fred 'Bacca' Carter, of Burnham, Bucks, even if only from his association with the late Mr. J. J. Parker in peal ringing.

We regret to record his sudden death, which occurred on Christmas Eve at the age of 77 years. His wife was ill in bed and Mr. Carter walked into her room, said a few words to her and fell dead at the foot of her bed.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, December 29th, at Burnham Parish Church, and he was buried opposite the belfry door.

On Sunday the bells were muffled in the evening, and a 700 of Oxford and Kent was rung by the members of the St. Peter's Society. Over the grave two members rang on handbells the whole pull and stand and a course of Doubles.

Mr. Carter gave up ringing after his golden wedding in April, 1932 (when a peal was rung to commemorate the event), and the newly-formed St. Peter's Society presented him with a silver-bell inkstand suitably inscribed.

He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are married except one son. He was loved and admired by all. G. G.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWARD JONES.

**WATFORD'S OLDEST RINGER.**

We regret to record the death on December 22nd of Mr. Edward Jones, for many years a respected member of the band at Watford Parish Church. He was 87 years of age, and was a regular service ringer until about two years ago. He took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman at the age of 84.

Although he had given up ringing, he attended morning service regularly, and frequently visited the belfry on these occasions. His last visit was on Sunday, December 12th. He will be remembered by the older generation of South Buckinghamshire ringers for his connection, for several years, with Marlow tower. He was a member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.

Members of the Watford band attended the funeral on December 28th. The Rev. J. R. H. Moreland, a probationer ringer at the tower, officiated. In the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled to the memory of one who was liked by all who knew him: A. W. Dix 1, C. N. Leman 2, H. P. Reed 3, R. C. H. Connolly 4, S. H. Hoare 5, F. H. Crook 6, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 7, R. G. Bell 8.

## IPSWICH LADY'S RECORD.

### MISS SYLVIA BOWYER'S RAPID PROGRESS.

#### Forty-two Peals in a Year.

An Ipswich lady, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, has set up a new record for her sex by ringing, in the year 1937, no fewer than 42 peals, which have covered all numbers of bells from Doubles to Maximus. She is only 21 years of age.

Her ringing career began three years ago, when she joined the band at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich. There were eight other ladies learning at the same time, this company having been got together by the Rector to be what he called a 'second eleven' to the men. As practice in handling was confined to only four bells, progress among the nine was, at first, slow. It was not until July, 1935, therefore, that Miss Bowyer rang the treble to her first 720 of Bob Minor. Although she soon learned to ring other methods inside, she did not ring her first peal until February 8th, 1936—an inside bell to a peal of Bob Major at Grundisburgh.

During that year she rang eight peals in all, ending up with Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, her first peal on 12, but she had previously had two unsuccessful attempts at Cambridge Maximus.

Miss Bowyer did not start 1937 with the intention of breaking the record; in fact, she limited herself to two peals a month, but, like many other ringers, the more peals she rang the more she wanted, so her attempts grew to two or three each week, and her friends began to number her among the 'P.G.'s.

During 1937 she rang peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, including Cambridge Surprise on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. Her total of 42 is not only the highest number of peals ever rung by a lady in one year, but is also the highest number of peals ever rung for the Suffolk Guild in one year by any one ringer. Miss Bowyer is also the only lady to conduct a peal for the Suffolk Guild and ring the tenor to one.

A ringer at St. Mary-le-Tower Church and a member of that society, she is also a member of the Suffolk Guild, the Ladies' Guild, the Essex Association and the Norwich Diocesan Association. The scope of her peals will be seen by the following list:—

	1936 Rung	1937 Rung
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	—	4
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Stedman Cinques	—	1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	—	1
Rochester Surprise Royal	—	1
Grandsire Caters	—	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	—	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	—	1
Superlative Surprise Major	—	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	2	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	—	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	—	2
Bob Major	1	1
Grandsire Triples	—	2
Minor—7 methods	1	3
6 methods	—	1
5 methods	—	1
4 methods	1	5
3 methods	1	2
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	2
Bob Minor	—	3
Bob Doubles	—	1
Total	8	42

She has conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, a peal of Minor in three methods and another in four methods.



MISS SYLVIA BOWYER.

## DEATH OF MR. W. H. HOLLIER.

### HON. TREASURER OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. William Henry Hollier, of Chiswick, who passed away on December 29th. Some time ago he was badly broken up by a serious illness, from which he never seemed fully to recover, while the death of his wife was another serious blow to him. On Christmas Eve he was again taken ill, and three days later lapsed into unconsciousness, from which he never rallied.

Mr. Hollier was one of the most likeable of men. His connection with ringing began in 1902, while he was living in Kensington. In that year he joined the Middlesex County Association, but later his interest waned, and he dropped out about 1910, after having rung 20 peals with the society.

After the war his interest in ringing was rekindled, he rejoined the association, and in 1921 became hon. secretary of the South and West District and joint hon. secretary of the association, which position he occupied for ten years.

During this period he did some good work in helping to build up the district, and promoted the scheme for adding two trebles to the ring at Isleworth, to give the district another peal of ten. He acted as hon. secretary of the fund, for which he worked with untiring enthusiasm, and after many discouragements had the satisfaction of seeing the bells dedicated by the Bishop of Kensington on June 13th, 1931. Mr. Hollier gave a board, which now hangs in the church, recording details of the scheme, the names of the persons responsible for the augmentation, and date and details of the dedication service.

On his retirement from secretarial duties, Mr. Hollier became treasurer of the association, and continued in that office until his death. He was also treasurer of the William Pye Memorial Fund. He had represented the association on the Central Council since 1924, and was 'convener' of the Peal Records Committee.

He did not do a great deal of peal ringing in later years, but usually arranged a birthday peal for himself in February. He was also fond of a 'William' peal, and was particularly proud of one rung at Twickenham in February, 1934, for his birthday, a peal of Double Norwich Major, conducted by the late William Pye.

The funeral took place at Chiswick on Tuesday.

## ANOTHER DEVON RESTORATION.

### BROADCLYST BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

After a silence of six months, the bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Broadclyst, rang out on Tuesday, December 21st, after having been recast and rehung.

The old bell frame has been replaced with a modern one in cast-iron on a foundation of steel girders, and the bells, a ring of eight, tenor a little over a ton, have been hung with the latest type of fittings, designed not only so that the bells shall be rung with every possible degree of comfort, but also to minimise the cost of upkeep.

The peal was formerly a ring of six by Bilbie, dated 1768, two trebles to make eight being added to commemorate the jubilee of 1897. The recast peal bears the old inscriptions with the following additions:—

Treble.—In dear memory of Walter Mortimore, entered into rest 1932.

4th.—This bell was recast 1937 in loving memory of William Thirlwall Bayne, 1838-1917.

5th.—In dear memory of John A. Edmondson, from Jessie, his wife, Kathleen (niece), brother and family.

Tenor.—This peal of eight bells was recast and rehung by public subscription, 1937. The Right Honourable Sir Francis Dyke Acland, Bart., M.P., Patron. Rev. A. T. Allwork, M.A., Vicar. W. Trump, J. C. Channon, Churchwardens.

The blessing of the bells was carried out by the Bishop of Crediton in the presence of a large congregation. Among those present were Sir Francis D. Acland, M.P., the patron of the living, and Lady Acland.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the other clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork), the curate (the Rev. S. Cheriton) and the Rev. T. Caldwell.

The churchwardens presented the ropes to the Bishop of Crediton, and after they had been handed to the Vicar, a short 'peal' was rung.

In an inspiring sermon the Bishop said they were rejoicing again in the voice of their beautiful bells, which had been silent for some months. He was sure that they rang out with special joy, particularly because they would be in use for the festival of Christmas. In Devonshire they were particularly rich in church towers that were furnished with peals of bells.

Their primary purpose was to call them to the worship of God, but they expressed in a wonderful way their feelings on occasions of national rejoicing. The bells also rang out to those who, through sickness or other urgent reasons, could not attend church to remind them of the Communion of Saints.

In conclusion the Bishop urged the people to exemplify in their lives the bells which rang true and harmoniously.

Despite the lateness of the service, many ringers from the neighbouring towers were present, and Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have made a very fine job of the work which was entrusted to them.

Broadclyst now possesses a peal that is a pleasure to listen to and a delight to handle.



## NEW RINGS OF SIX IN CORNWALL. THREE WELCOME RESTORATIONS. Most Southerly Peal in England.

Cornwall has recently gained three new rings of six bells. All three are situated in the western part of the county and the Penzance District of the Diocesan Guild. The five bells at Wendron, near Helston, have been rehung in a new oak frame and increased to six by the addition of a new treble. At Landewednack, in which parish is situated the Lizard Head, the tower contained three bells of pre-Reformation date and dedicated respectively to SS. Anna, Nicholas and Mary Magdalene. The tenor of these three, being cracked, has not been included in the new ring, but has been retained as an object of interest. Four new bells have been added to the other two and the whole peal rehung in a new frame and fittings. These bells are now the most southerly ring in England.

The third restoration is at St. Mawgan-in-Meneage, where, on Saturday, December 18th, the Bishop of Truro (the Right Rev. J. W. Hunkin, D.D.) dedicated the restored and augmented ring. Three new bells have been added to the existing three, two of which have been recast and the whole hung in a new frame. A large and representative congregation attended this dedication. The Rector (Canon J. U. Yonge) conducted the service, and other clergy present were the Revs. D. E. Graves (Vicar of Constantine), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, A. D. Moon (Helston), H. D. Barrett (Landewednack), A. M. T. Dainty (Cary). The congregation included Lady Vyvyan (Trelowarren) and Mr. Alec Beechman, M.P. for the St. Ives Division.

The Diocesan Guild of Ringers was well represented by Dr. J. Symons (president) and Miss Eileen Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Master), Mr. W. H. Southard (vice-president) and ringers from Truro Cathedral, Galval, Helston, Cary, Manaccan, St. Anthony and Mullion.

During the afternoon and evening the various bands enjoyed ringing rounds, call changes, Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the splendid new ring. Many expressed to Mr. J. P. Fidler, who represented the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, their appreciation of the work which his firm had carried out. Both the other restorations at Wendron and Landewednack have been carried out by the same firm, and it is needless to say that both are now excellent going and musical rings of six.

## FUNERAL OF MR. J. J. PARKER.

### QUARTER-PEAL FROM TWELVE-PART AS REQUIEM.

Handbells were rung at the graveside, when Mr. Joseph J. Parker, whose death we recorded last week, was laid to rest at Farnham Royal on December 23rd. The funeral service was conducted by the Rector and attended by many parishioners and a number of the deceased's old ringing friends. The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Parker (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Fanny Parker (daughter), the Misses Parker (grandchildren). Among the ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Fussell (a friend of Mr. Parker's for over 60 years), T. J. Fowler (Cockham), G. Martin (Maidenhead), W. Birmingham (Slough), W. Henley, H. T. Batten, E. Cox and T. Eastwell (Farnham Royal), L. Stilwell (Windsor), W. Welling (Old Windsor), T. S. Smith (Windsor), G. Barkus (Slough), G. Gutteridge (Iver), W. Bateman (Stoke Poges), etc. Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch and treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) was unfortunately unable to attend.

The handbells used at the close of the cimmittal were a set over 100 years old (size 18 in G) with boxwood clappers. The church bells were rung muffled before the service, and afterwards a quarter-peal from the deceased's famous twelve-part was called by Mr. W. Welling. It was a requiem from his own creation.

Among the flowers were wreaths from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

Outside his activities as a ringer Mr. Parker rendered service to his village in many directions. He was a member of the Parish Council from its formation until a few years ago; for many years was village postmaster, and for long had charge of the village fire appliances. His hobbies were beekeeping and music, and in the latter connection he frequently assisted at concerts with violin, concertina and handbells.

## VETERANS AT BARROW-ON-HUMBER.

At Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, on December 28th, an honour was paid by the ringers to an old colleague, Mr. Charles Taylor, of Grimsby, on attaining his 70th birthday. A quarter-peal of Minor was rung (consisting of 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob), Mr. Taylor taking part. The ringers were James Goddard, jun. 1, Miss A. M. Goddard 2, Charles Taylor 3, Charles Chapman 4, Joseph Atkinson 5, Walter Goddard (conductor) 6. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were also rung, in which Arthur Crowder and Edward Dannatt also took part.

The passing of the old year was marked according to custom. The bells were rung slowly until shortly before midnight, and at the hour the tenor was tolled twelve times by Mr. Edward Dannatt, who has completed 55 years as a ringer at this church and has always performed this duty. Afterwards the bells were rung merrily to greet the New Year by E. Fowler 1, Ronald Naylor 2, Frank Ward 3, E. Dannatt 4, T. Johnson 5, J. Atkinson 6. In contrast to Mr. Dannatt's long service, R. Naylor and F. Ward are youngsters just beginning.

## 'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

### IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Now that the season of 'goodwill to all men' is over for another year, we can, I think, return to the attack.

'A College Youth' and J. A. Waugh in their letters suggest that:—  
(1) My letter of December 3rd was written in haste and without due thought.

(2) It was written without knowledge of the facts.

(3) In writing as I did I was not minding my own business.

With regard to (1), may I assure them that I do not write letters without giving them the necessary thought beforehand, and this was no exception. Even now, nearly four weeks after writing it, I would not willingly alter it in any way.

As to my alleged ignorance of the facts, what is the position? It is now five weeks since the broadcast in question took place and we are still without an official explanation. Why? Is it because there is nothing to add to the newspaper report, or is it that ringers outside Mr. Roughton's own select circle are being tacitly told to mind their own business?

This brings me to (3), and, in spite of what Mr. Waugh thinks, I still contend that the matter is very much my business, as it is of any ringer who has the future welfare of the Exercise at heart. The programme in question was devised and produced 'in celebration of the tercentenary of the A.S.C.Y.' and it was *not* a little private matter between Mr. Roughton and the B.B.C.

At this point, and without wishing to appear to digress from the main subject, may I bring another point of view to bear?

As I view it to-day, the art and practice of change ringing is slowly, but nevertheless surely, dying out. In this county of Lancashire, which is one of the two most densely populated in the country, there is a miserable handful of 718 ringers sufficiently interested in their art and the welfare of their association to pay their annual subscription of 1s. 6d. each.

That is not the only disturbing feature. I dare to suggest that, if the average age of those 718 were computed, it would be found to be well on the wrong side of 40, and in 25 years from now at the present rate of 'progress' we shall have in the Lancashire Association an active membership of not more than 500 with an average age of over 50.

Something drastic, and fairly urgent in its application, is needed to prevent such a deplorable state of affairs from coming to pass, and I have at least two suggestions to offer. One is summed up under the heading of 'publicity.'

We cannot have too much publicity (of the right sort, of course), and, of all the various forms of that desirable commodity, broadcasting is undoubtedly the most effective.

Let us see to it, then, that nothing is done to prejudice our good relationship with the B.B.C. (also with the national newspapers and, through them both, with the general public).

To return to my original theme, therefore, that is why I contend that Mr. Willie Roughton's dispute with the B.B.C. is definitely my business, and I have every right to attack him, thinking as I do that he has done the Exercise a disservice by his action.

As regards the closing sentences of the second paragraph of Mr. Waugh's letter, may I inquire whether we are of that milk and water breed which dubs every attack 'spiteful' and approves only of letters and speeches of the 'back-scratching' variety?

P. W. CAVE.

Huyton.

## WATFORD SURPRISE.

### AN ORIGINAL PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to congratulate Mr. Harold Cashmore on his peal of Watford Surprise. The method itself is a good one, though I am not prepared to say that it 'belongs' to anyone, and it would have been included in the Central Council book on Surprise Major, which awaits publication, only there did not seem to be any way of getting a true peal.

There are four very awkward false course ends 34562, 62345, 54263 and 46325—P.Q.R.S. we call them. They will allow of 24 true courses (those with the 6th at home and in 4th's place), which is more than is needed for a peal, but there is no means of joining them together.

Mr. Cashmore has used parts of all the true courses, and he has very cleverly made use of parts of false courses by taking advantage of a quality which is rather unusual. The sixth lead of a course with the 6th in second's is false against the first lead of a course with the 6th at home, but the first lead of a course with the 6th in seconds is false, not against any course with the 6th at home, but against one with the 6th in third's. Similarly, though the seventh lead of a course with the 6th in second's is false against the second lead of a course with the 6th in fourth's, the converse is not so.

That means that, besides your twenty-four true courses, you can also use courses with the 6th a second's place bell provided you do not ring the leads between the Before and the Home. The figures show how Mr. Cashmore has taken advantage of this.

The peals rung for new methods are usually adaptations of old compositions, but Mr. Cashmore's is really an original peal.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.



**DEATH OF MR. W. T. ELLIOTT.****A WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER.**

A veteran Essex ringer passed away on Christmas Eve in the person of Mr. William Thomas Elliott, of Kelvedon. He was 76 years of age and well known in the belfries of the Eastern Counties. He had been a ringer for more than 50 years.

The name of the Elliott family has long been associated with change ringing, and for well over a century an Elliott has been a member of the St. Mary's band of ringers at Kelvedon. On his golden wedding in October of last year Mr. Elliott, his son, and his grandson took part in a peal, and a tablet in the tower commemorates that fact. All three were regular ringers at the church.

Mr. Elliott was a carpenter. As an Oddfellow he was a trustee of the local Prince Alfred Lodge, and was the first Noble Grand of the Local Britannia Lodge, Tiptree.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Croft. Mr. D. J. Fairbrass, at the organ, played Mendelssohn's 'O rest in the Lord' and 'Blest are the departed' (Spohr), and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul,' was sung.

At the graveside handbells were rung by Messrs. G. Rashbrook, W. J. Nevard, D. Elliott and E. P. Duffield.

Many local organisations were represented at the funeral (which the widow was unable to attend), and the Essex Association was represented by Mr. F. Ridgewell (District Master), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Past Master), Miss Snowden (district secretary), Messrs. C. Snowden (Halstead), G. M. Rashbrook (Colchester), A. Evers (Witham), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Burton and R. W. Pye (also representing St. Mary's, Kelvedon, ringers), and Mr. David Elliott.

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled to 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****B.Y.P. AT OLD WINDSOR.**

The brightness of the B.Y.P. was somewhat diminished by the wintry conditions prevailing in East Berks and South Bucks when they visited Old Windsor for their December practice. Nevertheless, some really good work was done, chiefly in Grandsire Triples for the beginners. Critics are asked to note! It was most gratifying to observe, contrary to general experience, how well represented were the local company. Mr. W. Welling, the steeplekeeper, is to be congratulated upon having secured and trained such a promising set of young ringers, whose enthusiasm, too, deserves commendation. All those present that evening must have felt that if every tower visited co-operated with its local association as this one did, the objects for which the various guilds and associations were formed would soon be achieved.

When those who had cycled had rediscovered that they possessed a pair of ears, they heard Grandsire Triples (in plenty), Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major. A touch of Cambridge was attempted, but apparently became frozen, like the participants. Perhaps, like the conversations of Sir Humphrey Gilbert and his companions in the Arctic regions, it may thaw later, when we shall hear the missing changes jangling in our ears. So come and listen for them on January 22nd at Chalfont St. Peter. A. B.

**PAYING MEMBERS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—The subject of your leader of December 24th—the paying membership of associations—is not peculiar to the Lancashire or any other association, I should imagine. We in Suffolk have been up against the same trouble ever since the Guild started. The difficulty is to separate the payers from the 'scroungers.' That there is some number of the latter is evident from the fact that in 1936, 434 members of our association paid, whilst some 700 reports were sent out. That people can take a report, and then fail to pay their subscriptions—just over 4d. per week—is past understanding.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY,  
Ringing Master, Suffolk Guild.

**ANOTHER OCTOGENARIAN YOUTH.**

At St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Hobbs 1, H. Reynolds 2, M. Wheat (Barrow-in-Furness) 3, G. Beeny (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, E. Bray 5, F. Dallaway (conductor) 6, A. Pankhurst 7, E. Gower 8.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. D. Smith, whose 80th birthday fell on December 13th, 1937. He is an honorary member of St. Saviour's band, but is best known for his connection with ringing in London, where he was an active member of the College Youths and Master in 1891, 1903 and 1904.

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**CHRISTMAS BELLS.**

On Christmas Eve at Luton, Beds, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. King 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, E. Shane 5, A. Rushton 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

At the Parish Church, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss D. R. Fletcher 1, \*F. J. Smith 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, Rev. R. P. R. Routh 4, W. Edwards 5, J. Harrison 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, \*A. Bridges 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Christmas Day at SS. Peter and Mary's Church, Lois Weedon, Northants: W. J. Hinton 1, C. Hinton (conductor) 2, W. Patterson 3, \*H. McMillan 4, J. McMillan 5, \*R. Green 6. \*First quarter-peal.

On Christmas morning at St. James' Church, East Crompton, 720 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Oates 1, S. Wareham 2, R. H. Byrom 3, H. Oates 4, H. Byrom 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. The 5th ringer only commenced ringing in March.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Dartford on Christmas Day: Mrs. J. E. Bailey 1, J. R. Tomplin 2, F. E. Walker 3, H. Audsley 4, J. Wheadon 5, J. M. Bailey 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.

At Pytchley Church on Christmas morning for the 7 a.m. celebration, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Grandsire and St. Simon's): S. Sargent 1, C. Brown 2, R. Coleman (conductor) 3, S. Munton 4, George Brown 5. The first quarter-peal ever rung for the early celebration at this church.

At All Saints' Church, Hastings, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for matins on Christmas Day: S. J. Levett 1, A. A. Easton 2, W. J. Bradfield 3, S. C. Driver 4, N. H. Palmer 5, G. Piper 6, C. A. Levett 7, W. Levett 8. The first quarter of Stedman by all except 7th and the first on the bells. All are Sunday service ringers at the church.

On Sunday, December 26th, for morning service, at Barking, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. C. C. Austin (first in the method) 1, H. Worboys 2, G. E. Jennings (Weeley, Essex) 3, G. E. Cotter 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, R. Fenn 6, S. J. Holgate 7, R. Bullen 8.

On Christmas Day at St. Lawrence's Church, Chicheley, Bucks, for evensong and carols, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): K. Beard 1, P. Beard 2, E. Lathhal 3, R. Abraham 4, R. Hall 5, R. Howson (first as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all except conductor.

**MAYOR VISITS BELFRY.**

His Worship the Mayor of Gravesend, Councillor A. W. Howcroft, J.P., visited the belfry at Milton-next-Gravesend on Christmas Eve during the ringing for the midnight Communion.

After a short touch of Stedman Triples, the Mayor said he had accepted the invitation offered by Mr. Mitchell to see how the ringing was done. That was his first experience and he was greatly impressed in their work. Nothing, he said, sounded better on such a night as that than the sound of the bells. He wished the ringers every success in their work, and said he would welcome the sound of their beautiful bells when he visited the church on the first Sunday in the New Year, when the Mayor and Corporation attended in state.

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**NOTICES.**

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, January 8th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells (8) available from 2 till 8 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 o'clock.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, January 8th. 2.30 ring up. 4 service. 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5 o'clock. St. James' (Southbroom) and St. Mary's bells also available. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, from 2.30 and after tea; St. Michael's, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Holy Rood, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Michael's Hall.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Hinckley District annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on January 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 p.m., will only cost you a postcard addressed to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton. Business meeting afterwards to elect district officers, etc. We expect someone from every tower in the district.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Hearty welcome to North Staffs and Derby District members.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—All Loughborough District members are expected to attend the annual meeting to be held at the Bell Foundry on January 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Friends cordially invited. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held on January 8th. Ringing on six to 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. For tea (small charge) please notify S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with music and new edition. Tea 5 p.m. (Williams' Central Cafe). Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Ross.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Walgrave on Saturday, January 8th. The usual arrangements. Election of officers. Committee meeting. Subscriptions are due.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Lincoln, January 8th. Ringing at St. Peter's (6) 2 to 3.45. Service 3.45. Visitors to make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in Common Room at Minster 5 p.m. Ringing on the 12, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Will visitors please 'look up' Shipway's Superlative Maximus?—T. W. Mayer, Asst. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held tomorrow, January 8th, in the City. St. Lawrence Jewry (8) will be open from 3 p.m. and St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Eastcheap, after tea.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, S.W.10.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Peel tablet to be unveiled at 5 p.m. Service 5.15. Tea to follow in the Institute. Wigan Branch specially invited and others who wish to spend a pleasant afternoon. For tea, notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Langham Avenue, Liverpool.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be at Anston on January 8th. Ringing on the eight, 3 p.m. to 8.30. Please send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, January 9th, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, January 23rd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Please note that the annual meeting will be held on January 22nd. Full details later.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, January 12th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. The annual meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 29th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for January, 1938: Southwark Cathedral, 13th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 18th; St. Magnus', 20th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. George's, Doncaster. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Aukland Road, Doncaster, not later than first post on Wednesday, January 12th?—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Third quarterly (general) meeting at Repton, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. Tea and general meeting 4.45 p.m. in Court Room. Those requiring tea must apply for tickets to J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than the 12th inst. No ticket, no tea, or cater for yourselves.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, January 12th? Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea will be kindly provided by the churchwardens at 5.30. Business meeting at 6. Subscriptions due. Reports now ready. Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Non-members welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Parsons). Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Social, handbells, etc., at 8.15 p.m. All names for tea, please, by Thursday, January 13th, to T. H. Taffender, 26, Amesbury Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2. A record attendance is anticipated.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, January 15th, in St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Storeton Road, Oxtown. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea, meeting and social evening afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 15th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Hon. P. J. Hepburn Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham. Tea in St. Paul's Parish Room 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 11th. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting. Half rail fares to members. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church, January 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Come and make this a successful meeting.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on January 15th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Parish Hall and meeting to follow. It is essential that members send cards to me, on or before the 12th instant, if they intend to be present, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for tea.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, free to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Visitors and friends, 1s. 3d. Admission by ticket only. Tea can only be guaranteed to those applying for tickets previously.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all. Those desirous of tea, at a nominal charge, please notify me not later than January 13th.—Stephen Lloyd Pavy, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry. Telephone: Bedworth 136.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, election of officers, etc.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Seventeenth annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, January 15th, at 6 p.m. (please). Inspection of Bristol University buildings at 3.15 p.m. Full ringing arrangements in next week's columns. Tickets, 4s. 6d., of all stewards, officers, and Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in Green Pen Rooms 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 12th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. per head) at Cremer's, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should notify secretary not later than the 12th. Subscriptions for 1938 now due, please!—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For teas, please notify Mr. C. Brinsley, Post Office, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, by January 12th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Shafton, near Barnsley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Winter Gardens. Meeting 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Diss on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., also Palgrave (8), one mile distant, same time. Service in Diss Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, 1s., at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Tea cards by 13th, please. Subscriptions are now due for 1938.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, Jan. 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before

that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 19th. St. Peter's bells, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at the Dyke Road Hotel, price 1s., 5.30. Service at the Good Shepherd 6.30. Bells, 7 till 9. Names for tea by previous Saturday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4 p.m. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bristol.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley, on January 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Sat., Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charnister, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at three. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on January 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. The bells (10) will be available for ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting? Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than Thursday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Irchester on Saturday, January 22nd. Nice peal of eight. Service 4.30. Renew your enthusiasm and send names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.



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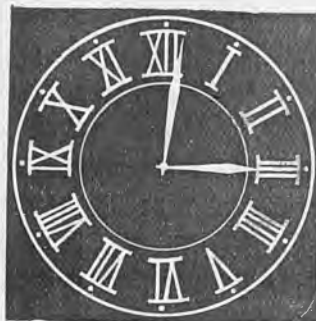
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## B.B.C. AND RINGING.

The president of the Central Council made an interesting statement at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, last Saturday, on the subject of bell broadcasts. One of the most important points in his speech was the assurance that, contrary to any fears which may have been provoked in some quarters by a recent occurrence, the relations between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were chiefly concerned, remain perfectly friendly, and the attitude of the B.B.C. towards bellringing is unimpaired. No one will begrudge the College Youths the limelight of publicity which their tercentenary attracted, even though their special broadcast had a tendency to relegate the rest of the ringing organisations of London and the country to the shadows. The 'quarrel' between the B.B.C. and one of the members of the society seems to have been a storm in a teacup, but it would be interesting to know who gave the advance information to the London newspapers—the B.B.C. or the member concerned. It was this publicity that stirred up outside feeling. It is, however, gratifying to know from the president of the Council that there is no risk of this personal squabble affecting the general relations of the B.B.C. with ringing.

Mr. Lewis was also able to tell the Exercise that the B.B.C. had asked him for criticisms on bell broadcasts and, as was to be expected from one who has been an unflinching critic on other occasions, he has given the B.B.C. some candid opinions. It is fully recognised by ringers that some of the examples of ringing that have been heard on the air have not only been a poor advertisement for the craft, but a disgrace. We can imagine that from no other source would the B.B.C. have tolerated such poor exhibitions of 'skill,' and it can only have been because there was no one in a responsible position capable of forming an opinion. Mr. Lewis' suggestion, therefore, that the B.B.C. should have a member of their staff trained as a critic of ringing is a very useful one. It might, however, be a shorter cut to the desired end if, in consultation with the president of the Central Council, half a dozen ringers of acknowledged ability in different parts of the country were appointed by the B.B.C. to carry out these duties in their respective areas. Such men, with clear and independent judgment, could, we have no doubt, easily be found, and 'ready-made' critics of long experience might simplify the task for the B.B.C. in more ways than one. But those who desire to see the credit of good ringing upheld in broadcasts will not mind which line the B.B.C. adopt, as long as they

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do something in the matter. We are not unhelpful that there may be a practical outcome of Mr. Lewis' criticisms. Unknown to him when making his speech, he had next to him, in the Provost of Guildford Cathedral, a member of the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Religious Matters, into whose purview come the broadcast services. The Provost confessed himself deeply interested in and impressed by what Mr. Lewis had said, and, thus fortified, the president's criticisms which have gone to the B.B.C. may bear fruit.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7
THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*AIDAN J. N. BOYACK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
HENRY RUMENS ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... .. 5	FREDERICK C. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble	*FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 2	*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 8
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 5	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First ten-bell peal.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

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## WREXHAM.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
*FRANK MITCHELL ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7
*ALFRED LEA, JUN. ... .. 3	THOMAS CATHERALL ... .. 8
*FRED HARTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... .. 9
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

## STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMMING ... .. 6
*CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 8
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. 9
JAMES BETTS ... .. 5	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 275). Conducted by H. D. LISTER

\* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First attempt for Kent Royal.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	CHARLES M. GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS ... .. 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 7
*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	*CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 6
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 7
*WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 3	*NORMAN LEACH ... .. 8
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 4	*HENRY HUBBALL ... .. 9
JOHN BASS ... .. 5	†JOHN GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Ten.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
ALFRED LANGTON ... .. 2	LESLIE G. HOUGHTON ... .. 6
*FRED G. JEFFRIES ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 7
WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Dallaway (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Savage 2, E. Baber 3, R. Pankhurst 4, H. Renolds 5, F. Dallaway (conductor) 6, H. Hobden 7, W. Erridge 8.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES R. LAMBKIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. J. E. Bailey's 50th peal.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
*TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 6
WILLIE GREEN ... .. 3	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 7
*R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 4	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal in the method.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	HERBERT W. COLLIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled, for the passing of the old year.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY G. W. COOPER ... .. Treble	†GEORGE W. MORRIS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM ... .. 2	WALTER SPARROW ... .. 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 3	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 7
*FREDERICK J. CATTERMOUL ... .. 4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by C. S. BIRD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. The band are Sunday service ringers at Heston.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 6
†PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 7
†BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. † First peal of Kent. First peal of Kent by the St. Peter's Society. Rung for watch-night service.

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## ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RONALD KENWARD ... .. Treble	†ROLAND ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
WILL H. VIGGERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 6
†ERIC V. SYMONDS ... .. 3	THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM G. CHALLEN ... .. 4	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. DENYER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled, by an entirely local band, prior to the watch-night service.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADBENT ... Treble	HARRY GRACE ... .. 5
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
THOMAS HESKETH ... .. 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. L. HUMPHRISS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON  
\* First peal. Rung in celebration of the jubilee of the church, which was consecrated on December 31st, 1887.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
FRANK WALKER ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

The conductor's 700th peal.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 37 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
RONALD F. SALTER ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	EDWARD PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled at the close of the old year. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

## LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

DAVID HUGHES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

## PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	Elected Master 1927, 1931	... Treble
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	" 1932...	... 2
PERCY E. CLARK	" 1924, 1930	... 3
JAMES BULLOCK	" 1928 ..	... 4
ALBERT A. HUGHES	" 1914-1918	... 5
CHARLES S. BURDEN	" 1909...	... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	" 1926...	... 7
E. ALEX. YOUNG	" 1933...	... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung for the tercentenary of the society.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, BRISTOL, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each Superlative and Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN BASS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

This peal contained 3,072 London, 640 Cambridge, 576 Bristol, 576 Superlative and 320 Lincolnshire, with 124 changes of method. First peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

## NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK BARNARD ... .. Treble	JOHN BROUGH ... .. 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 7
JOE BOYER ... .. 4	FRANK OLLIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. A. Holden on his birthday.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

W. GAINES ... .. Treble	C. HAYTINGS ... .. 4
E. MAUND ... .. 2	A. GRIFFIN ... .. 5
*T. BENNETT ... .. 3	J. HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

\* First peal.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

Consisting of seven 720's, two of Oxford and two of Kent, with 720 of Plain Bob between each.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND KEDDIE ... .. Treble	*CHARLES LEA ... .. 4
*THOMAS F. GRESTON ... .. 2	*HARRY LEA ... .. 5
*STANLEY PATTERSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being one extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED LACEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4
*FRANK LORD ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 5
*FRED JEFFERY ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in eight methods.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 4
*WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

BRAMFORD, IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 5
Miss SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

MARGATE.—On Sunday morning, December 5th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: Miss L. Wickens (Braidstairs) 1, J. Russell (Birchington) 2, F. Gadsden (conductor) 3, E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Wickens (Broadstairs) 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8. Ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor are members of the local band.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDON ... .. 4
*GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3	Miss HILDA SNOWDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. BIRD.

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

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED BARTON ... .. Treble	ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... .. 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
HERBERT V. DIGBY ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung immediately before tolling out the old year.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WYNTHAM LEWIS ... .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 4
ALBERT DEVONALD ... .. 2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. 5
DAVID REES ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

The bells were half-muffled to ring out the old year.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JABEZ PREECE ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. 5
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

One extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*H. IVAN SALT ... .. Treble	MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... .. 4
†J. RICHARD WILSON ... .. 2	JACK VESSEY ... .. 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

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

SEMLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Being seven 720's: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford; (3) St. Clement's; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Double Court; (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 26 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. Treble	REV. ALFRED G. THURLOW ... .. 4
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods 'inside,' and first in more than one method on the bells.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN ... Treble	HARRY PROUT .. ... 4
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. ... 5
ROBERT WAKE ... .. 3	PHILIP H. TOCOK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two extents, with ten callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH SAUNDERS ... .. 1 reble	WILLIAM TURNER, JUN. ... 4
WILLIAM TURNER, SEN. ... 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... 5
CHARLES LUCAS ... .. 3	EDWARD AMIES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

The first known peal by a local band at Hartlebury.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
HARRY J. MILLET ... .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	JAMES W. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ALFRED W. KING ... .. Treble	DENNIS BELL ... .. 4
MISS JEAN BELL ... .. 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
GEORGE BELL ... .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

A compliment to the Rector of Scottow on his 77th birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## 'THE COLLEGE YOUTHS'

### *A History of the Society* by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

'This is one of the very few books I have read which seem to me might, with advantage, have been considerably longer.'—*The Dean of St. Paul's*.

'Mr. Trollope has achieved more than his immediate purpose of writing a history of the Society of College Youths. So closely has the guild been identified with English change ringing that its history is to a very large extent an account of the ancient sport of ringing developed into an elaborate art. . . .

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

### RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

The ability to raise and lower bells in peal should be acquired by every ringer, and it should be made a part of the training of the beginner. Unfortunately the practice of raising and falling in peal is nothing like as general as it ought to be and much good ringing is afterwards spoilt by the clashing of bells when they are let down. It is strange that so many bands 'shy' at raising and falling—processes which, if well carried out, add to the effectiveness of change ringing.

It needs practice, but there is nothing difficult about it. Moreover, it is a thing that should help the young ringer to learn bell control and improve the standard of his striking, for it is something that demands the use of his ears.

In raising in peal the process required is a steady pull at every stroke. The treble and then the other bells are swung so as to strike at a short interval after each other, the heavier bells gradually joining in. The treble is swung higher and higher, the others following at such intervals that the whole of them sound in rounds before the next blow of the treble. The intervals are gradually widened out until eventually the bells are up and under full command.

A great deal depends on the trebleman. He must endeavour to keep the rise going at a regular rate of progression, otherwise he will probably throw the whole of the bells into a heap. It is important to keep the bells going higher with each pull.

Good practice for the trebleman can be got by lashing the clappers of the treble and tenor bells; then, while the tenorman gradually pulls his bell up, the trebleman keeps his bell exactly at the opposite stroke.

Falling in peal is done, of course, by the opposite process to raising. The secret is keeping control of the bells all the way down. This does not mean, of course, that a bell can be 'held' when it is half-way down in the same way as can a bell when it is being rung full up; but it is possible to handle a bell so that it can be 'felt' all the way down, and so that a very slight pull on the rope will keep it a little wider or a slight check will close it in.

The bells begin at the usual 'rounds' pace and then gradually close in to a quicker compass as they fall. The tenorman really 'makes the pace,' and the trebleman must keep his bell at the opposite stroke to the tenor as long as his bell is 'sallying'—that is as long as a handstroke can be distinguished from a backstroke.

The fall of the treble should be steady and continuous and accommodated to the speed at which the tenor is coming down. One thing that should be avoided is to let the bells get partly down and stay there, or start going up again. Every ringer must use his ears, for a bell too fast or too slow for the others will soon spoil the effect of a fall. If a ringer finds he is too wide he must check his bell, but it should be done with judgment. If done too violently, the result will be that he hits the bell below him next time. If he is too close, he must pull his bell up just a trifle, but again with discretion. Or he may find himself too wide at the next stroke.

Good raising and falling, we repeat, can be done with practice, and it is practice that is well worth while, both from the point of view of the ringer and the public.

## CLASHING MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As an officer of the association which appears to be the cause of some of the criticism by Mr. Cannon, will you kindly permit me to reply to his latest of many efforts in 'The Ringing World'?

The arrangement of meetings is the association's own concern, through its officers, and if neighbouring associations like to hold their meeting on the same day they should do so, because it is entirely their own business, and not that of interfering busybodies who have oceans of leisure time and little better to do but to write to 'The Ringing World' on the slightest pretext.

The visitors enjoy the hospitality of the association which is holding the meeting, and if they cannot 'bag' two fresh towers because of clashing meetings, well—what of it? Arrangements are not made specially for the visitors' benefit, although they are always welcome.

There is in some parts of the country the usual 'cut-throating' between associations. Mr. Cannon, if not too obtuse, should be cognisant of it. Clashing meetings would not affect the members of either association.

C. H. KIPPIN.

## APPRECIATION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to thank the many friends from both far and near who have lately sent or written to me. I would like to make a few brief comments thereon. One friend says in a letter that he hardly knows what to say to me, being where I am. As if that should make any difference? Another who also sends a card with greetings adds some interesting news and the card I will quote, 'Oh be thou blest with all that Heaven can send, long health, long youth, long pleasures and a friend.' I leave your readers to judge for themselves what this beautiful quotation means to one, deprived of one's liberty and freedom. I need only add that the sender and receiver have been friends for more years than one cares to remember and with never a cross word between them. But what a contrast to others who choose to pass by on the other side! Further comment is needless.

Colchester.

W. KEEBLE.



## PEAL NOTES.

Eight Past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend on New Year's Day in honour of the tercentenary.

The ringers were J. S. Hawkins (St. Andrew's, Holborn), F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend), P. E. Clark (St. Stephen's, Ealing), J. Bullock (Dagenham), A. A. Hughes (St. Laurence Jewry), C. S. Burden (St. Paul's Cathedral), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), E. A. Young (St. Clement Danes). It is over 12 years since Mr. E. A. Young rang a peal.

The conductor, Mr. Tom Groombridge, was fortunate in having his two stewards present, 'to see he carried out his job properly.'

A peal has probably never before been rung by eight Past Masters of the society, and this forms a new and very interesting record in connection with a memorable celebration.

A New Year's Day peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Nantwich, Cheshire. Mr. J. Boyer, of Walkden, Lancs, kindly stood in at the last moment, in place of one of the local ringers, who was taken ill.

A highly creditable performance was achieved at South Shields on December 29th, when of a band of six, five rang their first peal, and the other his first as conductor. This was a peal of Minor in three methods.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 200th peal for the Hertford County Association at Bushey on January 1st, when four Surprise methods were spliced, with 116 changes of method. It was the fiftieth peal which Messrs. Harold Cashmore and Francis Kirk have rung together.

By ringing the tenor to a peal of Stedman Doubles at Powick, Worcestershire, on December 30th, 'Bill' Ranford achieved his ambition of completing a peal on each bell in the tower. He had previously rung six peals on these bells, all of which had been in seven methods.

This veteran at 68 still has enough enthusiasm to want to achieve another ambition, that of ringing a peal in 100 different towers. He only needs five more to do this.

Another veteran in the peal, R. G. Knowles, who is 71, rang his first peal of Stedman Doubles, thus, along with G. E. Large and R. Woodyatt, completing peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. 'Tom' Lewis and 'Bill' Ranford had already accomplished this. Powick bells are a noble ring of six, with a tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat, but require hard work all the way through a peal.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PEALS.

For many years it has been a regular practice to attempt (and usually to ring) a half-muffled peal at Guildford Cathedral to mark the passing of the old year. The custom was carried out on Friday, but the peal was completed only just in time. The steeplekeeper had but three minutes in which to climb the tower and whip off the muffles before the midnight hour struck and the open bells heralded the new year.

Another half-muffled peal, which came round just before midnight, was Grandsire Triples at St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester. Open bells greeted the New Year. The peal was rung by the Sunday service ringers.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer rang her 50th peal on the last day of the old year at Bramford, Suffolk. Over 40 of her peals were rung in 1937.

The young band at Burnham, Bucks, have now added a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to their society's peal book. This was rung just before midnight on New Year's Eve when the old year was tolled out, and the New Year was ushered in with a touch of Stedman Triples.

A local band at Aldershot rang a peal of Grandsire Triples for the watch-night service on New Year's Eve. It was Tom Denyer's first peal as conductor. His father has taught dozens of youngsters to ring on this light peal of bells, including all his family of two daughters and three sons.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Conisborough, Yorkshire, on December 30th, was specially arranged for Mr. R. W. Barber, of Norwich. It was his first peal in the method, as it was also the first in the method by Messrs. Tom Brothwell and Norman Chaddock.

On the jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool, which was consecrated on December 31st, 1887, a peal of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the anniversary.

A peal of Cambridge rung at Dartford on New Year's Eve brought to an end a year which has probably never been equalled during the 200 years of ringing at that tower.

Of the ten peals attempted, nine were successfully brought home, the one failure being a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after 2 hours 45 minutes of good ringing.

The peals rung consisted of Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 3, Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 1, Double Norwich 1.

Four ringers shared in the conducting, one peal being N. Summerhayes' first as conductor, and three peals had the footnote 'First in the method as conductor,' while two peals were the first peal in the method for two ringers.

The peals included one rung for the Coronation, a wedding, a birthday compliment to Canon Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford, and a half-muffled peal to mark the passing of 'Ted' Brown, a Dartford ringer for 25 years.

The New Year's Eve peal was H. E. Audsley's 700th, and it is to be hoped he will be able to add another dozen rung at Dartford before the end of 1938.

Mr. Harry Prout learnt to ring at Litton Cheney, Dorset, 40 years ago, but he had never rung a peal on the bells until last New Year's Day, when a peal of Minor was specially arranged at this church to enable him to carry out this laudable ambition.

A peal of Treble Ten was rung in 3 hours 15 minutes at St. Giles' Church, Wrexham, on January 6th—the quickest peal of Royal on the bells, which have a tenor of 25 cwt. The peal was arranged and rung for the first anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar (Canon B. Davies) and Mrs. Davies, and in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones. Mr. Jones is the respected verger of St. Giles' Church.

The first known peal by a local band at Hartlebury, Worcestershire, was rung on New Year's Day. It was 42 six-scores of Grandsire, rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Beaman, who has been a Sunday service ringer at Hartlebury for 54 years, and to celebrate the golden wedding of two parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Although St. Laurence's, Reading, had had ten bells for many years before the ring was augmented to twelve, it was not until January 5th that a peal of Surprise Royal was rung on them.

There are many interesting performances that could be recalled in connection with this tower, but one must suffice. A peal was rung here some 50 years ago by a band all of the Christian name of William, and all of whom were regular ringers at St. Laurence's Church. The peal was called by William Williams.

### GOOD START FOR NEW YEAR.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on New Year's Day, was rung after a period of peal inactivity. Some of the bells seemed to have developed a fit of obstinacy, which has now very largely worn off. It was at St. Mary's that the ten thousand of Cambridge Royal was rung in 1923.

The Worcestershire Association started the year well with a peal in five Surprise Major methods, Lincolnshire being added to the customary four. It was rung at Halesowen and conducted by Mr. Sid Holt. It was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch and the first of Spliced Surprise in five methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association. The methods, Cambridge and Superlative, were rung as far as possible in alternate courses.

There is no limit to the enthusiasm of some ringers. Harry Willett and Alan Andrews cycled over 20 miles through wind and rain from Thorington in Essex to Hintlesham, Suffolk, to take part in a peal of Minor on January 2nd.

It was James Jennings' first peal as conductor, and as he is only 16 years of age and the peal was in four methods, great credit is due to him.

'Peal fever' seems to have attacked more than one ringer in that part of the world. Miss Sylvia Bowyer, to whose rapid progress we referred last week, started the New Year with this peal, and so, too, did Ronald Steward. He only began peal ringing on August 2nd, 1937, and this one was his twentieth.

There are ringers who sometimes complain that they are never asked to stand in peals. They should take a leaf out of Ronald Steward's book. He has arranged all but three of the peals in which he has rung.

On the seventeenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shelford Sparrow a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Stonham Aspal, Suffolk. The church has an unusual dedication, St. Lambert. Mr. W. C. Rumsey has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

### FROM CONDUCTOR TO COMPOSER.

The 'annual' peal for the Dudley and District Guild at Dudley Parish Church on January 8th was a birthday compliment to the Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. A. P. Shepherd) and Mr. Harry Goodman (one of the Dudley Parish Church band). It was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal for the Guild, and Norman Leach's 50th peal.

Mr. Alfred Davies called a composition by Mr. W. H. Barber (now of Newcastle). Both were born at Clent, Worcestershire, but have not met for a number of years, and we have been asked to convey the best wishes of the conductor to the composer.

Mr. Robert Matthews rang the treble and completed the circle in this tower.

The first peal of Minor at Eardisland, Herefordshire, was rung on New Year's Day. Mr. Jabez Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, rang the treble. He took part in an attempt for seven 720's on these bells 15 years ago. The peal was lost after ringing five 720's. That was the last attempt made at Eardisland until January 1st.

On the first anniversary of the peal at Queen Camel (the heaviest ring of six in the country), the same band with one exception decided to meet again and attempt a peal on another heavy six. Permission was very kindly given by the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice for the use of Semley bells, the heaviest six in Wiltshire, and the party were met at the church by the Vicar and the local band, who kindly elected the visitors members of the Salisbury Guild.

A well-struck peal was rung, and afterwards the visitors were kindly entertained to tea with the local band in the Parish Hall. The Vicar's wife was responsible for the arrangements for tea with her helpers. The Vicar extended a welcome to the visiting ringers, and also said how much he appreciated the services of his local band. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome and kind hospitality.

Mr. Richard Wilson, who rang his first peal of Minor 'inside,' on January 1st at Gamston, Notts, had never before struck a blow in three of the methods—Double and Single Oxford and St. Clement's.

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## BELLS AND BROADCASTING.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.

#### Friendly Relations with the B.B.C.

Some important references to bells and broadcasting were made by the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He referred to the publicity which had been given to bells and bellringing through various broadcasts, and alluding to a recent 'incident' which has been the subject of letters in 'The Ringing World,' said: 'I think it may ease the minds of many ringers up and down the country if I tell them there is not the slightest quarrel or feeling of any sort between the B.B.C. and the Ancient Society of College Youths, or ringers generally (hear, hear). The relations are most friendly, and I would like to say this, those ringers who do not live in London should realise that we in London take very little notice of what we see in the evening papers (laughter). But what did appear may have had a certain amount of publicity value, because I think a good many people may have switched over on November 24th to hear the "Bells over London" broadcast who would not have done so, but for certain paragraphs which appeared in the cheap newspapers.

'So friendly are our relations with the B.B.C.,' added Mr. Lewis, 'that I was asked a short time ago to put into writing for them the criticisms of the broadcasts of bellringing which I had given to them verbally—and I had put my criticisms verbally pretty strongly (laughter). When I wrote that letter I told them what I thought about the broadcasts of bells and what I thought of certain ringers who broadcast. I said the fault was not solely with the B.B.C.

'I pointed out that in the past there had been three kinds of broadcast bellringing. There was one sort, where the bells were broadcast before services, and they told me at Broadcasting House, what I had already suspected, that churches were chosen for broadcast services more or less on a local basis. They decided that there should be a broadcast from a certain district. I don't know how they select the church, but, having selected it, they had to take the bells and the ringers as they found them, in the same way that they had to take the organist, the choir and the parson as they found them, and if there was anything wrong with the ringing, or the choir, or the organist, or the parson, presumably it was the fault of those people and not necessarily the fault of the B.B.C.

#### A TRAINED CRITIC SUGGESTED.

'Naturally the B.B.C. wanted constructive criticism,' said Mr. Lewis, 'and I suggested they should try to train one of the staff as a critic of bellringing. I said the Central Council, in particular, would be glad to do what they could to get one of the members of the B.B.C. staff the necessary education. When a man had been so educated, and the B.B.C. were going to broadcast a service from some church, he should go and hear how the local ringers could ring and the bells should not be broadcast unless he passed the ringing as suitable' (hear, hear).

Another form of bell broadcast, continued Mr. Lewis, had been in special 'bells' programmes. A little more than a year ago the B.B.C. ran a series in the Northern Regional called 'The Ringing Isle.' They picked a number of churches and made the bells the main item in the programme. In each case they got the Vicar to give a little talk about the church and bells, and they had specimens of local ringing. Quite a number were very bad.

There again, he pointed out to the B.B.C. that before they chose the church they should have got into touch with some responsible official of the local association or guild and asked his opinion as to the abilities of the ringers. The Central Council would have been pleased to supply them with the names and addresses of the secretaries of the societies.

The other form of bell broadcast was where the bells were brought in incidentally. Mr. Stephen Wood, at the College Youths' dinner, mentioned an incident, not in actual broadcasting, but in connection with the film, 'Fire Over England,' where, in celebration of the victory over the Armada, they heard bells ringing. 'You could pick out twelve bells and you could pick out Stedman Cinques,' said Mr. Lewis. 'Considering Stedman was not invented until a hundred years after the Armada and it was at least fifty years later before a peal of Cinques was rung, you can imagine it was not very appropriate to the occasion.' Another incident was when the B.B.C. wanted bells in a Christmas programme, so they put on a record which they happened to have of St. Paul's bells muffled (laughter).

'I hope,' added Mr. Lewis, 'we shall be able to keep in touch with the B.B.C. and that our recent efforts will bear fruit and that the B.B.C. will take a little advice to prevent some of those rather incongruous incidents happening again' (applause).

The Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), replying to the toast to the Guild, proposed by Mr. Lewis, said he was glad to hear that the B.B.C. were friendly with regard to ringing, because he was sure that it was an education to many ringers to hear really good ringing broadcast. On January 30th the bells of his old home tower, Wrington, were to be broadcast before a service. There was some argument whether the local ringers should do it or whether they should get a visiting team. Personally he felt the local ringers should do it. They rang for the services every Sunday and turned up well for practices. He thought they deserved to ring for the broadcast,

but it would be better to have good rounds and 'queens' than bad change ringing (applause).

Later the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. E. G. Southam), replying to another toast, surprised the company by saying that Mr. Lewis might be interested to know that he (the Provost) was a member of the Advisory Committee of the B.B.C. for Religious Services. That committee, he said, acted in an advisory capacity to the Director of Religion, and was ultimately responsible with regard to the choice of churches from which services were broadcast, and had power to give advice with regard to those churches. He was, therefore, tremendously interested to hear what Mr. Lewis said because very few of the committee realised the problem or the difficulties of ringing such as Mr. Lewis had now put before them. He (the Provost) now certainly had a knowledge which he had not got before he came to that dinner, which made him even more grateful that he had been invited to be present that night.

The Provost added that there was to be a broadcast later in the year for the first time from Guildford Cathedral and the bells were to be rung before the service. He was sure the ringers would show the world what a magnificent team they had at Holy Trinity (applause).

### 'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I have to return to this subject, but there are some points in Mr. Cave's further letter which require correction. Firstly, it has never been contended that the actual broadcast itself was a private affair, but the question of whether Mr. Roughton participated in it or not, and the reasons which prompted his decision, most emphatically are. After all, no one can deny his right to withdraw, if he did not like the part which he was required to play, and if lack of precaution on the side of the B.B.C. prevented this emergency from arising until such time as it necessitated the alteration of their published programme, that, surely, is not Mr. Roughton's fault? To demand 'official explanations' from him under such circumstances is palpably unreasonable.

Finally, I am not concerned whether Mr. Cave's attacks are spiteful, milk and watery, or merely idiotic. I am not even concerned whether he takes four weeks to prepare them, or gets 'eight days (no option)' for them. The closing sentences of the second paragraph alluded to have reference to spiteful *personal remarks* to which exception is taken on the grounds that they are both extraneous to the argument and rude.

J. A. WAUGH.

Woodford.

#### DOES PUBLICITY BRING NEW MEMBERS?

Dear Sir,—I cannot resist replying to your correspondent, Mr. Cave.

Surely Mr. Cave does not use Christmas as a truce and only bears peace and goodwill for two or three days in the year. It certainly reads like this, and, if it is so, I can very well understand the 'miserable handful' in the Lancashire district, whereas a little brotherliness works wonders.

I admit that righteous indignation is a good thing at times, but it must not be used over the London broadcast. If a Corporation and an individual do or do not have business together, I cannot see how this affects anyone else. As Mr. Roughton did not broadcast, how can he possibly damage the Exercise? Anyway I admire Mr. Roughton's silence and will not continue to aggravate a diplomatic position.

Finally I do not agree with Mr. Cave over publicity. We do not want to be on the right side of any particular secular body. Our work is to broadcast God's message to the people of this land, not our own, and the more intensely and quietly we go about it the better. New members in the art can only be gained by incessant hard work and cheerfulness on the part of Masters, conductors and secretaries. Advertising our service only brings mild sympathy and sometimes amusement, but no new members. Of this I am sure.

Barking, Essex.

A. HAROLD WARBOYS.

#### ONE HUNDRED PEALS FOR NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

Mr. F. Seager recently rang his one hundredth peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. The century is made up as follows:—

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 3, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1.

Major.—Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Double Norwich 8, Superlative Surprise 9, Cambridge Surprise 5, New Cambridge Surprise 6, Norfolk Surprise 3, Bristol Surprise 4, London Surprise 6.

Minor.—Two methods 1, three methods 2 (conducted 1), seven methods 16, fourteen methods 3, twenty-one methods 1.

Surprise Minor.—Seven methods 22, ten methods (7,200) 1, fourteen methods (in seven 720's, the first ever rung) 1. Total 100.

#### PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous page.)

The Bells were ringing in a double sense when the 77th birthday of the Rector of Scotow was celebrated with a peal of Minor. Jean, George and Dennis Bell took part.

Mr. W. H. Hewett, who called Mr. C. H. Kippin's first peal (Stedman Caters) in November, 1921, has now called Mrs. C. H. Kippin's first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at Beddington, Surrey, on January 8th. The composition was by an old Beddington stalwart, Edgar Bennett, and is in four quarters, alternately in the titums and handstroke positions.

**HALF-MUFFLED FAREWELL TO 1937.****DATE TOUCH AT HIGHAM.**

At Higham St. Mary, Norfolk, on New Year's Eve, a half-muffled date touch (1,937 changes) of Bob Minor in 1 hour 10 minutes: Mrs. L. Wright (longest length) 1, Miss S. R. E. Bowyer 2, F. Smith 3, R. W. Steward 4, L. Wright 5, U. W. Wildney (conductor) 6. After midnight the bells were 'fired' and a touch rung 'open.'

Pinner Society also met on New Year's Eve to ring the old year out and new one in. Some excellent ringing was carried through. To the regret of all one of the oldest members, Mr. T. Humphreys, who has taken part in ringing on similar occasions for 53 years, was unable to be present owing to illness. The members all expressed the hope that Mr. Humphreys would soon be back with them again to continue the record.

An unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Leatherhead, Surrey, on New Year's Eve was followed a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): \*F. Johnson 1, \*E. Bugden 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. C. Otway 4, W. J. Newbury 5, A. Harman 6, W. J. Whiting 7, J. Hoyle 8, A. H. Smith 9, G. Marriner 10. Conducted by A. H. Winch. \* First quarter-peal on ten bells. Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to ten. When the old Winchester Diocesan Guild was formed in 1879, Leatherhead was the only ten-bell tower in the diocese. The tower is now in the Guildford Diocese.

At Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: F. Brightman (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Duffy 3, H. Taylor 4, E. Brown (first quarter-peal away from treble) 5, C. E. Black (first as conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: Miss D. I. Aslett 1, G. Ackerman 2, E. J. Heath 3, D. W. Dadson (first quarter-peal) 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

**A WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGING FAMILY.****THREE GENERATIONS IN TOUCH AT SAFFRON WALDEN.**

Three generations of the Pitstow family took part in ringing for service at Saffron Walden on Sunday evening, December 26th. They were Mr. Ernest Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, his son, Mr. Harold Pitstow, and his grandson, Malcolm Pitstow, the two last named now residing at Banstead, Surrey.

Malcolm (aged 14) rang the treble to touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples and shows great promise. Two other members of the family also rang in these touches, e.g., Messrs. A. E. and L. E. Pitstow. It is hoped that as many as possible of the family will take part in Malcolm's first peal, which we trust will soon be accomplished.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.****A GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

An excellent meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held on New Year's Day at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, the following towers being represented: York, Wath, Felkirk, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Ranmoor (St. John's), Sheffield Cathedral, Handsworth, Rotherham Parish Church, Eckington and the local company. About 45 sat down to tea, after which a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Bob Major were rung on handbells.

Ten new ringing members were elected: four from Sherburn and six from Eastwood, including the new Vicar and curate. The Vicar, the Rev. Pat Kennedy, took part in the ringing.

The eight bells at St. Stephen's were kept going successfully in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Major, Duffield, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, with an abundance of rounds for the beginners. A good standard of striking was maintained and the bells were lowered in peal.

It is hoped that this meeting is the forerunner of many successful meetings, for attendance, striking and methods. Members of the society are asked to make 1938 a really successful year for progress in ringing in the area.

**LADIES' GUILD.****ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George's, Southwark, on Saturday, January 1st, and was very well attended. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, no service was held.

After tea, to which 40 sat down, at Lyons, a short business meeting was held in the Choir Vestry, some 20 members being present.

Miss L. Wickens, of Broadstairs, was elected a member, and Mrs. Diserens was re-elected a member.

It was announced that Erith (St. John's) had been fixed as the place of the March meeting, which is to be held on the 12th.

As the annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in London this year, it was proposed to make the May meeting the annual meeting of the Central District to avoid clashing, and Christ Church, Ipsom, was proposed, the date to be May 7th.

It was decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd, at Kingsbury, if possible.

Mrs. Fletcher announced that she had received a letter from Mr. Sharman, inviting the Guild to Dunstable, and suggestions had been made to make a day's outing to Dunstable, if possible, on a Saturday in June, probably the 18th.

There being no other business, further ringing took place.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

All the officers of St. Martin's Guild were re-elected at the annual meeting on Saturday week, and it was announced that the Bishop of Birmingham had promised, if possible, to attend the Henry Johnson dinner on March 5th.

As Bow bells are not available, the meeting of the College Youths next Tuesday will be at headquarters (The Coffee Pot).

We are glad to say that Mr. J. E. Davis, who has been suffering from septic poisoning, is now well on the road to recovery, although still in the doctor's hands. Practices will be resumed on Monday nights at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from next week, January 17th.

At the special service to be held to-morrow at St. Giles', Camberwell, in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, at which the Lord Bishop of Southwark will give the address, special bell hymns will be sung and a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells in the chancel.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, arranged for St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 29th, has been transferred to St. James', Clerkenwell.

The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal of London Surprise at Westoughton, Lancs, on December 4th, was Arnold Brunton and not Harold as published.

## IPSWICH SOCIETY'S 1937 RECORD.

**MORE THAN 144,000 CHANGES IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.**

The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 4th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. George A. Fleming; Deputy Master, Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. Frederick J. Tillett; auditors, Messrs. Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the society had rung eight peals on St. Mary-le-Tower bells during 1937, viz.: Cambridge Maximus 4, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Rochester Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 1, total 41,439 changes. In addition for services and practices there had been rung 32 courses of Cambridge Maximus, 16,896 changes; 20 courses of Superlative Maximus, 10,560 changes; Rochester, Double Norwich and other Maximus methods, 9,624 changes; Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, 10,493 changes; Rochester (12,840) and other Royal methods, 36,380 changes; touches of Caters, 5,273 changes; touches of Major, 12,352 changes; touches of Triples, 1,679 changes; total for the year, 144,696 changes. This is an average of 2,782 changes per week. These figures do not include failures in peals and touches. The total for 1936 was 118,618 changes.

In addition to the above, the society rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, composed and conducted by Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle rang in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in his 87th year, and he is believed to be the oldest man to ring a peal of Maximus. There were 39 ringers starred as 'firsts.'

## SAXMUNDHAM REQUIRES HELP.

### SUFFOLK VILLAGE'S APPEAL.

For over 15 years it has not been possible to ring the bells of the church in the small market town of Saxmundham in East Suffolk, but at Easter it is hoped they will peal once more.

There are six bells, three of which are pre-Reformation, and they are in good order, but the frame, which is at least 300 years old and which incorporates part of an older frame, the bell wheels, etc., were so badly decayed through the ravages of the death-watch beetle that a new frame was a necessity. This is being constructed for eight bells with an eye to the future, but before it can be placed in position it is necessary that a concrete beam should be placed inside the tower to ensure its safety. The cost of the work is about £300. This comparatively small sum is, however, a formidable one to Saxmundham, for only recently a debt of £1,760 for repairs to the roof of the church, again due to death-watch beetle, has been paid off after many years of struggle. An appeal is being made to all bell lovers to assist Saxmundham in its undertaking. Sums small or large will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Bell Master, Mr. F. Watling, South Entrance, Saxmundham, or by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Moyle.

## A LONDON RINGER IN HOSPITAL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many London ringers will regret to know that Mr. A. Riley is a patient in St. Pancras L.C.C. Hospital, King's Road, N.W.1. He is enduring a painful illness with great pluck and patience, and a few words about bellringing do help to keep up his spirits.

He often asks about many of his old ringing chums, and Mr. Riley would be most pleased to see any who could spare a few minutes between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. on Wednesdays or Sundays. Being in bed week after week, with the same four walls around, does get a little tiring and monotonous, and an occasional 'fresh' old face is like another ray of sunshine.

Mr. Riley was steeplekeeper at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, for many years, and is a member of the College Youths and the London County Association.

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## LEADING CONDUCTORS—I.

### GEORGE WILLIAMS.

In this series of articles, which we hope to give relating to the Conductors whose names are already well-known in the Exercise, or who are among the coming men, no better beginning can be made than with Mr. George Williams, Vice-President and Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan, who, at 80 years of age, is the oldest ringer to figure regularly among the peal conductors.

Mr. Williams is a Hampshire man, and rang his first peal in 1883 at the little village of Soberton. The object of that peal was to score the first on the bells—which had recently been augmented to eight—and the first peal in the county by the newly-formed Winchester Diocesan Guild. Hampshire and Surrey had to be scoured to find a Grandsire Triples band. Mr. Williams did not ring another peal for a year, and then he called one. Now he has rung 1,450 and conducted over a thousand.

That bare statement, however, does not indicate Mr. Williams' real contribution to the art of ringing. During his ringing lifetime he has taught an almost endless string of young ringers, and spent much time in helping aspirants through peals from Grandsire to the higher flights. Many ringers to-day owe what success they have achieved to Mr. Williams' encouragement.

It was while he was at Brighton in the nineties that he first achieved fame, for he was the main-spring behind the progress made by St. Peter's Society in Surprise method ringing and in advancing in new methods. The band at that time were almost the first to ring anything beyond London, Cambridge and Superlative.

They rang the first peal of Bristol Surprise, and some methods which are now no longer practised, but which at that time earned the Brighton band admiration for their performances.

Mr. Williams has never set himself out for records; his peals have come mostly in the 'usual routine,' as he has put it. He has rung peals in more than 300 towers in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and called peals in cathedrals as far apart as Dundee and Truro. He has rung a peal in all but six counties in England, and among the outstanding events which he looks back upon with peculiar pleasure are the first peal on the bells at Exeter Cathedral; the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, and the peal, not long since, in the City, by the band all of whom had rung upwards of a thousand peals.

When living in Brighton Mr. Williams was for years hon. secretary of the Central District, and when he left the county was elected an honorary life member in recognition of his services.

After returning to Hampshire he filled the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he was afterwards made vice-president and Master. He has been a member of the Central Council from its formation.

At North Stoneham, with which tower he became associated when living at West End, near Southampton, he built up a new band and quickly got the bells augmented to eight. To celebrate their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave two new bells, making the lightest ring of ten in any church in the country; and in memory of his wife Mr. Williams has since presented to the church a handsome oak belfry screen. In this tower Mr. Williams has rung over two hundred peals. With mental and physical powers still equal to many men twenty years his junior, Mr. Williams will, we hope, long continue to enjoy the art of which he is so brilliant an exponent, and to remain our oldest conductor.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

### A HALF PEAL.

An attempt for a peal of Bob Minor at Old Radnor, Radnorshire, on Saturday, January 8th, had to be curtailed to half a peal owing to the bad 'go' of the bells, especially the tenor, which is 16 cwt. The ringers were Brian Elsmore 1, Trevor Jones 2, Leslie Evans 3, Harry T. Chandler 4, William Duggan 5, Ernest F. Salmons (conductor) 6. The bells were cast by Rudhall in 1724 and are of excellent tone.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT AT HOWDEN.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, and was attended by over 40 ringers from Beverley Minster, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet and York Minster, with visiting ringers from Barton-on-Humber, Barrow and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. Several lady ringers were present. The company attended choral evensong in the fine old church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring, preached.

An excellent tea was provided in the Manor House Cafe. This building was formerly a palace of the Bishops of Durham, Howden, at one period, being in Durham Diocese before being transferred to the Diocese of York.

The president of the association (the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall) presided at the business meeting, when an invitation to hold the annual district meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet was unanimously accepted.

Three new members were elected: Messrs. Leslie Woodhead, of Goole, Henry Easton, of Market Weighton, and Charles Palfreman, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was moved by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. D. Meadley, and after the chairman had expressed his appreciation of the Vicar's kindness in taking the service and attending the meeting and tea, the Rev. A. Waring replied and welcomed the association to Howden.

A vote of thanks to the organist, choir and local company was passed on the motion of Mr. W. Pearson and seconded by Miss Bowling and responded to by Mr. Thompson and the organist.

Further ringing on tower and handbells concluded a very happy meeting. The methods rung included Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain and Treble Bob Minor.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### A RECTOR'S APPEAL TO RINGERS.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on Saturday, January 8th, at Norton-le-Moors. Forty-five members were present from Burslem, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Draycott, Cheadle, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Tunstall.

A welcome to Norton was extended to the association by the Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet), who appealed to those who had not become communicants to do so, as he felt that this would crown the good work being done by ringers, and would help to bring about a greater bond of fellowship.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon also referred to ringers' attendance at church, saying their attendances were not as good as they ought to be.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Hurd to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and the way they had been looked after.—It was seconded by Mr. G. E. Plant, who also commented on the cleanliness of the belfry. It is a well-known fact in North Staffordshire that Norton sets the example in this respect to the rest of the towers.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for serving tea was proposed by Mr. H. Carnwell and suitably responded to by Mrs. J. G. Hamlet. Mr. J. W. Walker, of Norton, addressed a few words to the meeting. He said he thought he was the only one living who was present at the inaugural meeting of the association on Saturday, December 16th, 1882.

A letter was read from the Earl of Harrowby, who thanked the ringers for ringing a peal in commemoration of his wedding day. He and the Countess very much appreciated the compliment and the kind wishes of the association.

### DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday, January 2nd, during evening service at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, a peal board, recording a peal of Bob Major, rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Sir Francis A. Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury, Nuneaton, patron of the living, was dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, M.A., in the presence of a large congregation, which included Lady Newdigate-Newdegate and her two daughters, Mrs. L. FitzRoy Newdegate, and Mrs. S. Baillie.

The peal board, of oak, was designed and executed by Mr. Ernest Stone, the inscription being carved by hand, and evoked many congratulations upon a fine piece of workmanship.

The ringing prior to service included a course of Bob Major by the peal band standing in the same order.

### RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Sunday, January 2nd, at Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bishop on the occasion of their silver wedding: A. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, G. W. Townsend 4, H. W. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, A. G. Wells 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL DINNER.

#### President of Central Council Discusses Important Topics.

The annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, was again a very enjoyable event. Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guild, presided over a company numbering about 90, which included the Provost (the Very Rev. Canon E. G. Southam), Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Canon E. M. Girling (Farnham), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and members from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Aldershot, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Godalming, Haslemere, Witley, Leatherhead, Cobham, Farnham, Seale, Bagshot, West Clandon, etc. Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Guildford, Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird, who was indisposed, the Ven. E. J. Newell, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. J. Corrigan.

The toast of 'The President, Vice-President and Honorary Members' was proposed by Mr. J. Corbett, who thanked them for their support. A bigger list of honorary members would, he said, enable the Guild to give more to bell restorations. To-day, more than ever, their ringing could be a message in lots of ways. On Sundays many people left home by motor-cars and as they went along often one in the car said, 'Hark! Church bells.' The sound of the bells awakened that latent feeling and let them know what the day was and what the bells were for.

Canon E. M. Girling (who was formerly Vicar of Leiston, Suffolk) said he was not quite sure that he could be called an honorary member. Not very long ago they had a gift day at Farnham and he chimed a bell seven times after every gift. In the course of the day he received £200, so he worked pretty hard for an honorary member (laughter). His recollections of bellringing went back to the days when he was a very small boy in Suffolk and used to watch with great interest the gymnastics of their verger when he used to chime three bells at once—one with each hand and one with his foot. Later he had a lesson in real ringing. The verger said to him, 'Y'll take hold of that daffy and pull, and then let go else it will knock your brains out against the roof' (laughter).

He was pleased to be an honorary member, because, among other things, bellringing was essentially English. On the Continent they heard bells jangling, but they did not hear those ordered sequences. Bellringers now realised that their work was part of the religious work of a parish. There was a time when the ringers used to ring and depart to that institution which was usually found close to a church. He thought those bad old days were gone, and it was splendid to see ringers after they had rung their bells at 5.30 a.m. on Christmas morning coming to their Communion service.

#### POINTS IN GOOD STRIKING.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, proposing the toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' dealt with some of the subjects which have lately been very much before ringers through 'The Ringing World.' Somebody, he said, had recently asked for a definition of perfect striking. He would give as a definition, 'Such striking that the most experienced ringer could not detect the slightest deviation from the rhythm in the blows of a single bell from start to finish.' Some people thought that was impossible, but he believed they were to hear that evening a 'record' which showed that it was possible—possible at any rate on handbells, and, he believed, possible in the tower. Earlier that evening, going down to S. Nicolas' tower where they were ringing only eight at the time, he heard ringing that was just about as perfect as striking could be. When he saw who was at the end of the ropes he was not surprised.

Good striking, continued Mr. Lewis, was a very important matter, because the public, generally speaking, did not appreciate the finer points of change ringing, but did appreciate good striking—or, at least, did not appreciate bad striking. There would be fewer complaints and fewer letters to the Anti-Noise Society if the striking was uniformly good.

Mr. Lewis went on to mention two points in regard to striking to which it was necessary to give attention in instructing beginners. He had noticed, he said, that the first blow in seconds after leading was often too wide. He could not understand the reason for it, but he had noticed it was a common failing. Another fault was often that a bell dodging up behind did not cut down sufficiently. He thought there was a reason for that. Quite a number of young ringers did not realise that when they were dodging they had to cut down closer after the bell they were following than they did over the same bell when they were hunting. He could not explain why it was so, unless it was that the clapper had an additional 'lag' when the bell was held up.

Referring to the publicity which bells and bellringing had recently gained, Mr. Lewis said he thought they ought to make the greatest use of it that they could. This publicity started to a large extent when Miss Dorothy Sayers published the book called 'The Nine Tailors.' From that time the public seemed to have taken much more interest in bells. He heard of a case of a gentleman who lived on the same staircase as the late Mr. Boughey at Trinity College who knew nothing of the Cambridge University Guild—that seemed rather

impossible, seeing that the Guild rang handbells in Mr. Boughey's rooms three or four times a week. Then this gentleman read 'The Nine Tailors' and was now a keen ringer. He was a master at Repton School.

Press publicity, proceeded Mr. Lewis, had been helped by the various notices of the College Youths' tercentenary. They had had a very good press indeed, and the one man more than another responsible for that was Mr. Roughton, who had been very unjustly attacked by certain correspondents in 'The Ringing World' recently.

They had also had good publicity from broadcasting, and Mr. Lewis assured his hearers that the relations with the B.B.C. were most friendly. He had been asked for and had submitted his criticisms and suggestions in writing and he hoped something might come of it.

Mr. Lewis' remarks on this subject are reported under a separate heading.

#### MORE CLERGY WANTED.

Twenty or thirty years ago, continued Mr. Lewis, they had amongst their most prominent ringers a number of clergy. They seemed to have lost a great many of them, and they were not being replaced. He had mentioned this subject at the College Youths' dinner, but as there were two or three clergy present that night he would like to say again that the Exercise very badly wanted more of the younger clergy to take up the art of change ringing; to take it up not casually, but in earnest, so that they could become leaders in the theory of composition, in good striking and in the whole art of ringing (applause).

It was easier, said Mr. Lewis, to teach a man before he was ordained, because in the process of learning he often had to be told pretty straight, his mistakes pointed out very quickly, and, he was afraid, the criticism in the belfry was apt to be rather like that they sometimes heard on the towpath (laughter). It was much harder to make the necessary criticism, particularly if it was being made by a ringer in a humble position, if the recipient of the criticism had already attained to the dignity of wearing what was sometimes called a 'dog collar' (laughter). It was, however, better for the young clergy to learn to ring after they were ordained than not to ring at all (applause).

At Kelham, near Nottingham, was an establishment where young men went to to live a kind of monastic life for about seven years before being ordained. A year or two ago a young man went there who had been ringing under the tutelage of Mr. Stephen Wood, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. He was keen that he should not lose his ringing, but at Kelham he found it difficult to get hold of any handbells for practice, as they could not afford to buy them. Luckily through the son of the Bishop of Southwell they had been able to borrow the handbells from Southwell Cathedral and had made such very real progress that they had rung a quarter-peal of Bob Major double-handed (applause). That, said Mr. Lewis, was a very hopeful sign. He wished there were similar hands at all the theological colleges.

In conclusion, Mr. Lewis congratulated the Guildford Guild upon having two of the best officers they could possibly have on the practical side of ringing, in their Master and secretary. He wished the Guild the greatest success in the future and hoped it would go on from strength to strength, until it had got one hundred per cent. of the towers in the diocese in union and until it had got at least as many members as there were bells in the towers (applause).

#### COMING CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.

The Master, in reply, said they had had a fairly successful year. They had rung 31 peals, of which nine were in connection with the Coronation. Of those peals Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 15. He congratulated the Aldershot band on their local peal and Mr. T. Denyer on calling his first peal. He also congratulated Holy Trinity band on a local peal. The Benevolent Fund had now a little over £30 and the Cathedral Bell Fund £26. They must do their best to make those funds grow.

As they knew, Mr. Goldsmith was giving up the secretaryship. He could not say too much for the work and time he had put in on behalf of the Guild. District meetings had not been attended as well as they might. They meant a lot to young ringers and he was afraid that shyness in many instances kept them away.

Submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Walter Harrison gave a cordial welcome to Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association) and the Provost. The late Provost took a very keen interest in the Guild and he assured Canon Southam that that would be the last time that he would be classified as a visitor at any of their gatherings. The Provost had an enviable reputation of being a man who could get things done. They hoped to get him on the Executive Committee, where his knowledge and ability would be of the greatest possible value to the Guild.

The Provost, in reply, said it was a great privilege to be admitted to the friendship of the ringers of the diocese. He was certain that they often took for granted the services of that body of men who worked in their church towers. He would like as Provost, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese, to say how much they appreciated the ringers' services. His first act after his induction was to meet his ringers, and ever since he had found in Holy Trinity ringers a band of jolly good fellows always tumbling over themselves to help him in his work.

While he knew less about bells than anybody in the room, he loved the music of bells, which made him see visions. It very often brought a choke into his throat when bells were rung for certain services. He

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**'CANNED' BELLS AT WEYMOUTH.****VICAR'S VIEWS OF PROJECT.**

'Canned' bells have been introduced at St. John's Church, Weymouth. Gramophone records, with amplifiers, were used during Christmas and the New Year, instead of the single bell which has hitherto called people to worship.

According to the 'Southern Times' opinion among the parishioners on this innovation is divided, and the Church Council is finally to decide whether a permanent installation will be put in.

Ringers in Dorset are, of course, strongly opposed to the use of gramophone records for this purpose, because, as Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, put it in an interview, 'artificial devices are a temptation to church builders to be content with something cheap and put permanently out of consideration any idea of completing their work with a noble peal of bells with which former church builders crowned their churches.'

Interviewed by the 'Southern Times' representative, the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. F. E. Coryton) admitted that a certain amount of opposition to the proposal was not altogether unexpected.

'There were some who opposed the motor-car, the aeroplane, even the radio,' he declared, 'but it is our duty to move with the times.'

He agreed that artificial bells could never be made to sound like the real thing, but denied any tendency towards doing away with bells altogether in churches.

'A peal of bells for St. John's,' he added, 'is out of the question without rebuilding the whole church,' and he saw no reason why the people of Weymouth should be denied their joyous message simply because a few objected. 'So far our own people have nothing but praise for the bells.'

The subject of the use of gramophone installations in place of bells in churches is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild at Dorchester on January 22nd.

**THE LATE MR. W. H. HOLLIER.****FUNERAL AT CHISWICK.**

The funeral of the late William H. Hollier (hon. treasurer of the Middlesex County Association) took place on Tuesday, January 4th, at the New Cemetery, Chiswick. In addition to the family mourners there was present a large number both of ringers and members of the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Hollier was a prominent member.

The president of the Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. J. Herbert, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild by Mr. W. E. Judd, and the St. Mary's, Twickenham, by Mr. J. Lovell. Past and present officers of the Middlesex Association included Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries), J. A. Trollope (vice-president), C. Bird, H. C. Chandler, W. H. Oram and W. Lidbetter. Mr. J. E. Davis and Mr. W. H. Stevens were also present.

Wreaths were sent by the Central Council, the Middlesex Association, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and the Twickenham band. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave.

**MR. HOLLIER'S EARLY RINGING.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to the report given in your last issue of the death of my old friend, Mr. W. H. Hollier, I should like to point out that his ringing commenced a little earlier than the year mentioned. He was a native of Devizes, Wilts, where he learnt to ring Grandsire. He came to reside at Gillingham, Kent, and was employed on the building of the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham. He joined the Gillingham band and, during his stay, rang three peals of Treble Bob Major, the first on December 22nd, 1898, the others on November 18th, 1899, and December 7th, 1899. He was held in great respect by the ringers there, and he married a Gillingham lady. It is with deep regret that I read of his death. W. HAIGH.  
Etchingham, Sussex.

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knew that there were some people who denied that there was any music in bells. They were people who were over-sensitive; people who objected to the ringing of bells at regular intervals. There were also those who lay in bed on Sunday mornings and their conscience made them say that they objected to the bells, but he was certain that those people were the exception.

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. H. Platt and selections were given by the Cobham handbell ringers. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the company heard with appreciation the gramophone record of the Spliced Surprise ringing by Mr. Cashmore's band.

The artistes and ringers were thanked by Mr. Goldsmith.

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**A NORTHAMPTON APPEAL.****RINGERS' HELP NEEDED FOR NEW RING OF BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see in 'The Ringing World' of December 31st, in response to the appeal of the Vicar of St. George-in-the-East, that one branch of the London County Association not only made a grant from their own funds, but had a personal 'whip round' at one of their meetings, resulting in a collection of 30s. For some considerable time I have advocated this form of help on a wide scale whenever one of these appeals has been brought to light.

It does seem to me that as we are all fighting for one cause, and enjoy the hospitality of ringing in each other's belfries (irrespective of whether they be in our own diocese or county), something more than just a local association's grant might go towards helping some of these worthy cases.

I am making a nation-wide appeal for help in an endeavour to raise sufficient funds to add five new bells at the Church of St. Andrew, Northampton, where at present there is only one bell—inscribed 'Cast by Taylor, of Oxford, 1842,' and weighing 4½ cwt.

For several weeks past it has been my job to write a letter to various secretaries, who have a meeting advertised, asking them to appeal for a 'penny whip round' at the tea table towards our fund.

So far this has met with a fair response, and for the help thus given I would like to tender my thanks.

It has often been stated that in the ringing Exercise we have in the region of 46,000 ringers. If only 20,000 of these each gave a penny, the sum of £23 6s. 8d. would be raised—and who is there among us who would miss a penny, or, shall I say, even a halfpenny? And what a slice of real, concrete help that would be towards a cause which we all have at heart!

In regard to my own particular appeal, I would like to point out that we ringers often talk about the one-bell nuisance, but are we all pulling our weight to inspire the Church authorities to remove this nuisance? Considerably more propaganda work could be done than has been shown in the past by many of us, which would bring its reward in other directions—such as new recruits.

In March, 1937, I gave a lantern lecture to the parishioners of St. Andrew's. This, together with an article I wrote for their parish magazine, has been the means of inspiring the Church Council to launch the above scheme, and inviting me to become 'one of their family.' Until that time I was a complete stranger at St. Andrew's. This shows what can be done by a little 'advertising,' and when it is realised that St. Andrew's is the poorest but one of the twelve parishes in this town, few people will refuse to admit that not only has great courage been shown by the Council, but that a case for real help has been made out.

In addition to subscriptions, I should be pleased to hear from anyone who has an unwanted set of handbells they would care to give the church for entertainments and for instruction in change ringing to those in the parish who are already showing interest. Unwanted books for the same purpose would also be gladly welcomed and acknowledged by our Vicar.

P. AMOS, Fund Secretary and Organiser.

47, West Street, Northampton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.****A PAST MASTERS' PEAL.**

As recorded in our peal columns, eight Past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths met at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples on New Year's Day. Two previous attempts having failed, the reward at stake on the third attempt was too good to lose.

The ringers afterwards wended their way up the 'Sunny Lane' to the residence of the local P.M., which has been affectionately dubbed by some of the C.Y.'s as 'The Glue Pot,' there to partake of the kind hospitality offered by Mrs. P.M., who did not even forget the special Christmas pudding.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, during which the reward for ringing the peal was produced and placed under the care of Percy, who, needless to say, made a good waiter, and even a better one when a further reward was found in Bert's case, which some thought contained his sleeping suit, but which proved to be a good sleeping draught.

P.M. Mitchell proposed a toast to the Ancient Society, the Master and Past Masters, not forgetting their dear old friend, Mr. Cockerill. He congratulated Mr. Young on the excellent way he rang the tenor after so many years' absence from peal ringing.

P.M. Young said as the 'father of the flock' he would like to thank, on behalf of the 'boys,' P.M. and Mrs. Mitchell for their very kind hospitality, and expressed his great pleasure in ringing such an excellent peal.

Mrs. Mitchell said she was always pleased to see ringers and realised what they needed after ringing a peal.

To allow for last trains to be caught, 'Stand' was called at 10 o'clock, and it was a happy band that departed homewards with the knowledge that 'something attempted, something done' is a good maxim, and the 'waiter,' in dancing the unaccompanied veldt in the waiting room, expressed a regret that he left a 'wee drappie' behind, but rejoiced in taking the Peal back with him.



**MORE FACTS ABOUT FABIAN STEDMAN**

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S NEW DISCOVERIES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—You will be interested to know that I have found out a few more facts about Fabian Stedman.

I find, from the Treasury books, that in 1689, eight or nine years after he was elected Master of the Society of College Youths, Fabian Stedman was one of the two clerks of John Birch, Esquire, Auditor General of Excise. How long he had held that position I cannot say, for the appointment was made by Birch and not by the Treasury; but evidently his position was well established.

The Lords of the Treasury had directed the collectors of Excise to pay to the supervisors and gangers the poll tax of one shilling in the pound assessed upon them. A little later they granted the same privilege to the inferior officers of the Excise within the City of London and the bill of mortality, and later on still to the two clerks, George Birch and Fabian Stedman, mentioning them by name.

Next year the office of Auditor General was vacant by the death of John Birch, and as his quarter's salary was saved to the Crown, and George Birch (or Bruere, as he is also styled) and Fabian Stedman had carried on and made up the accounts, both for that and the preceding quarters, a Treasury warrant was issued to the Excise Commissioners to pay Bruere £19 5s. and £15 to Stedman, which would have been payable to them by the Auditor of Excise.

In 1700, George Bruere, the elder, and Fabian Stedman petitioned the Treasury, pointing out that by the patent of July 3rd, 1691, there is granted to the auditor £200 per annum to pay three clerks (of whom the petitioners are two) for doing business of Excise upon beer, ale, etc., but the same business is now very much increased by several other duties (which the petitioners specify), and also by the increase of the country collectors from 36 to 55. They therefore pray for an increase of salary.

The Commissioners of Excise reported to the Lords of the Treasury that as Sir Basil Dixwell, the auditor, had £500 per annum as salary, and £200 for clerks, he ought to make them a suitable allowance. Therefore, on the instructions of the Treasury, William Lownds wrote to Dixwell on April 26th, 1700: "Two of your clerks, viz., George Bruere, sen., and Fabian Stedman, have petitioned for addition of salary in view of increased business in your office. It appears that 60£ per an. is allowed you on the salary bills as an additional salary for the Duties and (sic) Malt and Leather. You are to pay same to them."

We have now a fair number of contemporary references to Stedman dating from 1662 when, as a young man, he joined the Cheapside Scholars, until his death in 1714. It is noteworthy that nearly all of them refer to events in London, but we know that in 1668 he was

living in Cambridge. My impression is that after having been apprenticed in London he went back to Cambridge in 1665 on account of the Great Plague, when nearly everybody who could left the Metropolis, and he returned there in 1677 and stayed there for the rest of his life.

What I should like to find out is the year in which he was born, and whether there is any contemporary evidence that he was one time parish clerk of St. Bene't's, Cambridge. I am rather inclined to doubt it, though it is so stated by C. H. Cooper in "Memorials of Cambridge," a recognised authority.

I have also discovered that Robert Roan, the composer of Grandsire Doubles, though he lost his job as sworn clerk of the pantry under the Board of the Green Cloth, appears to have been retained in Government employ, and in 1667 a Treasury warrant was issued to pay him £100. His son, Thomas Roan, Master of the College Youths in 1689, was in 1673, appointed by letters patent Comptroller of the Customs of the port of Chichester, but he surrendered the post during the next year.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**WATFORD SURPRISE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Allow me also to congratulate Mr. H. G. Cashmore on his peal in the above method.

Until my attention was drawn to the fact by Mr. A. G. Driver last week, I had not realised that 'Watford' was the same method as Method C, of which I pointed out a year or two ago in 'The Ringing World' that peals could not be obtained from the 24 true plain courses.

For over a quarter of a century I have had two sets of 24 true plain courses in connection with 'Watford' false course-ends; i.e., the set used by Mr. Cashmore and the following:—

23456	42635	34625	23645
52436	62534	64523	63542
42356	36524	26543	46532
54326	63254	62453	64352
34256	56234	56423	56342
53246	35264	25463	45362

I have also several interesting methods where the same set of false course-ends are encountered, and now that Mr. Cashmore has shown us that parts of false course-ends can be used in connection with the 24 true courses, there is a hope that I may yet be successful in obtaining peals for methods two of which, being eighth's place methods, have no adjoining places, and all places made the right way, a very rare feature, as everyone knows, in Treble Bob or Surprise methods.

GEORGE BAKER.

**WATFORD SURPRISE AND COMPANION METHODS.**

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. J. A. Trollope for his comments on my peal of Watford Surprise and for his lucid explanation of the plan on which it was produced.

The proof of Eastbury is, of course, identical with Watford, and here is another to which the composition is true.

The first twelve rows are as Eastbury, and then:—

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72846531  
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**NOTICES.**

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. George's, Doncaster. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Third quarterly (general) meeting at Repton, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. Tea and general meeting 4.45 p.m. in Court Room.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—E. J. Butler Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea will be kindly provided by the churchwardens at 5.30. Business meeting at 6. Subscriptions due. Reports now ready. Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Non-members welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Parsons). Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Social, handbells, etc., at 8.15 p.m.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 15th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Hon. P. J. Hepburn Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham. Tea in *St. Paul's Parish Room* 4.45.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church, January 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Come and make this a successful meeting.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, free to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Visitors and friends, rs. 3d. *Admission by ticket only.* Tea can only be guaranteed to those applying for tickets previously.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and meeting to follow. Half-rail fares to members. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry. Telephone: Bedworth 136.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in Green Pen Rooms 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (rs. per head) at Cremer's, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1938 now due, please! —G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Shafton, near Barnsley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Winter Gardens. Meeting 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Diss on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., also Palgrave (8), one mile distant, same time. Service in Diss Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, rs., at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Subscriptions are now due for 1938.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Seventeenth annual dinner, Saturday, January 15th. Ringing: The Leaning Tower, Temple (8 bells), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Philip's (8 bells), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10 bells), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Schoolroom, 3.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (not later). University of Bristol Buildings open to dinner ticket holders at 3.15 p.m. Grand Hotel, 6 p.m. (please), for dinner. Lord Bishop of Bristol will be guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—Will all ringing friends please note that ringing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month will in future be at 10.45 a.m.? Visitors would be welcomed.—A. J. Harding, Daisybank, 54, Welldon Crescent, Harrow.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, Jan. 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.**—Ringing practice will be resumed on Monday, January 17th.—J. E. Davis.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for January, 1938: Handbell ringing and meeting at headquarters, 18th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus', 20th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 19th. St. Peter's bells, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at the Dyke Road Hotel, price 1s., 5.30. Service at the Good Shepherd 6.30. Bells, 7 till 9. Names for tea by previous Saturday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4.30 p.m. Ticket sellers are reminded to send their returns, etc., to me this week-end. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley, on January 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under Lyne Society will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Jan. 22nd. The bells will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Irchester on Saturday, January 22nd. Nice peal of eight. Service 4.30. Renew your enthusiasm and send names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on January 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. The bells (10) will be available for ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting? Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than Thursday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Sat., Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at three. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 3.45, and St. Martin's from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in the canteen at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Vestry Hall. Kindly let me have names for tea by Tuesday, the 18th, certain.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at South Wingfield, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who notify me by Wednesday, January 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Willoughby (6 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. It is hoped a service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kempthorne, D.D. (formerly of Lichfield). Tea at the Green Man Inn at 5 p.m. Will all please make an effort to attend?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery. A meeting at Olney on Saturday, January 22nd.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford, on Saturday, January 22nd. St. Peter's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Joiners' Arms Hotel at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, January 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. One member from each tower should attend. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD** (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Grittleton on Sat., Jan. 22nd, at 3 p.m., not 15th as previously announced. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton. Will all please notice change of address?

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Milton Clevedon bells also available.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, January 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business (election of officers) to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, 80c, High Street, Raunds.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Messrs. Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Northalerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at Russell's Cafe at 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than January 20th. All ringers are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Grimsby District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. James' and Mary's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and 8 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Let us have all towers represented. Please send a postcard to me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Maids Moreton (6 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd, from 5 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradford Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Goring, Oxon (8 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Streatley bells available. All visitors very welcome. Please notify number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Edenham, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs, by Wednesday previous, please. All welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1937 should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, January 22nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton (St. Laurence's) on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5, followed by business meeting. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 19th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Boulby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 26th.—J. B. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by January 27th, to H. J. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by the meeting, at 5.30 p.m. All district members are urged to attend, as the meetings for the year will be provisionally fixed. Other ringers will be cordially welcomed. To enable arrangements to be made for tea, *do please* let me have a card by the Thursday morning previous at the latest.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does *not* release our members from their duty to attend *their* meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.15 p.m. Please send me your numbers for tea by January 25th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Schools. Business meeting after. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, January 26th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. *Please note:* A free tea for all who send a card by Wednesday, the 26th, to Mr. W. C. Duffield, Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, or H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at Short Bros., 1s. per head. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me for tea by January 26th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkwood 1959.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Please let me know in good time to order your tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Tuesday, January 25th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, not later than Wednesday, January 26th.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedington Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, February 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from K. Thacker, Corner House, Reeves Avenue, Newcastle, and A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Cecil W. Pipe is 3, Woodville Road, Ipswich.

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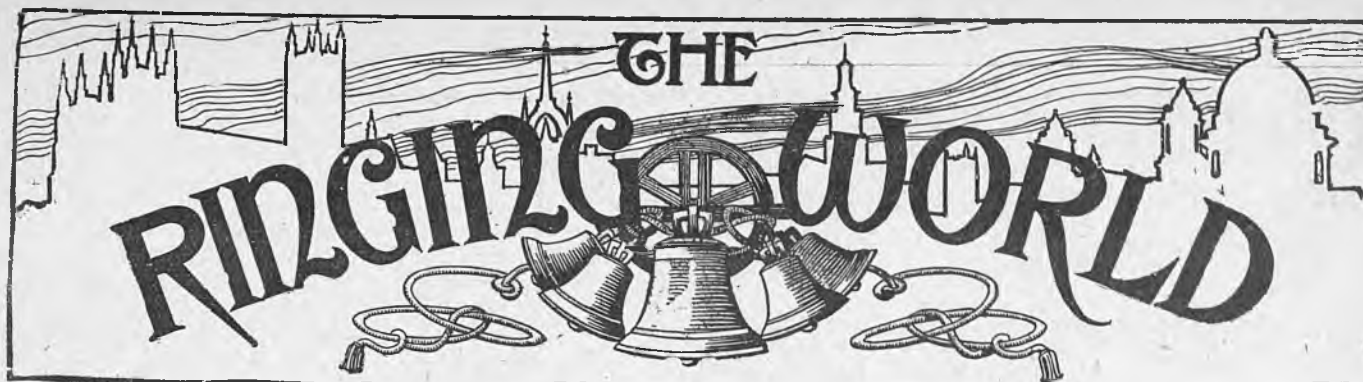
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This matter has been discussed at ringers' gatherings on frequent occasions from various angles; but the ringers' standpoint has never been more forcefully put than it was at Bristol by the Rev. M. Paterson, Vicar of St. Thomas' Church. It came with the more emphasis because it came from a clergyman who is not a ringer.

It is an old complaint that ringers are often 'out of sight and, therefore, out of mind,' and it is always refreshing to find the exceptions to this rule—for instance, where the clergy, even if they are not themselves ringers, show an interest in the bells and the ringers—but of all departments of Church work, the belfry, generally speaking, receives least attention from the clergy. Mr. Paterson brought the subject into its right perspective when he pointed out where the clergy fail and where the ringers might help to overcome this failure by an approach from their own side.

The point made by a subsequent speaker that future relations between clergy and ringers might be gradually drawn closer together by bringing into the belfry more of the younger members of the ministry, is one which offers great possibilities, if only incumbents will encourage their curates to take up this branch of work, amid the multifarious tasks which they are called upon to discharge, and give them opportunities of taking their place in the belfry. The president of the Central Council has recently urged that students at theological colleges should be given facilities to learn ringing, so that they may have some knowledge of the subject before they go out to the parishes where their work will lie. Something on these lines was begun at Cuddesdon a few years ago, and a similar effort has now been begun at Kelham, as a letter elsewhere in this issue describes. This course is the most gratifying of all means of inducing clergy to come into the Exercise, but there still remains the need for bringing

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J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung in honour of the 83rd birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Master of the Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED E. BARKER ... .. Treble	RONALD G. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	FRANK FOX ... .. 6
ERNEST J. WARING ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. 4	ARTHUR NEWALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departure of the old year.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM L. WHISTON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 5
FRED PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4	JOHN GILSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman and of Triples. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington, as Rural Dean of Aston.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.



DUNMOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5018 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... ..	Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... ..	5
*DONALD JENNINGS ... ..	2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS ... ..	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
JOSEPH JENNINGS ... ..	4	H. WALTER SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Smith.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... ..	Treble
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... ..	2
ERNEST WHITING ... ..	3
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	4
STANLEY W. COPLING ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... ..	6
RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
WALTER BARRETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

DENHOLME, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HARRY ATKINSON ... ..	Treble
MISS MARY WHITE ... ..	2
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... ..	3
SAM LONGBOTTOM ... ..	4
HARRY WILDE ... ..	5
KENNETH SIMPSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..	7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
JOHN WHEADON ... ..	Treble
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	2
HARRY HOSKINS ... ..	3
*DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	4
HARRY HOVERD ... ..	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... ..	6
*HARRY PARKES ... ..	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Bristol.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM D. PROCKSON ... ..	Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... ..	5
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	2	GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	6
JAMES BENNETT ... ..	3	REUBEN SANDERS ... ..	7
*JOHN W. EUSTON ... ..	4	†ALFRED J. HOWELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. Sarel.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
GEORGE OLLIVER ... ..	Treble
LEONARD A. TIDY ... ..	2
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	3
JOHN O. WELLER ... ..	4
ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... ..	5
*ROBERT J. ANDREWS ... ..	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	7
ALFRED J. BULL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Major.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
THOMAS RODEN ... ..	Treble	*CYRIL GRIFFITHS ... ..	5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..	2	WILLIAM FISHER ... ..	6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... ..	3	EDWARD G. BOWYER ... ..	7
*ARTHUR RODEN ... ..	4	*JEREMIAH BLOORE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor and first in the method away from the tenor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.	
WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..	Treble
MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... ..	2
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... ..	3
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	4
THOMAS E. SPEIGHT ... ..	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	7
HENRY TOOKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
*FRANCIS A. WHITE ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... ..	5
FREDERICK C. WHITE ... ..	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... ..	6
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... ..	3	WILLIAM WHITE ... ..	7
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... ..	4	FRED WHITE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

\* First peal of Triples.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*SIDNEY TUSON ... ..	Treble
THOMAS BARKER ... ..	2
KENNETH HALL ... ..	3
†ALAN CARPENTER ... ..	4
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... ..	5
JOHN JACKSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... ..	7
ALFRED BLOGG ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 133 Reversed).

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
ERNEST J. KING ... ..	Treble	NORMAN H. MANNING ... ..	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	2	*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... ..	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... ..	3	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... ..	4	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Twenty-one extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*REG. T. SOLESBURY (17) ... Treble	BRIAN F. SIMS (17) ... .. 4
*OWEN G. WARREN (19) ... 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS (17) ... 5
†HUGH E. HARDING (17) ... 3	*DAVID W. BUTTON (17) ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Youngest band to ring a peal in the county.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, January 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEOFFREY WATSON ... .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER J. HENDRY ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 2	†HAROLD TURNER ... .. 4
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, January 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and of Morris', and three of Lindoff's, 21 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	REGINALD MORRIS ... .. 3
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Rothwell and her nurse, Miss Snead, who was in her 101st year.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WYNDHAM LEWIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. 2	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 5
DAVID REES ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENE'T,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	RALPH BIRD ... .. 5
HARRY CARVER ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (5) Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (6) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*NORMAN MEAKIN ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 2	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 25 methods. † First peal in 25 methods away from treble. There were 52 changes of method.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 4
*EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH J. CARLTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*THOMAS R. MOGG ... .. 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal in six methods. Rung to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 4
*EDWARD T. BARRETT ... .. 2	†RONALD C. FOWLER ... .. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in more than three plain methods. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

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

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

First peal of Bob Major 'in hand' as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.****RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL DINNER.****Ringers' Relations with Clergy.**

There was a record gathering at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on Saturday, a company of about 280 spending a very enjoyable evening at the Grand Hotel.

During the afternoon several of the city towers were open and the bells were fully employed. The visitors also had the opportunity of inspecting Bristol University, and tea was served at St. Thomas' Parish Hall.

Mr. Donald Marsh (Coalpit Heath), chairman of the United Guilds, presided at the dinner, and was supported by the Lord Bishop of Bristol, the Rev. Alford (Archdeacon-designate of Bristol) and Mrs. Alford, the Revs. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Beddoe (St. Werburgh's), French (Coalpit Heath), Mr. and Mrs. Marsh (parents of the chairman), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), and ringers and friends from London, Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Coventry, Croydon, Cheltenham, Bath, Swindon, Gloucester, Port Talbot, Newport, Gorseinon, Swindon, Mells, Lydney,



**MR. DONALD MARCH,**  
Chairman of the United Guilds.

Newent, Chew Magna, Gresford (North Wales), Wroughton, Congresbury, Taunton, Chippenham, Chilcompton, Kingston Seymour, etc. The Bristol Guilds represented were St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, St. Thomas', St. James', St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. Ambrose's, Mangotsfield, Emmanuel, Coalpit Heath, Henbury, Westbury, St. Matthews, Yate.

The Chairman, proposing 'The Church,' first welcomed the Bishop of Bristol and offered congratulations upon the successful way in which the diocese was being run. Many of them, however, he said, felt that in some cases more might be done in the Church to foster the art of bellringing. For example, they were hearing of cases where 'canned' bells and tubular bells were being installed. As bellringers they, naturally, did not agree with such performances. In most cases it was, perhaps, that money for bells was not forthcoming, while the new churches had only small spires which did not provide room for bells at all. That was a pity (hear, hear). Many of the clergy, he was happy to say, helped the ringers in many respects, but there were some bells which were not rung as regularly as they might be. In those cases the clergy could 'get their own back' on the ringers. The churches promoted various organisations, and he thought bellringing should come in for a greater share of support (hear, hear).

The Bishop of Bristol, in his reply, first mentioned that they had with them that night one who would shortly be Archdeacon of Bristol (applause). He need not look forward to that office with any amount of pleasure, said the Bishop, because the Archdeacon's job was to do all the dirty work the Bishop did not want to do himself (laughter). The Bishop went on to express the gratitude which the churches of Bristol and he thought, of all the country felt to those who, Sunday

by Sunday, rang the bells to summon the congregation to church and who, on occasions of national and local importance, expressed the feelings of the public with the sounds of the glorious old peals of bells. Bells, he said, seemed to have a personality of their own. They seemed to embody the spirit of the village, and for generations in many of their old churches on great occasions the bells had spoken for the community. He did not look upon them, therefore, as inanimate objects; as things of metal which just gave out a certain sound, but as having a real personality of their own. That personality, however, was only made possible by those who, at the sacrifice of a good deal of their leisure time, gave themselves to the great art of bellringing. Bells had always been associated with religion, which was something that ought to enter into every department of their lives. Whether men went to church or not, the sound of the bells brought just that touch of religion into their lives which might otherwise be entirely devoid of any such feeling. He was grateful to those in that diocese who not only made possible the message which the bells brought, but interpreted the spirit of the common life in such a way that men might hear. He wished every possible success to the ringers in all the different parishes (applause).

**RINGERS ARE NOT ANGELS.**

The Rev. M. Paterson said, when he was asked to speak at that dinner, he was told he might choose his own toast, and he therefore selected that of 'The Ringing World' for two reasons. The first was that, as some of them would recollect, last year at the request of the committee he spoke on the very important subject of the young ringer. 'The Ringing World' in its next number devoted a leading article to the subject, and the Editor said some very kindly things. He was glad, therefore, to have the opportunity of thanking him for what he said. Secondly, he chose the toast because he had another subject on which he wanted to speak. It did not relate to 'The Ringing World,' but he had told the Editor, who had absolved him.

Mr. Paterson said he wanted to deal with a subject that was seriously exercising the minds of some ringers. But before he did so he wanted to answer a question put to him by some members, when he was asked to speak: Will you also give us your candid opinion of the ringers of Bristol? (laughter). At that moment those ringers were probably regretting that request (laughter). It was his sad and painful duty to comply with it (laughter). For 14 years he had been attending those dinners, and he had heard many speeches—some had been good, some not so good (laughter) and some which he would call unbalanced. The unbalanced ones had been very popular, because the speakers had endowed ringers with the virtues not only of men, but also of archangels (laughter). He had been into the belfry and seen a great many ringers with their coats off, but he had never seen any wings, cherubic or seraphic, sprouting from their shoulders (laughter). He could see no ringer that evening with any saintly halo floating over him, and he had never met a ringer who looked as though he had just walked out of a stained glass window (laughter).

'No,' said the speaker, 'ringers are not archangels; they are not even angels, but some of the ringers of Bristol are very, very good men (hear, hear). Some of them are ordinary men like myself' (laughter).

**A GRIEVANCE AGAINST THE CLERGY.**

It is impossible, he continued, to have mixed with ringers without knowing that some of them had a grievance and a grievance against the clergy. They say that the clergy who have towers do not show sufficient interest in their ringers. That lack of interest may possibly be exaggerated; it may be confined to a very small circle, but that grievance undoubtedly exists. It is a difficult subject to speak upon, but perhaps there is no one in the whole of Bristol who is better qualified than myself to do so, because I am a clergyman and, although a non-ringer, I have, I think, been received to a certain extent into the great brotherhood and family of ringers (hear, hear).

May I first of all say a word for the clergy. It is possible if there is a lack of interest on the part of the clergy that it is due to a misunderstanding. The tower may be to the clergyman a place where incomprehensible mysteries are in action; he may feel that as a perfect ignoramus he would not be welcome. If that is the case, it is for the ringers to eradicate that feeling. You must let your clergyman know that the tower is his tower, that the bells are his bells, that the ringers are his ringers; and that, if he comes up and mixes with his ringers, he will be welcomed and he will be honoured (applause). Perhaps there are some people who may think the word honoured is a little too strong, but in my experience—and it is a wide one—it is not (hear, hear).

But the ringers have a claim on the interest of their clergy, not merely because they are men who ring bells, but because they are men who are in a church tower. Every man, woman and child in a parish has a claim on the parish priest. Those who come within the precincts of the church; those who are willing to be friendly with their parish priest, have a very great claim, and of such are the ringers. Secondly, the ringers have a claim of remembrance on the clergy. Up there in the ringing chamber they are very easily forgotten.

Here is one possible case: I think of a Vicar who has a tower and bells, but no Guild. There comes an important day when he wishes to add dignity to his services by having the bells rung, so ringers are imported from other towers. Now it is possible that those ringers may go up the stairs and ring the bells and come down again and meet nobody except the sexton or the steeplekeeper. It is possible, when

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## HOW TO REACH THE CLERGY.

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they have done their work for the church, they may receive no thanks. If that happens it is not due to any intentional discourtesy, but simply to the fact that they are not remembered; they are forgotten.

As ringers have continually said to me, 'You clergy do not forget to thank your choir sometimes; you don't forget to thank your Sunday School teachers sometimes; do you think it is fair for you to forget to thank your bellringers?' In that matter, said Mr. Paterson, my sympathies are wholly with the ringers.

Continuing, Mr. Paterson said he had been reminded that he would be speaking that night to ringers and that his words were unlikely to reach the clergy. He had, therefore, decided to do an extremely tactless thing. They had their Bishop with them, and, as the Bishop had told them, they had also with them one who had been called to high office in the diocese, and would soon be Archdeacon. As Archdeacon he would deliver charges to which the clergy would listen. He (the speaker) had heard many charges given by Archdeacons. They had dealt sometimes with church towers, they had dealt sometimes with bell frames and with bells, but, if his memory served him rightly, he had never yet heard an Archdeacon, in his charge, speak about bellringers. Of course, the Archdeacon might quite rightly say that was out of his scope, but if it was possible he thought they might ask the new Archdeacon sometimes in his charges to find a small place in which he could mention the ringers to the clergy (applause).

### 'MESSAGE' FROM RINGERS.

'It is not for me,' said Mr. Paterson, 'to dictate the words he should use, but I would give him this message from the ringers to the clergy: "We are the men in your towers; we ask you not to forget us, but to remember us. We ask you to take some interest in us; if you do you will find in your towers a body of men completely loyal, not only willing but eager to respect your office and your rights. Some of us are churchgoers, and some of us are not, but in our towers we are very close to you; we are ordinary men, men who have joys and sorrows, and we should like to find in our Vicar a friend; one to whom we can speak; one in whom, if needs be, we can confide with the certainty of understanding and sympathy"' (loud applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, thanked Mr. Paterson for a very fine speech, which they, as ringers, would all appreciate. Mr. Paterson had, he said, put their case in a way that no ringer could put it, and they were indebted to him for what he had said. Mr. Goldsmith urged, as one way in which a closer relationship between the clergy and ringers could be built up, that incumbents should encourage the junior clergy to take up ringing. One of the difficulties, he knew, was that the junior clergy had a great deal of work to do. The Bishop had told them that he pushed the dirty work he did not like doing on to the Archdeacon. It was equally true that Vicars pushed the dirty work they did not like doing on to the curates (laughter), and the result was many of them could not find time to go to the belfry. But if only they could be encouraged to learn something of ringing and of the ringers by contact with them in the tower, he was sure it would be to the advantage not only of ringing, but of the Church (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' The association, he said, had always stood for the best traditions of change ringing. They had attained a high standard in the past and had always endeavoured to maintain it. With regard to the Bristol United Guilds, Mr. Hunt said ringers throughout the country appreciated and congratulated them upon the work they had done in compiling the 'Ringers' Directory.' It was a thing that was much needed, but no one had had the courage to provide it until Bristol United Guilds undertook the work. He wished both the association and the United Guilds continued prosperity.

### ASSOCIATION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Mr. S. Romans, in responding, alluded to the fact that the preceding Saturday was the 60th anniversary of the founding of the association by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillott. Although both had passed away, their memory was ever dear and their work still lived. The association was grateful to them and past members such as Canon Mobray Trotter, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. Thorold, Mr. F. G. Ward, Mr. C. D. Boufflower, Mr. James Hinton and others for their devoted services during the early years of the association. It is now up to the present members to emulate their example and do all they could to further the cause. They had in Mr. Edgar Guise a very able secretary, who would complete 20 years' service this year. They trusted he might be spared for many years to continue that office (applause). They appreciated all that he had done from time to time in the furtherance of the association. They were also mindful of the assistance given to him by the branch secretaries throughout the dioceses. One had only to attend the branch meetings, as it had been his (the speaker's) pleasure to do, to realise what an important part they took. Their good work was evident, and he could not speak too highly of their services.

Mr. Romans added that he would like to see more individual effort on the part of some members. There were many ways in which they could help: by being prompt in the payment of subscriptions, being punctual and regular in attendance at Sunday ringing and practices,

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## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### ANNUAL VISIT TO PUDSEY.

On Saturday last, the Leeds and District Society once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Pudsey company, and in spite of the wretched weather it was one of the largest gatherings of the society, a notable feature being the number of young ringers present.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and except for the usual intervals ringing continued in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the Park Hotel shortly after tea, when the chair was taken by the president (Mr. W. H. Senior), who was supported by members from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ripponden, Rothwell, Sherburn, Selby, Shipley and the local company, together with visitors from All Saints', Halifax, and Hemingbrough.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldroyd, of Pudsey, Messrs. C. Parker, of Burley, E. Hallowell, S. B. Senior, H. Robinson, J. Leaver, W. Holroyd, A. Mitchell, J. Langley and C. Whiteley, of Ripponden, and H. Smith, of Sowerby Bridge.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed that the society's best thanks be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey for the use of the bells and to the local company for their excellent arrangements and continued hospitality.—This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley.

Mr. W. Barton, replying, said he regretted the absence of their tower president owing to illness, but he hoped that when the society next visited Pudsey the president would be back with them. He was pleased to see so many present, but the more who came the better they at Pudsey were pleased.

The secretary brought forward the request of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Branch) for a joint meeting with the society. It was unanimously agreed to invite the Ladies' Guild to hold a joint meeting in March.

Mr. Frank Rhodes referred to the appeal for funds for new bells at St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and suggested that a collection should be made.—This was supported, with the splendid result that 11s. 6d. was received.

The date and place of the next meeting and also of the joint meeting in March were left in the hands of the secretary.

After the business meeting various touches were rung on handbells, as well as one or two tunes. While a sequence of bands kept the tower bells going, the remaining members fully enjoyed the hospitality provided at the meeting room, and, with the aid of the piano, the time passed all too quickly.

## THE BRISTOL GUILDS DINNER.

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and each pulling his own weight, thus encouraging more team work, so essential to the smooth working of the association. On visiting branch meetings he had noticed a steady inflow of new entrants. He appealed to all ringers to give these young men all the assistance and encouragement they could, by seeing that they got a fair quota of the time allotted for ringing given to them, bearing in mind that the sooner these young men become efficient the better for all. In Gloucester they had eight or ten youngsters coming on, and he hoped to see in time a complete band of ringers at every church (applause).

The Vice-Chairman, in submitting 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' gave a cordial greeting to all their friends, both ringing and non-ringing, who had come from many parts of the country to be with them that night. Their attendance contributed very largely to the success of a gathering of that character, and it was a happy thought to realise that that attendance was prompted by a spirit of friendliness and fellowship always associated with ringers. This fact was brought home to him by a recent experience in the Isle of Wight, where Mr. Jennings went to great trouble to collect ringers and arrange practices when a party of three visited the island for a holiday. That spirit existed among ringers practically everywhere, and he hoped it would continue to be for ever dominant among ringing guilds and associations (applause).

Mr. C. Parks, who acknowledged the toast, spoke of the pleasure which members of other associations had got from their visit, not only from the enjoyable dinner and entertainment, but from the opportunity provided to meet old friends. He wished continued success to the United Guilds in maintaining the art of change ringing in that part of the country.

The remaining toast was that to the artistes, who were thanked by the pro-vice-chairman, Mr. William Abraham.

The entertainment was of a varied character. During dinner there was incidental music by a small orchestra, and the programme afterwards included selections of popular airs by St. Thomas' Guild handbell ringers, songs by Miss Kathleen Gill, piano and xylophone items by the Misses Evelyn and Joyce Holman, some cleverly executed costume dancing by young ladies under the direction of Miss Edie Ryan, a mystic entertainment by Mr. Alex Fear, and songs and tap dancing by Mr. Haydon Clifford. Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M., was the accompanist. All the items were greatly appreciated, but nothing delighted the company more than the 'turn' contributed by the two veterans, ex-Sergt. J. Williams and Mr. John Austin, who, sitting back to back, rang a course of Grandsire Triples 'four in hand,' and, turning about, played a number of tunes. These two gentlemen are respectively 80 and 75 years of age.



## PEAL NOTES.

### PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES.

Mr. Edward S. Ruck called a peal of Minor in six methods at Willesborough, Kent, on January 8th, to commemorate the 51st anniversary of his first peal (5,120 Bob Major), rung at Merstham on January 8th, 1887 (also Saturday), conducted by his father, who rang the treble.

Mr. Fred Dench's peal of Bristol Surprise, published in 'The Ringing World' of October 29th, 1937, was rung at Erith on Saturday, January 8th. It is only one lead short of the full extent of 5 and 6 in 4-5-6 in 13 courses. The peal, a birthday compliment to Mr. John Wheadon, was rung after meeting short for a new Surprise method, Derek Sharp filling the gap and scoring his first peal of Bristol.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Dunmow, Essex, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Parish Church on January 8th. Mr. Smith rang the tenor and afterwards he and Mrs. Smith kindly entertained the rest of the band.

The peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Bowdon, Cheshire, rung on January 8th, was a new composition by the conductor, Mr. Tom Worsley.

Mr. W. L. Whiston, who rang his first peal on Coronation Day, when he took part in the Grandsire Cinques at Aston, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on January 8th at Erdington—his second peal in two attempts.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where Matt Wood reigned supreme for two generations, is a tower where little peal ringing has been done in recent years. On January 8th members of the Middlesex Association rang a peal of Grandsire Triples there to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. Sarel).

Mr. Verney Bairstow rang his fiftieth peal on January 8th at Denholme, Bradford, and this was also Mr. William Ambler's fiftieth peal as conductor.

A peal in 25 spliced Treble Bob methods, with 52 changes of method, was rung at Marple, Cheshire, on January 8th, and was Mr. Ernest Bennett's one hundredth peal.

Mr. Ernest Stitch and Mr. Gwyn Lewis rang their fiftieth peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Minor at Cadoxton, Neath, on January 8th.

The youngest band to ring a peal in Bedfordshire scored 42 extents of Doubles at Harrold on New Year's Day. Five of them were aged 17 and one 19, and three of them rang their first peal.

A birthday compliment to Russell Curzon (born on January 7th) and Henry Tooke (born on January 8th), a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Wymondham on January 8th.

St. Martin's Guild's veteran Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) reached his 83rd birthday on January 8th, and on the first available 'ringing night' (January 11th), a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in the Bull Ring to celebrate the event. Three Trowbridge ringers took part in the peal, and two of them, Messrs. Sam Hector and Charles Andrews, rang their one hundredth peal together.

The other of this party, all of whom had been brought along by car by Mr. Frank Smallwood, of Bath, did not join in the general, if short, celebration after the ringing. He couldn't find the Tamworth Arms!

It was a chilly night ride back to Wiltshire, and the thoughtful provision of a hot drink, from vacuum flasks, by the driver was appreciated on the roadside in the wee sma' hours. But because he doesn't drink whisky one of the party had to content himself with hot sweetened water. No, it wasn't Sam.

The peal of Minor recently rung at Semley was said to have been rung on the heaviest six in Wiltshire. Although they are the heaviest six-bell ring in the county on which a peal has been rung, there is a heavier ring still awaiting a peal—Great Bedwyn, with 28 cwt. tenor—1½ cwt. heavier than Semley.

Three members of the local band at Penn, Staffs, rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on January 8th, and the peal was called by Mr. E. G. Bowyer, another of the local band, whose first peal it was in the method away from the tenor. It was also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

It was called by his brother John, and his father also took part. For these two it was their first eight-bell peal 'in hand.'

It is interesting to record a peal of Minor at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge. It was at this church and on these bells that Fabian Stedman rang in the middle of the 17th century, and it was probably here, too, that the method bearing his name was rung for the first time.

In 1931 the Exercise restored the ancient Saxon tower and rehung the bells to commemorate the tercentenary of Stedman's birth.

The bells at the Abbey Church at Dorchester have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and an Appleton band rang the first peal on them, since this change-over, on January 8th. Six members of the White family were in the band.

Mr. Arthur Knights' peal of Treble Bob No. 133 was rung for the first time in its reversed form on January 8th at Adlington, Lancs. It was called by Mr. W. Sharples, and was his 150th peal.

To the memory of Mrs. Rothwell and her nurse, Miss Snead, who was in her 101st year, a half-muffled peal of Doubles was rung at Whitney-on-Wye, Herefordshire, on January 6th.

A peal of Minor was rung at Polstead, Suffolk, on January 8th. It was the first peal on the bells since 1894.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. J. Nevard has generously undertaken to restore the bells of his Parish Church, Great Bentley, Essex. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, is to retune the bells and rehang them in a new frame with modern fittings.

At the meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association to be held at Stourbridge to-morrow, names and other information for the annual report should be handed to the branch secretary.

The annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held on February 12th. As the meeting is usually held in January, this announcement is made in the hope that other prospective arrangements will not be allowed to clash.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer wishes to thank 'Member of the Second Eleven' for her letter and congratulation, but would like to know her name and address. If she sees fit to reveal her identity, will she communicate with Miss Bowyer at 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected chairman and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. secretary and treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held at Wokingham. Despite a motion to the contrary, it was resolved to continue the combined practices in the branch.

Eleven of the sixteen towers in the area are affiliated to the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. In the report presented by the hon. secretary to the annual district meeting, it was stated that the bells in the district are generally in good order, except those at Mottesfont, which badly need expert attention.

All the officers of the Northern District of the London County Association were re-elected at the annual meeting. Mr. J. G. Prior had announced his intention of retiring from the secretaryship, but he reconsidered his decision.

Further reports of these meetings will appear in due course.

The College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Lancashire, Yorkshire, Swansea and Brecon, Llandaff and Monmouth, Bath and Wells, St. Martin's, Warwickshire, Surrey, Guildford and North Wales Associations, as well as the Gloucester and Bristol Association, were represented at Bristol United Guilds' annual dinner on Saturday, when a record attendance proved the growing popularity of the event.

A considerable party visited Chew Magna on Sunday morning and enjoyed ringing for service on the fine ring of bells at the Parish Church.

Some of them were also glad to get their 'shoes mended.'

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WIVELISCOMBE RESENTS UNMERITED IMPLICATION.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The Ringing World of December 31st contains an official report of the annual meeting of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, in which it is stated that the retiring secretary said 'he hoped that special efforts would be made in the coming year to help those towers which were somewhat backward.' Also it states that Wiveliscombe was chosen as one of the towers to be visited.

As these statements contain a derogatory and entirely false implication which has caused surprise and very strong resentment, we should like to make the matter clear. Firstly, our tower is not in any way connected with the Taunton Branch. It is in the Dunster Branch, and all the 14 who ring here are members of that branch.

Secondly, ours is certainly *not* one of the 'somewhat backward towers.' On the contrary it is one of the most progressive in the district, and, having attained our present state of progress entirely by our own efforts, we do not now need, nor want, any outside help, especially as there are so many towers within the Taunton Branch that are so badly in need of help.

W. H. HARTNELL, Captain.

C. W. PARKMAN, Sub-Captain.

Wiveliscombe.

## CLASHING MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. H. Kippin asks 'What of it' if visitors cannot 'bag' two fresh towers because of clashing meetings? I would point out that that is just the reason *why* two fresh towers *can* be visited. It is all to the advantage of the visitor, but *not* to the district members when meetings clash.

I know all about the 'cut throating' business, but would ask 'Why?' It does no good to anyone, and the sooner everyone 'cuts' it out the better for the Exercise.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

## A QUARTER-PEAL AT NINETY.

Mr. Harry Smith, of Ripple, Worcestershire, is 90 years of age, and he is still actively engaged in ringing at his Parish Church, where he has rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights, as well as ringing the old year out and new year in for over 70 years. His colleagues would like to know if this is a record.

On December 27th he rang the 2nd to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Haylings (conductor) 1, Harry Smith 2, C. Darby 3, T. Bennett 4, A. Griffin 5, J. Hill 6.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—2.

WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Few conductors have as many notable performances to their credit as Mr. William Henry Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was born at Clent, Worcestershire, on November 4th, 1876. His occupation has taken him to reside in many parts of the kingdom, and his peal ringing has been done in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, on the sea and under the earth, for, in addition to his tower-bell peals, he has rung in a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells while crossing the Irish Sea, and has conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at the bottom of a coal mine, at West Cramlington, Northumberland. He is also the only man who has called a peal begun in one century and finished in the next—Thurstans' one-part at Deritend, Birmingham; on December 31st, 1900, and January 1st, 1901.

Bill Barber is one of those men specially gifted by Nature as a ringer. No job of conducting has been too difficult for him, and one of his most outstanding performances was when, in 1908, he called Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, while blindfolded.

His first peal was Stedman Triples, rung at Kidderminster shortly before his sixteenth birthday, and it was here, too, that he called his first peal on tower bells, Bob Major in 1906. Previously, however, he had called a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and this came about in a curious way. The bells were being rung in rounds when Mr. W. T. Pritchett told 'young Barber' to call the peal. He called Holt's ten-part and it was his first peal as conductor.

Having rung in the first peal on handbells in Ireland—Grandsire Triples at Dublin, in April, 1899, the following month he conducted, on tower bells, the first peal of Stedman Caters out of Great Britain at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. Two years later he shared in a memorable tour, when the first peal of Treble Bob Royal out of Great Britain, at St. Patrick's, was followed the next day by the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells out of Great Britain, and a short course peal of Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, which Mr. Barber called from a non-observation bell—something which had never before been done. On the same trip was rung the first Surprise peal out of England, the first peal of Stedman Caters at St. Patrick's, the first peal on the sea and the first Surprise peal in Wales, rung at Bangor. No mean achievement in six days, 37 years ago.

In Scotland Mr. Barber was instructor to St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh, from 1903 to 1905, and called the first peal on handbells—Bob Major—over the border at Edinburgh in 1903. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells at the Old Steeple, Dundee, in 1905. Before going to Scotland, however, he had been the first to call Carter's odd-bob one-part peal, which he did both on tower bells and handbells.

Among other performances have been 8,888 Stedman Caters on handbells at Aston in 1898, 11,111 Stedman Cinquses at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1901. He called the first peals of Forward Maximus (Birmingham, 1903), Little Bob Maximus (1923), Kent Treble Bob (Granta) Maximus (1930), and Spliced Caters (Stedman and Erin) (1925), all of them at Newcastle Cathedral.

Altogether Mr. Barber has rung 562 peals and conducted 295. They have been rung in 108 towers in 23 counties for 16 associations. Fifty-eight of the peals have been rung on handbells, and of these Mr. Barber has conducted 45.

Mr. Barber has been a member of the Central Council for 15 years.

**Next Week: Mr. Frank Bennett.**

## THE GLOSSARY.

The hon. Librarian of the Central Council has still several hundred copies of 'The Glossary' for disposal. They can be had by associations, free of cost on payment of postage, for distribution to members. The Librarian is Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton.



MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held on January 8th at Shrewsbury and attended by some 50 members. After service in St. Chad's Church, tea was served in the Church Room, where the meeting was afterwards held, the Master, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, presiding. The towers represented were St. Chad's, Hodnett, Wem, Condover, Coalbrookdale, Clive, Market Drayton, Moreton Corbet, Wellington, Great Ness, Malins Lee, Berrington and Alberbury.

Major Corbett was re-elected Ringing Master, the Rev. E. C. Pigot hon. treasurer and the following other officers were also elected: Hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Farmer; peal secretary, Mr. J. Griffiths; committee, Messrs. G. F. D. Pratt, A. Pritchard, W. Saunders and E. V. Rodenhurst.

On behalf of the association, Major Corbett presented the Rev. E. C. Pigot with a framed enlargement of the group of the July meeting at Moreton Corbet, to mark his retirement from the living. In thanking the association, Mr. Pigot spoke of his 20 years' connection with the association or its predecessor, the Salop Archidiaconal Guild.

Thanks were expressed to the Rev. K. C. Millington for use of St. Chad's bells, and for conducting the service, and to the churchwardens of St. Mary's for the use of the fine ring of ten in their tower.

Following are the places for 1938 meetings at the discretion of the committee: Coalbrookdale, Shifnal, Ruyton-XI-Towns, Bickton and Montford (together), Market Drayton, Condover and Worthen.

The meeting expressed pleasure on hearing that the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Woods, until recently Bishop of Croydon) had intimated his willingness to become a patron, and of his expressed interest in the association.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: At St. Mary's, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal; at St. Chad's, Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinquses, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Maximus, Cambridge Major, interspersed with rounds for the less experienced. Striking was of a consistently high standard.

## A PIONEER OF SPLICED MINOR RINGING.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. FERNLEY.

The dedication of the tablet placed in the belfry of Norbury Church recording the muffled peal rung on October 20th, 1934, to the memory of Mr. James Fernley, took place on Monday evening, January 10th, in the presence of members of the family, his fellow-ringers and friends. The short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys), who spoke of the devotion of Mr. Fernley to the church and to the belfry. It seemed to him, he said, very fitting that this memorial tablet should be placed in the belfry where he had rendered so much service and spent a great part of his time. He was pleased to see members of the family present and to know they were still actively connected with the belfry and hoped that it would always be so.

At the close of the service Mr. S. Fernley thanked the Vicar and recalled the early days of change ringing at Norbury and the part played by Mr. James Fernley.

Mr. J. Dean also spoke of their early days together.

A great deal of the progress made in those early days was due to the able instruction received at the hands of Mr. James S. Wilde, now resident in New Zealand, who still keeps in touch with the tower. Mr. Fernley was always a keen supporter of the Chester Diocesan Guild and was vice-chairman of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch at the time of his death. It was the band under his conductorship who first really exploited the possibilities of Spliced Minor ringing. The culmination of their efforts was the first 35-method peal rung at Norbury in 1923, and this peal laid the foundation for the advances which have followed.

The tablet, executed by H. Webb, of Coventry, has been placed immediately below the board recording this peal.

## BELLS ON THE FILMS.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir,—After reading the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' I feel inclined to call it a 'publicity number,' as in several different places arguments for and against publicity of ringing are put forward.

I expect many readers of 'The Ringing World' are like myself and find little time to spend on visits to the cinema, but on a recent occasion when I did visit one I was struck by the bad publicity given to ringing by the films.

The particular film which I saw was 'Victoria the Great,' and, as one might expect, there was plenty of bellringing in the film at such times as the Queen's wedding, Jubilee, etc. This ringing was (presumably) produced from records of change ringing, but unfortunately the scenes accompanying the sound of the bells were only of bells swinging to and fro in a very haphazard manner.

Perhaps some of your readers have seen similar scenes to the one described in other films, and I would like to suggest that, through the Central Council, some action be taken to prevent such scenes appearing in any future films, as I feel sure that films of the 'real thing' could be easily procured and thus bad publicity would be turned into something which would at least do justice to our art.

J. E. BAILEY.

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## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### GREAT BOURDON PRESENTED.

#### Another Munificent Gift.

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who have already given, at a cost of £220,000, the great central tower at Liverpool Cathedral, have promised a further munificent gift. By their generosity, a bourdon bell of about 14½ tons is to be provided. The estimated cost of the bell and fittings is £6,800. In size this bell will be second only, in this country, to 'Great Paul' in St. Paul's Cathedral, which weighs 16 tons 14 cwt.

The great tower of the new Cathedral will eventually reach a total height of 331ft. above floor level, or 351ft. above St. James's Road. Only 84ft. of the structure remains to be built.

A ring of twelve bells, with a four ton tenor, and an additional half-tone bell to make a light octave, is already provided for by the generosity of the late Thomas Bartlett. Work on these bells has been begun at the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells will be hung in separate frame units of concrete, and the bourdon bell will be in the centre.

The immensity of the new tower is impressive. It is 75ft. square inside. Writing in 'The Ringing World' in November, 1936, Mr. E. H. Lewis said: In such a tower it would be possible to hang on one level 25 rings of eight bells, each with a 14 cwt. tenor, or 16 rings of ten bells, each with a 25 cwt. tenor.

The crown of the vault is about 170ft. from the floor. Clear of the vault by a few feet are the bottom edges of the huge girders that are to carry the load of 16 tons of swinging bells. These four girders are trussed steel structures placed in pairs diagonally across the tower. The ends rest on other shorter girders, which cross the angles of the tower. They look like two full size railway bridges, each with 20ft. clear trackway, about 85ft. in span and 20ft. deep, interlacing where they cross. Like railway bridges, the ends are mounted on rollers to allow for expansion. The 20ft. square at the intersection of the two bridges will ultimately be the ringing room.

Over the girders will be a floor and 10ft. higher another floor, supported from the girders by reinforced concrete pillars. On this second floor will be the 'bell frame,' which is not a bell frame in the ordinary sense of the word, but a series of wedge-shaped concrete pedestals arranged in a circle. These pedestals will each carry two bearings and all the bells are to swing in radial planes—that is, towards and away from the centre of the tower. All the wheels are to be roped on the inside, so that the ropes will fall in a perfect circle in the ringing room.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### PROMISE OF 'YOUNGSTERS' IN WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 15th, the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, Birkenhead. There were about 60 present, including some old friends from Liverpool and Halewood, who are always assured of a hearty welcome at Wirral Branch meetings. The peal of eight was set going shortly before 3 o'clock, and several touches brought home, but, unfortunately, after about a couple of hours' ringing, notification of a case of sickness near the church imposed a closure on the tower bells. The bells go like the proverbial 'tops,' and, considering they have been hung for 43 years and have not been in the bellhangers' hands during that period, it speaks well for the care and attention bestowed upon them by the towerkeeper, Mr. Harry Brocklebank, who is the genial hon. secretary of the branch.

However, after the tower bells had been stopped, recourse was had to handbells for the brief time that remained before the service, which usually accompanies these meetings. This was held in the Chapel of St. Thomas in the Parish Hall, the Guild form being used. The Rev. Canon Sayer (Vicar) conducted the service and gave a really interesting and instructive address with a threefold message of harmony, fellowship and service. Incidentally he congratulated those present on their singing and responses, saying it was a long time since he had heard such heartiness in that chapel.

Following the service, a splendid tea was served and the usual business meeting was held. At this Mr. J. W. Milner, the popular Master of the Chester Guild, was re-elected as president of the branch, an office he has held for some years, and Mr. H. S. Brocklebank was again appointed hon. secretary.

Thanks to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the arrangements were voiced by Mr. Milner and heartily endorsed by those present.

One of the things that impresses an onlooker at these Wirral meetings is the number of 'youngsters' who are coming on, ensuring that in some churches in the district, at least, there will be no shortage of ringers to carry on when the 'old 'uns' fall away for various causes.

After the election of officers, etc., the company settled down to an enjoyable concert. Undoubtedly the star 'turn' of the evening was Mr. Herbert Ludkin and his handbell ringers from Halewood, who rendered several well-known items in a manner that brought unstinted and well-deserved applause. If the B.B.C. are looking for handbell talent here is some ready to their hand that would be appreciated by all who are privileged to hear them. Members of St. Saviour's choir and other friends contributed vocal selections, which added considerably to the pleasure of the evening, and a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes concluded one more annual meeting which will be long remembered.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on January 8th. The bells of all three churches were available. Service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Dabbs), assisted by the Rev. H. Uphill (St. Mary's). Tea was served in the Parish Room, 72 sitting down. Apologies were received from the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Past Master), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Guild hon. secretary) and the Rev. C. R. Cottell. Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, those present including the Rector of Devizes, the Rev. A. W. Douglas (Vicar of Southbroom), the Rev. A. Swann (Vicar of Potterne), Mr. F. Green (assistant secretary, Salisbury Guild), Messrs. T. F. King, W. J. Prescott and Mrs. Evans (Bath), Messrs. W. A. Stote (Coventry), H. W. Bishop and H. W. Wells (Swindon), besides representatives from most of the towers in the branch area.

The Chairman gave a summary of the past year's work, and congratulated certain members and towers on their achievements.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected for 1938 with the exception of Mr. J. Francis, one of the Ringing Masters, who had held office since 1924. Mr. E. Parker was elected to this post.

It was regretted that Mr. Francis did not seek re-election, the chairman pointing out that Mr. Francis had served the Guild faithfully and well and thanked him most heartily on behalf of the members.

The Revs. E. S. Dabbs and A. W. Douglas were elected hon. members, together with seven others as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hilperton in February.

A message was received from Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, vice-president, and the secretary was asked to reply, offering the good wishes of those assembled, with the hope that improved health would enable Mr. Heginbotham to join again in the work of the Guild.

Mr. W. J. Prescott, on behalf of the visitors, expressed a wish to be associated with this letter.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the various towers, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 1st. The bells of St. Martin's Church were available for one hour only, and during this time were made good use of. The business meeting took place in the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Mr. Vice-President James George presided in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

Apologies for absence were read from the Master, who sent hearty greetings for the New Year, and Vice-President the Ven. Archdeacon of Aston, the Rev. H. McGowan.

A letter of appreciation and thanks was read from Mr. J. T. Dyke for the welcome extended by members of the Guild to his party on the occasion of their visit on Boxing Day for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Also from Mr. J. George, thanking the Guild for their good wishes and peals arranged for his 84th birthday.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. N. Goodman, Selly Oak; L. C. Williams, Sutton Coldfield; J. R. Graves, Nechells; H. R. Barrett, Bournville.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Great Barr.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected: Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; trustees, Councillor A. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. Jonathan Preston and Fred Price; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The following additional vice-presidents were also unanimously elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Haynes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, viz.: Canon S. Blofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston, and the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Richards, Provost of the Cathedral.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a small increased balance in hand. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

The secretary reported that the Master had definitely promised to preside at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 5th, and that the Bishop of Birmingham had promised to attend if possible. Arrangements for the dinner were discussed, and these were left in the hands of the committee.

This concluded the business, and the remainder of the evening was very enjoyable with some good handbell ringing in various methods.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry for evening service on January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, E. S. Owen 2, M. Hodgson (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, R. Allen 5, H. Pinchbeck 6, E. Murrell 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on January 4th: R. Gould 1, E. F. White 2, P. Merrett 3, H. Blanchard 4, W. A. Avery (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6.



**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4.30 p.m. Ticket sellers are reminded to send their returns, etc., to me this week-end. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under Lyne Society will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Jan. 22nd. The bells will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 3.45, and St. Martin's from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in the canteen at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Vestry Hall.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, January 22nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton (St. Laurence's) on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5, followed by business meeting.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Northalerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at Russell's Cafe at 5 p.m., 1s. 3d.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. It is hoped a service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kempthorne, D.D. (formerly of Lichfield). Tea at the Green Man Inn at 5 p.m. Will all please make an effort to attend?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford, on Saturday, January 22nd. St. Peter's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stourbridge to-morrow, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names and other information for annual report should be handed to me at this meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, January 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. One member from each tower should attend. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton. Will all please notice change of address?

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Milton Clevedon bells also available.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Messrs. Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Grimsby District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. James' and Mary's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and 8 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Let us have all towers represented.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Boulby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Edenham, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. All welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1937 should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradford Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Goring, Oxon (8 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Streatley bells available. All visitors very welcome. Please notify number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Joiners' Arms Hotel at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong on Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings, Cripplegate, 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 26th.—J. B. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by the meeting, at 5.30 p.m. All district members are urged to attend, as the meetings for the year will be provisionally fixed. Other ringers will be cordially welcomed. To enable arrangements to be made for tea, *do please* let me have a card by the Thursday morning previous at the latest.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at Short Bros., 1s. per head. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Vicar of Leeds. Tea (1s. 6d.) in St. Peter's Hall, at 5 p.m., and the general meeting immediately after in the Parish Church Schools. Applications for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Armitage, 9, Beechwood View, Bury, Leeds, 6, before January 26th. Bells available: Parish Church (12), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The audit will take place in the schools at 11 a.m., and tea tickets will be issued there during the afternoon. As Leeds is the headquarters of the association, it is hoped there will be a really good attendance of members.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by January 27th, to H. J. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does *not* release our members from their duty to attend *their* meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.15 p.m. Please send me your numbers for tea by January 25th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me for tea by January 26th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Please let me know in good time to order your tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. *Please note:* A free tea for all who send a card by Wednesday, the 26th, to Mr. W. C. Duffield, Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, or H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Over, near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. G. Weston, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Eastern Counties buses pass church door; L.N.E. Railway station, Swavesey, one mile. Please notify me by Thursday, January 27th, you are coming.—Frank Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The 39th annual meeting will be held jointly with Peterborough Branch, at Warmington, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, please write by January 25th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook Rectory, Peterborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, January 29th. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Please notify for tea, Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, Cheshire.—K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged on the day. All ringers welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, c/o 3, Great Stanhope Street, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 29th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than January 27th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 29th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, January 25th, certain?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea (at 1s. per head) must notify me not later than Monday, January 24th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the president is shortly leaving this church.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, January 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Kirkby Mallory, recently augmented to six bells. The Rector is kindly providing tea, and hopes to welcome a good number to this meeting. Names for tea *must* be sent to me as early as possible. The date? I *nearly* forgot to send it—January 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, January 29th. Bells of St. Deny's (8) will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. each to all who notify the undersigned by Friday, February 4th.—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Tuesday, January 25th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, not later than Wednesday, January 26th.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 31st at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, February 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 1st. Other details later.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Hereford District will be held on Saturday, February 5th, when the programme will be as follows: Bells available: Hereford Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church, 4.15 to 4.55 p.m. Further ringing at All Saints' tower (8) except for Diocesan Guild committee members, for whom there is a meeting at the Booth Hall at 5 p.m. (Committee members will be notified direct by the Master of the Guild.) For other ringers the bells of All Saints' Church will be available till 5.25 p.m. Tea at the Booth Hall at 5.30 p.m., price 6d. (to those notifying me by Tuesday, February 1st), followed by the annual meeting of the district. After the meeting the following towers will be available for ringing: Hereford Cathedral (for 8 and 10 bellringing) and All Saints' (for 6 and 8 bellringing), 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. As there is no ringing at St. Nicholas' tower in the evening, will the members ringing there in the afternoon kindly sink the bells before leaving at 4 p.m.?—R. H. Stickley, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Book the date, February 5th. Longton bells (8) will ring any method. One minute bus service, and main line trains, Crewe to Derby (L.M.S.), all stop on the doorstep. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Cambridge.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Victory Hall at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, January 31st.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, February 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from K. Thacker, Corner House, Reeves Avenue, Newcastle, and A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (6s. each) will be available at the annual meeting on January 22nd.—Norman Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

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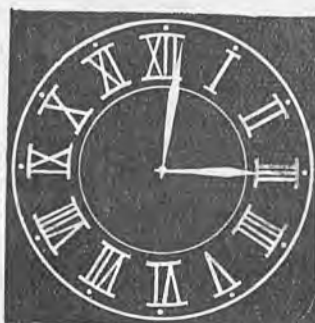
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### DISTRICT ORGANISATION.

Many associations, at this time of year, are holding their annual district meetings, and varied reports of success and disappointment are forthcoming. It is in the districts that the real strength of the ringing organisations can be tested, and it is the district officers who are the first to feel the changes which, from time to time, inevitably affect the fortunes of the societies. Indeed, it is in the districts that the real work is carried on; and success or otherwise in these smaller areas is the best index of the prosperity of an association as a whole. The reason is not far to seek. Where ringers are interested in district affairs and support the local meetings, they can be relied upon to give their active support to the parent organisation. If the members of a district show apathy over local matters, there is little hope of their being any more enthusiastic in the affairs of their association. Keenness in a district usually means a live interest in the association as a whole.

Numerous reports on district affairs are now appearing in our columns, and if they are studied, the varied conditions prevailing in the different areas will be found not only interesting but to offer food for thought. In some cases membership is dwindling; in others it is growing with a gratifying influx of young blood; in some places there are satisfactory reports on the conditions of the various rings of bells; in others there are regrettable stories of peals allowed to remain in a state of disrepair; disappointing meetings give a pang to officials in some areas; in others there are congratulations upon well-attended gatherings. And so the story changes from place to place. Viewing them as a whole, there is no reason for despondency; but from most of them there are lessons to be learned.

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GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	LESLIE W. MORRIS ... .. 8
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WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 10
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Maximus.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
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*TREVOR NEWBERRY ... .. 4	HENRY BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ISAAC WHALLEY ... .. Treble	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 6
ROBERT PARKINSON ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	*CHARLES BROWNLOW ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JACK A. STIRLAND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 5
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THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 6
SIDNEY E. ROMANS ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

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HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 3	THOMAS MATHER ... .. 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

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On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
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Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 3	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Tenor

Non-Conducted.

The first non-conducted peal in the method by all the band and by the Guild.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD W. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

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

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... .. Treble	A. JOHN FORD ... .. 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 6
CHARLES MEE ... .. 3	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 7
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... .. 4	*HENRY COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Mee and the conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	FRANK TWIGG ... .. 5
G. LEONARD BURGESS ... .. 2	*HARRY ASHTON ... .. 6
HIRAM MEAKIN ... .. 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 4
PETER LAFLIN ... .. 4	†CHARLES BELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Treble	ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 5
HUGH REYNOLDS ... .. 2	CECIL RADDON ... .. 6
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 4	ERIC W. YATES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.  
THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD  
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL, ON THE FRONT EIGHT,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B.

P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Treble	EX-P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... .. 5
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 2	P.C. EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 6
P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... .. 3	P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7
*P.C. JOHN CARTER ... .. 4	P.C. FRANK YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method and first of Triples on the new bells.

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## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	HARRY BAKER ... .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. L. J. Honess and Miss E. C. Heyman, who were married the same afternoon at St. James' Church, Staple, Kent.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## LEYTONSTONE.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. Treble	*CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON ... 5
GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 2	ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4	†CECIL N. AUSTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. D. SMITH

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. H. E. Newton, late churchwarden of St. John's, who died on January 5th, 1938.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6
*HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
†JOHN LUCK ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and augmented.

## CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK ATWELL	Elected Master 1901	... .. Treble
JOHN W. JONES	" " 1898	... .. 2
FRANK J. BAILEY	" " 1922	... .. 3
CHARLES H. PERRY	" " 1928	... .. 4
ALBERT J. PITMAN	" " 1926	... .. 5
TOM PAGE	" " 1910	... .. 6
JOHN PHILLIPS	" " 1931	... .. 7
SEYMOUR R. BARKER	" " 1932	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

First peal for the association rung by Past Masters.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.—On Tuesday, December 21st, 720 Bob Minor: Ethel Tucker (first 720) 1, Harrison Smith 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, S. White (conductor) 5, E. Wood 6.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, different callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*F. BARRON ... .. Treble	H. BARLOW ... .. 4
H. REYNOLDS ... .. 2	H. NOBES ... .. 5
*C. REYNOLDS ... .. 3	C. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. BARKER.

\* First peal.

## LEA, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob rung alternately, with 16 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*MISS KATHLEEN M. SMITH Treble	MRS. ETHEL GRAY ... .. 4
GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 2	NOEL B. THURBY ... .. 5
†JOHN BARTRAM ... .. 3	*W. MARTIN SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. L. A. LUNN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles.

## LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNWYD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, with ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODRICK ... .. 4
*ERNEST G. EDMUNDS ... .. 2	*JOHN RYLAND ... .. 5
DONALD F. FERGUSON ... .. 3	*JOHN DAVID ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

## THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Treble	†LEONARD E. SHARPE ... .. 4
*RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	*ERNEST J. DURRANT ... .. 5
MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... .. 3	†WALTER F. DOWNS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

\* First peal away from treble. † First peal.

## TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 4
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung as a peal of welcome to the new Rector, the Ven. Archdeacon R. V. R. Burne.

## MESSINGHAM, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD MORWOOD ... .. Treble	C. BERT CHESTER ... .. 3
FRED LACEY ... .. 2	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4
FRANK LORD ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

First peal of Doubles by all but the conductor. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

SPROUGHTON, IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD... ..Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all except 5th ringer.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,  
Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*ERNEST J. LAMBERT ... ..1 treble	†REGINALD H. HOWSON ... .. 4
†JOHN HIGGINS ... .. 2	†RALPH FODDY ... .. 5
ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

\* First attempt for a peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Minor methods. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

FRANT, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS ... ..Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 4
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2	*FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
*GEORGE BEENY ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Marquess of Abergavenny.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Being six six-scores each of Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and 24 of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD W. COLLIS ... ..Treble	†FRANK LONG ... .. 4
FRANK BAILESS ... .. 2	JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 5
*FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Warwick.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being eight extents of Plain Bob and 34 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*TOM SHERMAN ... ..Treble	BERT DEAN ... .. 3
*CYRIL A. HURST ... .. 2	GEORGE EASY ... .. 4
ALBERT HURST ... .. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. HURST.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

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**HANDBELL PEALS.**

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND.

On Monday, December 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 9, BALMORAL STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

*CHARLES WILDE ... ..1-2	*JOSEPH WHIPP... .. 5-6
JAMES S. WILDE ... .. 3-4	*JOHN GRIMES ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. S. WILDE.

\* First peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

*MICHAEL FREEMAN ... .. 1-2	†JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5-6
†JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Witness—Mrs. R. Richardson.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First eight-bell peal 'in hand.'

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

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

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 7-8

\*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..9-10

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

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

Tenor size 14 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	*MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. STEDMAN MORRIS,  
202, FOSSE ROAD SOUTH,

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

Tenor 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD ... ..1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... ..1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN... .. 5-6
†FRED PRICE ... .. 3-4	†ALLAN SHORT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Sunday, January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's: Mrs. A. G. Bray 1, F. Corke 2, A. G. Bray 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, W. S. Childs 5, C. E. Nicholls (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

### A HANDBELL PEAL IN NEW ZEALAND.

By far the most interesting performance recorded in our columns this week is a handbell peal of Bob Major rung in New Zealand, and we are certain that the congratulations of every ringer in this country will go out to the little company who have accomplished this noteworthy achievement.

This is, we believe, the first handbell peal rung double-handed in any of the Dominions overseas, the only other handbell peals we can recall being those rung at Johannesburg by the Rev. Canon Ridout and members of his church.

The peal in New Zealand was rung at Dunedin, where there are no church bells hung for ringing, and it was rung in the home of that veteran enthusiast, Mr. James S. Wilde, who composed and conducted it.

Mr. Wilde is a native of Cheshire, and before he went to New Zealand between thirty and forty years ago did yeoman service in promoting the art of ringing in that part of the country. Although so far removed from any centre of ringing, Mr. Wilde's interest has never flagged, and he has continued to keep close touch with every development. As our readers know, he is a composer of no mean capacity, and has obtained peals of Cambridge Surprise Major as well as various other Surprise peals of merit.

The other three ringers who took part with him scored their first peal. They were Charles Wilde, Joseph Whipp and John Grimes. We hope this peal is but the first of many. In a modest note which accompanies the report, Mr. Wilde says: 'The peal was well and truly rung.'

It is interesting to see Drayton, Berkshire, in the peal news again. Middleton's 5,056 of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung there on Saturday, January 15th.

The late Rev. F. E. Robinson was Vicar of Drayton for many years, and in his days, of course, many peals were rung on this light ring, of which he himself gave the treble and tenor.

The first 'clerical' peal was rung there in 1884, and a record length of London Surprise (11,328) in 1896. On one occasion three peals were rung there in a day.

After making all sorts of youthful records in peal ringing, Edwin A. Barnett has just called his first peal of Grandsire Triples. This was rung at Beckenham, Kent. Of how many other methods, Surprise and otherwise, he has called peals, we have no notion, but he has rung 99 Surprise peals, and not one of them on the treble.

His century in this department would have been completed on January 13th had a peal of Pudsey come home at Egham, Surrey, but two bells changed course after a couple of hours.

This was intended as a compliment to the Editor of this journal on his 60th birthday, and he appreciates the kindness of the band who rang the peal of Grandsire at Beckenham in making this a birthday peal for him.

Another birthday peal on Saturday was one of London Surprise Major rung at Halstead, Essex, as a compliment to Mrs. Snowden. Miss Hilda Snowden and Mr. Claude Snowden rang in the peal.

Mr. Charles Mee, the Suffolk stalwart, and Mr. Frank L. Fisher shared in a peal in honour of their birthdays at Ufford on Saturday.

A non-conducted peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Old Windsor on Saturday. With the great advances made in method ringing it is a wonder that more peals of all sorts are not rung without a conductor.

Only two peals have been rung at Tattenhall, Cheshire, the first in 1909, shortly after the ring was augmented and restored, and the second on Tuesday of last week. Messrs. Walter Thomas and James Morgan took part in both peals.

Miss Kathleen Smith rang her first peal at the first attempt on January 8th. She is the first lady in Lea (Lincs) to ring a peal, and the conductor, Mr. G. L. A. Young, is believed to be the first ringer in Lea to ring a peal. These two ringers and Messrs. N. B. Thurlby and W. M. Smith are regular ringers at this church. The last named also scored his first peal.

### ANOTHER PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

Past Masters of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Cardiff on January 20th. Those who took part were F. Atwell (St. Woolos', Newport), J. W. Jones (All Saints', Newport), F. J. Bailey (Whitchurch), C. H. Perry (Bridgend), A. J. Pitman (Aberavon), T. Page (Pentre), J. Phillips (Cardiff), S. R. Barker (Cardiff).

The two seniors, J. W. Jones (Master in 1898) and F. Atwell (Master in 1901), rang their first peal together in 1895, 43 years ago, at St. Woolos', Newport, conducted by the 'evergreen' Tom Hibbert, of Reading. This Past Masters' peal was the first of Stedman Triples to be rung on Cardiff bells conducted by a local ringer.

Michael Freeman, son of Mr. John A. Freeman, of Lincoln, who rang a handbell peal of Minor last August, a week before his twelfth birthday, has now rung the trebles to a peal of Bob Major 'in hand.'

Another member of the Lambert family has rung his first peal of Minor. On January 15th Ernest J. Lambert, of Cosgrove, rang the treble to a peal in seven methods.

The second peal on the six bells at St. Cynwyd's Church, Llangynwyd, Glamorganshire, was rung on January 10th, and three of the local band took part, scoring their first peal.

The four 'long distance' men who took part in the peal of Stedman Triples at Bolton on January 8th were kindly provided with an excellent tea at the Vicarage, after ringing, through the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. — Harper, M.A. Much credit was given to the tenor man (Mr. Charles Brownlow), whose longest touch on the bell previously was only ten minutes.

After meeting short for a peal of Caters at Worsley, Lancs, on January 15th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight. H. Reynolds came from Stockport, S. Harrison and C. Raddon from Warrington; the rest were of the local band.

To the memory of the late Marquess of Abergavenny, of Eridge Castle, Sussex, who met with a fatal accident in the hunting field, a half-muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at the neighbouring church of St. Alban, Frant, on January 15th.

On the front eight of the new ring of twelve at Manchester Town Hall members of the National Police Guild rang a peal of Stedman Triples on January 15th. The band included P.C.'s Birkett and Butler, of the Liverpool City Force, the remainder being active members of the Manchester City Force, except Mr. J. Wilson, who recently retired.

The City Police are responsible for the official ringing at Manchester Town Hall.

Mr. H. E. Newton, formerly churchwarden of St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, took great interest in the scheme for adding two bells at that tower as a memorial to the late Mr. William Pye. Mr. Newton died, after a very brief illness, on January 5th, and a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory on January 17th.

Another muffled peal was that on January 11th at Barnwood, Glos., where Mr. John Austin called Parker's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of Mrs. F. H. Fowler, wife of a former Vicar of the parish.

Handbell peals by married couples are not entirely a fresh departure in ringing, but they are sufficiently uncommon to be worthy of note. Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas rang a peal of Bob Major at Surfleet on January 16th.

By the way, is the peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' at Aston, to be the forerunner of another burst of handbell peals in the Birmingham district such as have been witnessed in the past?

### 'TING, TOG, PLUFF.'

Messingham, Lincolnshire, where a peal of Doubles was rung on January 13th, has five bells. Concerning the bells in this church there is a curious old legend, which North, in his 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' recalls. A traveller passing through Messingham on a Sunday a long, long time ago, noticed three men sitting on a stile in the churchyard and shouting, 'Come to church, Thompson! Come to church, Brown!' and so on. Surprised at this, the traveller asked what it meant, and was told that, having no bells, this was the way they called folks to church. The traveller remarked that it was a pity such a fine church should have no bells, and asked them if they could make three bells for the church, promising to pay for them himself. This they undertook to do. They were a tinker, a carpenter and a shoemaker respectively. When next the traveller came round he found the three men ringing the three bells, which said, 'Ting, Tog, Pluff,' being made respectively of tin, wood and leather.

Messrs. G. Kenward and T. E. Sone rang their fiftieth peal together on January 15th, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Frittenden, Kent, to celebrate the wedding of Mr. L. J. Honess, a member of the East Peckham band, and Miss E. C. Hayman, who were married the same afternoon at Staple.

Mr. Sone has now called Holt's Original four times 'round the circle' and rung it once non-conducted.

The bells at Willenhall, Staffs, were recast and augmented to ten last year just before the Coronation. The first peal on them since the opening was rung on the back eight on January 20th—a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Chris. Wallater.

Mr. John Luck, who belongs to the local band, was only ringing Bob Minor when the bells were dedicated, but, being anxious to take part in the first peal on the new bells, he started to learn Stedman, with the happy result that his first peal has coincided with the first peal on the bells.

Mr. Harry Griffiths, who rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, scored his first peal away from his own tower, St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Sproughton, Ipswich, on January 14th, completed peals in this method from Minor to Maximus by Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. G. A. Fleming. It was arranged to celebrate the third anniversary of Miss Bowyer's entry into ringing.

Five members of the Little Shelford band rang a peal of Doubles, the first on the bells, at Meldreth, Cambs. on January 15th. Two of them scored their first peal and another his first as conductor.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at Hilgay on December 27th, was Alfred Bacon, not Langton as published.



**FOR BEGINNERS.****BREAKING AWAY FROM 'STONE'.**

Change ringing seems to present insuperable difficulties to some ringers who have been trained on call changes, but given the will to make progress there is no reason why even the most 'stone' band (and we do not use this term offensively) should not get on to half-pull ringing.

There are still quite a number of towers where the ringers are content to produce their changes from figures displayed on cards, but with a little help and encouragement many of these could be turned into change ringing towers. The principal difficulty is usually to get the ringers to make the first move.

It is hardly likely, we suppose, that ringers of this type are readers of 'The Ringing World,' and, therefore, will study these notes, but there may be cases where this and other appropriate articles could be brought to their notice by others who are interested.

As a first and easy 'break away' from the card system, or call changes, we would recommend a series of 'exercises' by which the ringers try the experiment of whole pull ringing.

Let the treble, at the outset, continue to lead and the tenor to cover, while the other bells ring in whole pulls over or under the adjoining one. Thus the 2nd would strike a whole pull over the treble (under the 3rd) and then a whole pull over the 3rd; while the 3rd would first have a whole pull over the 2nd and then a whole pull under it (over the treble). Similarly, the 4th and 5th could change, the 4th first over the 3rd and then over the 5th; and the 5th first over the 4th and then under it (over the 2nd which will then be striking over the 3rd).

When this can be done successfully by a change at every whole pull, the next step may be by changing pairs in another way: One and two; three and four; five and six, the pairs striking a whole pull alternately over each other. This should be practised until it can be done with the maintenance of good rhythm; in other words, with good, clean striking and proper leading.

When a satisfactory stage has been reached in this 'exercise,' the band can proceed to do the same thing in half-pulls. By this means they will learn to get that extra control over their bells which good change ringing requires, in order to 'place' a bell in its exact position at each stroke.

In the next article we will endeavour to show how, from this stage, it is possible to begin 'hunting,' which is the foundation of change ringing.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S EXPERIMENT.****SUCCESS OF A WEDNESDAY MEETING.**

Brighton formed the ground for a new experiment by the Sussex County Association in the holding of a Wednesday meeting by the Southern Division on January 19th. An excellent attendance of 35 ringers made one of the most successful gatherings of recent times. Members were present from Brighton (St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd), Lindfield, Shoreham, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Worthing, Rotherfield, Balcombe, Seaford, Lewes and two visitors from Essex.

St. Peter's tower was open during the afternoon, and ringing included Surprise Major, and Caters and Royal on the ring of ten bells.

At the business meeting the Rev. W. J. R. Allen presided, supported by Mr. W. Cole, of the Good Shepherd Church Council, and Mr. J. T. Rickman, late Master of the association.

New members were elected as follows: T. Baker and R. Peckham, Maresfield; R. Davies (non-resident), Croydon; Mrs. Barnes and Miss Lish, Henfield; F. D. Gardner, J. S. Gardner and J. F. Upton, Shoreham; and the Vicar of the Good Shepherd Church (honorary member).

In view of the success of this Wednesday meeting, it was proposed that, of the four quarterly meetings, two should in future be held on Wednesdays, one to be in Brighton in January, and the second at some other place. Henfield was offered, and, pending more precise arrangements, accepted.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the clergy for the use of the bells and the service, and to the organist for the music. This was put by Mr. Rickman and carried with acclamation.

Service was held at the Good Shepherd Church and followed the new association form. Both the lesson and the text of the address were taken from a new translation of the Bible. The Vicar gave a brief and unusual address, his subject being co-operation in the friendship of Christ, which was, he said, the foundation of the tower of life built on the spirit of prayer. Unity of work in all branches of the Church's life was an essential if progress was to be made.

The eight bells of the Good Shepherd (13½ cwt. in F, by Mears and Stainbank, 1925), together with the whole of the church and its fittings, stand as a memorial to the late Vicar of Preston, Brighton, and were given by his widow, Mrs. Gerald Moore. The Harrison organ is shortly to be completed by a provision made in the will of this generous donor, who died 18 months ago.

During the evening the bells were rung in methods ranging up to London Surprise, but rounds and the plain methods were not neglected.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Royal Cumberland Youths had a very successful annual meeting in London on Saturday, when about 70 members and friends were present. Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and Mr. Norman Summerhayes, who has been acting hon. secretary since the death of Mr. George Card, was elected as secretary. The annual dinner of the society is to be held on March 19th at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild is to be held at Hillingdon on April 30th.

East Tytherley, in Hampshire, where at present there are no ringers at all, years ago nearly provided ringing history—but only nearly. It might have been the first tower in which three Surprise peals were rung in a day. Cambridge and Superlative were duly brought off, but the London failed after nearly two hours.

Mr. Arthur Symonds, the Lavenham veteran, celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday. He was formerly Master and instructor at Lavenham tower for upwards of 50 years, and two succeeding generations of his family are following in his footsteps.

## B.B.C. AND RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper to support the leading article Jan. 7th issue? I have read with great interest Mr. Lewis' remarks with reference to the B.B.C. and Ancient Society of College Youths and ringing generally, and give my full support on the subject.

It is also a very interesting coincidence that this article should appear on the eve of a great annual gathering of ringers at Bristol, where ringing and ringers are held in high esteem throughout the Exercise.

On the Sunday following the Bristol dinner, 1937, there was a broadcast at 9.25 a.m. on the National wavelength from an ancient city church, St. Peter's, and the ringing was such as described in your article, 'not only a poor advertisement of the craft, but a disgrace.'

The same kind of thing happened about 15 months ago at All Saints', when the ringing was a perfect disgrace to a city of churches and bells.

It is this kind of performance that does no end of harm to the Exercise, and I endorse the president's suggestion that the B.B.C. would be well advised to have the opinion of a fully qualified ringer or association official before proceeding to accept it for granted that everything will be 100 per cent. efficient.

A lot of the trouble is due to the incumbents concerned, who do not understand or take any interest in ringing, and in consequence are the cause of inflicting a terrible row on the ordinary listener, as well as to other members of the Exercise, who are hoping to hear something worth while.

I hope Mr. Lewis' criticisms sent to the B.B.C. will have the effect of a step being taken in the right direction, and that associations and guilds under whose supervision these 'bell broadcasts' are made will see to it that nothing but the best is good enough.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

Bristol.

## AUSTRALIAN LADY RINGER MARRIED.

### WEDDING OF MISS FREY SHIMMIN.

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on January 7th, of Miss Jean Frey Shimmin, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Shimmin, of Macgregor Street, East Malvern, and Mr. David Cedric Switson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Switson, of 13, Bramerton Road, Caulfield.

Miss Shimmin has been for some years a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, and took part in the memorable peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at the Cathedral on Armistice Day, 1934, by a band of six Australian and six English ringers. It was her first and (up to the present) only peal, and, despite lack of experience in twelve-bell ringing, she performed splendidly. Mr. Switson, also, is now a member of the society, and both took part in the ringing in of 1938.

The Precentor, the Rev. H. O. Hole, officiated at the wedding, at which the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white georgette with a circular skirt falling into a three-pointed train. A separate train, falling from a panel at the waistline, was made up of alternating bands of satin and shirred georgette. Her misty tulle veil was caught to her head with a circlet of frangipani, and white gladioli and water lilies formed a fragrant sheaf.

Miss Vida Ritchie, who was the only bridesmaid, wore a gown of dew-drop net made over an underslip of green taffetas. The gladioli in her headdress of green net were matched by those in the sheaf of pastel-coloured gladioli which she carried. Mr. Robert L. Shimmin, the bride's elder brother, was best man. After the ceremony, guests were entertained at a reception and dance at Grosvenor.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung in honour of the bride and bridegroom, touches of Grandsire Caters being rung both before and after the service.

The Cathedral ringers presented Miss Shimmin with a case of fish knives and forks and a cut-glass crystal cake stand. From the English members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society she received a suitably engraved silver bell inkstand.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—3.

## FRANK BENNETT.

Over a period of nearly 50 years Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, has been in the forefront of the Exercise as a conductor; indeed, there are very few men with his all-round ability in this sphere. All methods come alike to him, and he is one of those endowed with an almost uncanny capacity for correcting mistakes. Moreover, his conducting is always done from one of the working bells, for 'tenor' ringing has never been one of the things he has aspired to.

With his ability as a conductor, Mr. Bennett combines exceptional skill as a composer and is the author of many peals in a variety of methods, from Bob Major to London Surprise.

Born at Basingstoke, Hants, in 1869, he first visited the belfry there on St. Nicholas' Eve, 1885, and became a pupil of the late Mr. Henry White (whose daughter, Alice, was the first lady to ring a tower-bell peal). While learning to handle a bell, Mr. Bennett spent several evenings a week with handbells, and had rung several touches of Bob Minor before he was able to ring rounds on tower bells. When just able to ring Grandsire Triples, Mr. Bennett moved to Guildford, where he joined the band at S. Nicolas' Church.

It was not until March 2nd, 1889, that he rang his first peal. It was at S. Nicolas', Guildford, and was conducted by Mr. George Williams. In this four of the local band scored their first peal. Mr. Bennett's first peal as conductor was Grandsire Triples at Weybridge, three months later, and on October 3rd in the same year he called the first local peal at S. Nicolas'. Other first local peals followed, and while Mr. Bennett was attached to the company, the bells were increased to ten.

The following year (1895) Mr. Bennett went to live in Brighton and became associated with the band at St. Peter's, which were busy making ringing history. During the twelve years he then spent in Brighton, Mr. Bennett took part in no fewer than 409 peals, the most notable being the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, and the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster and Bristol Surprise ever rung.

In one of the Sussex 'ringing weeks,' when St. Peter's Society used to start for a peal each evening at different towers, Mr. Bennett took part in seven Surprise peals in different methods rung in eight attempts. Remember, that was 40 years ago!

When he went to live at New Cross in 1907, Mr. Bennett built up a Surprise band which achieved a high standard and rang many peals in a great variety of methods in London. At St. Clement Danes Mr. Bennett called the first peals of Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Kent County Association.

Mr. Bennett has taken part in many peal ringing tours, and for the last ten years has himself organised very successful ringing weeks. As one result he has rung peals in all the counties in England, in seven in Wales and six in Ireland, and conducted peals in all the English counties except two. While touring in Ireland he took part in the first peals of Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques at St. Patrick's Cathedral, which were the first twelve-bell peals rung out of England.

Altogether Mr. Bennett has rung 1,435 peals in 519 towers, and has conducted 837 in 383 towers.

From 1907 to 1914 Mr. Bennett was hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths and represented the society on the Central Council from 1909 to 1914, having previously represented the Sussex Association from 1906 to 1908. For ten years he served the Sussex Association as peals secretary. After returning to Brighton Mr. Bennett attached himself to St. Nicholas' Society.

One other thing, at least, in connection with his long and distinguished ringing career must be mentioned. Mr. Bennett taught his daughter, Elsie (now Mrs. Frank Hairs), to ring, and, as most of our readers are aware, she quickly became one of the most brilliant lady members of the Exercise.

Next week: Mr. George R. Newton.



MR. FRANK BENNETT.

## PEALS IN 1937.

## CORONATION BRINGS BIG INCREASE.

The number of peals rung during the year 1937 was 153 greater than in 1936. This was doubtless due in large measure to the number rung in celebration of the Coronation.

The total was 1,902, of which 1,841 were rung on tower bells, and 61 on handbells. While the latter is 14 less than in 1936, the former shows an increase of 167. The following table shows the details for the last three years:—

	1937		1936		1935	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus ...	16	1	9		9	1
Cinques ...	48	1	35		35	5
Royal ...	77	8	54	6	46	8
Caters ...	66	8	91	11	82	7
Major ...	691	25	618	37	669	41
Triples ...	311	13	305	7	376	12
Minor ...	463	5	412	10	381	5
Doubles ...	169		150	4	183	3
	1,841	61	1,674	75	1,781	82
Totals ...	1,902		1,749		1,863	

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 15th, at that old and well-known village of Repton, Derbyshire. The newly-restored ring of eight by Taylor and Co. was kept fully occupied by members and friends who journeyed far despite the rough and boisterous weather. Methods were rung to suit all comers.

The committee met in the afternoon and carried through their customary routine business. It was decided to print the annual report as usual. The hon. secretary asks all members who note any errors in the last report to make these known to him so that they will not be repeated.

Several long standing and old ringing members were transferred to the list of hon. life membership.

It was resolved that the members of the association, through the secretary, ask the Central Council to publish their agenda at least one month before the annual meeting of the Council. This would enable various association representatives to have a little time to discuss points of importance with members of their own associations and through the medium of 'The Ringing World.' It would also save much time at the Council meeting.

Tea was afterwards served in the Court Room, when about 60 sat down, representing the districts of Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Burton and Nottingham, as well as friends from outside places. It was followed by the general meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by the Vicar of Repton, the Rev. A. W. Fletcher, M.A., and Mrs. Fletcher, and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). It was regretted that Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) was prevented from attending through illness.

The president gave a 'racy' review of the last quarter's work, peals rung, etc. He noted that 32 peals had been rung in various methods from Doubles to Cambridge Royal, and particularly mentioned the efforts of the younger generation on the successful outcome of their peal attempts. At the other end of the scale he conveyed his congratulations to that 'young' veteran of 84 years, Mr. James George, on ringing several peals to mark his birthday. He also voiced the regrets of the members in the passing of Mr. A. Baker ('Ireneus Pistor'), of Ilkeston, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, both valued members of the association in their day. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and the local committee for making the meeting such a happy and successful one, especially conveying the thanks of all present to Mr. Donald F. Ferguson, captain of the local company and a respected honorary member of the association, for so generously providing tea. He deeply regretted that gentleman's inability to be present, but asked the secretary to convey their thanks.

The Vicar briefly replied, and gave everyone present a warm welcome to Repton, inviting the association to come again whenever they wished.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 27 ringing, six rejoins, six life, two honorary, were duly elected. Two auditors (Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean) were chosen to go through the past year's accounts. This terminated a most successful meeting, and further ringing ended a pleasant afternoon.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SONNING DEANERY TO CONTINUE COMBINED PRACTICES.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild can always rely upon a well-attended annual meeting, and this reputation was well maintained on Saturday week, when, as usual, the gathering was held at Wokingham. An inspiring service was held in All Saints' Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. Kenworthy) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (curate). The address was given by the Rev. P. J. Hepburne Scott, Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham, and a collection for the Branch Restoration Fund realised £1 5s. 10d.

Tea was partaken of at St. Paul's Parish Room, the catering being undertaken by members of the church. The visitors were given a welcome by Mr. A. H. Newberry (churchwarden), and Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch) cordially thanked those who had kindly and generously provided and served the tea. Thanks were also accorded to the Rectors of All Saints' and St. Paul's.

Canon Coleridge presided at the business meeting, and was supported by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Deputy Master of the Guild), Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. W. J. Paice (branch secretary and treasurer), and a representative gathering of members. There were visitors from Aldershot, Bagshot, Caversham, Reading, Sunbury, Southsea, Stoke Poges and Uxbridge.

A message of sympathy was sent to the Rev. R. L. Majendie, Rector of Sandhurst, who has undergone an operation.

The balance sheet, presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer, showed receipts from members' subscriptions amounting to £17 7s. Half of this was remitted to Guild funds. The balance of £9 7s. 7d. from 1936 was reduced to £8 16s. 8d. at the end of 1937. The Restoration Fund deposit account had been increased from £9 15s. 6d. to £11 8s. 2d.

The balance sheet was adopted, as was also the hon. secretary's report, which stated that there were 28 honorary and 140 ringing members. One peal of Bob Major had been rung during the year. A successful meeting was held at Binfield in June, but the combined practices had been poorly supported by members. The report reminded members that the chairman had been with them for 44 years and expressed the hope that Canon Coleridge would be spared to them for many more years. The report concluded with thanks to foremen of towers for their ready help.

The Rural Dean (Canon J. A. Anderson), in proposing the re-election of the chairman, thanked him for the many years he had helped them and hoped that for many years he would continue (applause).—Mr. F. Dentry seconded and the appointment was carried with acclamation.—The Chairman, in responding, remarked, 'I think my head is all right, although my legs are not.' He said he would do his best for the branch.

Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer on the motion of the chairman. Mr. Paice expressed thanks for the confidence shown in him and for past kindnesses from the members.

The Branch Committee was appointed by the election of the foremen of the towers as last year, with the exception that Mr. T. Tilley replaces Mr. R. Darvill as foreman of the tower at Waltham St. Lawrence. Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White were unanimously re-elected as branch representatives on the Guild General Committee.

A recommendation from the Branch Committee was then considered: 'That the application from the Warfield ringers to transfer, with their tower, from the East Berks to the Sonning Deanery Branch be accepted.'

The Guild secretary, in course of a discussion on procedure, gave his opinion that the matter lay between Mr. Barker and Mr. Paice (the two secretaries).

The following motion was submitted by the hon. secretary: 'That because of the poor support from members of the branch, combined practices be discontinued and three meetings held instead, in the months of March, June and September.'

This gave rise to considerable discussion, in which it was urged that the local people in some cases were conspicuous by their absence at the practices.

Mr. R. G. Cross, Mr. J. Moth and others advocated the continuance of the practices, and an amendment, 'That combined practices be continued and that three ringing meetings be held in the months of March, June and September,' was carried by the meeting, 32 voting for and no one against.

The value of 'The Ringing World' articles on the art of ringing and other matters was stressed by several of those present, one suggestion being that all meetings of the Deanery Branch be advertised in that journal. Another suggestion was that the Parochial Church Councils should provide a copy of 'The Ringing World' for every ringing member, in respect of the work each did for the church.

The Chairman, in response to a previous request, gave an extremely interesting report of the tercentenary celebration of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This was greatly appreciated.

Another member supplemented the above with an account of the Royal Cumberland Youths and their historical repercussions upon the other Ancient Society.—On the proposition of Mr. Dentry, Canon Coleridge was heartily thanked for his kindness.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

Three towers were open for ringing in Southampton when the annual meeting of that district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held. They were the rings of eight at Holy Rood and St. Michael's, and the ten at St. Mary's, and the methods rung by the many visitors ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major and Royal. Service was held in St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Guild treasurer, the Rev. Evan Jones.

After tea in St. Michael's Hall, Mr. George Williams (Master) presided over the business meeting.

Among those present were the Rev. Evan Jones, Messrs. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth District secretary), W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and G. Pullinger (district secretary).

Ringers attended from North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, New Alresford, Romsey, Winchester, Portsmouth, Wimborne, Swindon, Dibden, Purlieu, Lockerley, Mottisfont, Wickham, Titchfield, Eling and Upham, and there were welcome visitors in Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and W. Shute (Dorset).

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), in his report, said the year 1937 had been an uneventful one in the district. Some parishes had no difficulty in keeping bands up to strength and maintaining Sunday service ringing. Others were not so fortunate, and St. Michael's, Southampton, and East Tytherley had no ringers at all. Shortage of ringers in some towers meant lack of practice, thus lowering the standard of ringing. One way out of this difficulty appeared to be more inter-tower practices. The convenient centres where this idea could be carried out were Romsey, Dibden, North Stoneham and Southampton.

### BELLS NEEDING ATTENTION.

Meetings had been held at Mottisfont, Dibden, Lockerley, Netley Abbey and the annual at Southampton. All were fairly well attended. Generally speaking, the bells in the district were in good order, the exception being Mottisfont, which badly need expert attention.

During the year Mr. Connelly and Mr. Corrigan, both very active members and attached to the North Stoneham band, had left the diocese, and thanks were due to them for the great amount of work and time they gave to the cause of ringing during the period they resided in the district.

The financial position of the district was sound, the balance being £8. A total of 124 members paid their subscriptions, against 106 in the previous year, although several subscriptions are still outstanding. There are several keen young ringers coming along at various towers in the district, which augured well for the future. The district contains 16 towers, 11 of which are affiliated to the Guild.

The Rev. G. T. Tritton (Dibden) was re-elected chairman, Mr. G. Williams District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Pullinger hon. secretary and Mr. G. J. Fray auditor. Messrs. W. T. Tucker and L. Knott, both of North Stoneham, were elected representatives on the Executive Committee, Mr. Knott succeeding Mr. J. W. Faithfull, who resigned owing to the ties of business.

The meetings for 1938 were arranged as follows: North Stoneham, February 19th; Broughton, May 21st; Eling, July 16th; Romsey, November 29th; Holy Rood, Southampton (annual), January 14th, 1939.

Five members were elected, and Mr. F. Faustone and Mr. A. J. Corrigan were elected as compounding members.

A subscription to the funds of St. Michael's Church was voted as a mark of appreciation for the use of the room, and votes of thanks were proposed to Canon R. B. Jolly, the Rev. R. A. R. Spread and the Rev. F. S. Marle (of Dean).

### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th, members attending from Curdrige, Fareham, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Ryde, Southampton and Wickham. The Guild service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Provost (Canon T. H. Masters) officiated, and gave an address.

Tea was served in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. A. Rutherford, in the absence of the Provost.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were adopted, and all the officers re-elected en bloc. Messrs. H. G. Cooper, G. A. Park, P. W. Hallett, E. F. Dollimore (Cathedral), and A. G. Tull and C. B. Tull, of Fareham, were elected ringing members of the Guild. The election of Commander J. Bird as a life member was confirmed.

St. Mary's, Portsea, was selected for the next annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 21st, 1939.

The sum of £2 2s. was granted towards the Cathedral Appeal Fund. Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of the bells and officiating at the service, also to the organist and caterers.

The members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major.

CLYST HYDON, DEVON.—On Wednesday, December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Bond 1, R. Norrish 2, E. J. Jordan 3, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 4, H. Wheller 5, J. Salter 6. First quarter-peal for all, except the conductor, and first attempt.



## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CHANGE OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.

#### Bishop of Southwark on Need for Young Ringers.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell, where over 60 members and friends took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung were Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal. It was particularly gratifying that many members took the opportunity to ring their first course or touch in some new method.

At the service in the afternoon an address was given by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Parsons. The Bishop said he was pleased to have the opportunity to address the ringers and was anxious to do all he could to encourage the ringers of the diocese, as he was fully aware of the valuable service they rendered in calling the people to religion.

The majority of people in this country, said the Bishop, were proud of their bells, but complaints were sometimes received from a small minority. As long, however, as the bells were rung well, and not for excessive periods nor at unreasonable times, he ignored these complaints. The object of the ringers should be to ring regularly and well for Sunday services, and in this connection he pointed out that bad ringing was irreverent. In these modern times, when everything was changing, there was a danger of the art of bellringing becoming defunct, and to avoid this possibility it was imperative that as many young people as possible should be taught. It was advisable to teach a group of youngsters at the time, for it was often the case that one young recruit felt out of place among more experienced ringers, but this would not be so if he were with other youngsters.

The Bishop concluded his address by reminding the ringers that their efforts were to the glory of God, and that their chief endeavour was to ring regularly and well for Sunday services, thus calling the people to practice the religion they profess.

During the service two special bell hymns were sung, and at the conclusion a well-struck course of Stedman Triples on handbells was rung by the St. Giles' Society.

#### NEW DISTRICT MASTER AND SECRETARY.

About 50 people sat down to the tea provided in the Parish Hall, and it was a pleasant surprise for all that the Bishop was present. He also took the chair at the ensuing business meeting, but on account of other engagements was unable to stay to the end of the proceedings, and Mr. E. A. Young was deputed to take over.

In his report the retiring secretary, Mr. A. P. Cannon, stated that the ringing at meetings had not been as good as might have been expected, and that the attendance at these meetings, though better than the preceding year, was disappointing to the people who took the trouble to arrange them.

It was stated that the District Master, Mr. H. Mance, was indisposed, and that it was his wish, on account of pressure of business, not to stand for re-election. There was some competition for the vacant office, and, after a ballot, Mr. P. A. Corby was elected as the new District Master. The election of the other officers resulted as follows: Secretary, Mr. N. H. Manning; treasurer, Mr. E. R. Mackrill; steward, Mr. W. Essery.

It was decided to apply for All Saints and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, for the next meeting on April 2nd, or, as an alternative, SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham. The choice of the other towers for the remaining meetings during 1938 was left in the hands of the District Committee.

Mr. H. A. Holden and Mr. G. V. Murphy, both of Bexleyheath, and Mr. J. Gransbury, of Camberwell, were elected new members.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers for their services during the past year, to the Bishop for his kindness in addressing the members, and to Mr. T. H. Taffender for making the arrangements for the meeting.

A collection was made on behalf of the fund for rehanging the bells at St. George-in-the-East.

Afterwards further ringing took place at St. Giles' until 8.30 p.m., and an adjournment was then made to the local hostelry, where a room had been set aside for refreshment and entertainment. Here the handbells were made good use of, and Messrs. Waugh and Couzens entertained with some tune ringing. The dart board was put to good use, and Crayford proved that they can play darts as well as they can ring. One 'touch' on the dart board, in which some Northern District members were the performers, looked like developing into a peal—and a somewhat false one at that. Unfortunately the president of the N.U.T.S. found a banjo and an accordion, on which he persisted in displaying his musical abilities. However, all survived and a very successful and enjoyable meeting was brought to a close at 10.30 p.m.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

At Burnham, Bucks, on December 18th, for the wedding of Mr. G. H. Limmer (deputy captain of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was unfortunately lost. A quarter-peal of Bob Major (by A. H. Winch) was, however, rung: J. E. Taylor 1, P. A. Blamey 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, W. J. Norton 4, C. A. Burgess 5, B. O'Neill 6, F. D. Boreham 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. Messrs. Hawkins and Norton belong to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and F. D. Boreham to High Wycombe.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Vicar of Leeds. Tea (1s. 6d.) in St. Peter's Hall, at 5 p.m., and the general meeting immediately after in the Parish Church Schools. Bells available: Parish Church (12), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The audit will take place in the schools at 11 a.m., and tea tickets will be issued there during the afternoon. As Leeds is the headquarters of the association, it is hoped there will be a really good attendance of members.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does not release our members from their duty to attend their meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas', 4.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkwood 1959.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, January 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Over, near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. G. Weston, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Eastern Counties buses pass church door; L.N.E. Railway station, Swavesey, one mile.—Frank Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged on the day. All ringers welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, c/o 3, Great Stanhope Street, Bath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 29th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the president is shortly leaving this church.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, January 29th. Bells of St. Deny's (8) will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. each to all who notify the undersigned by Friday, January 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Kirkby Mallory, recently augmented to six bells. The Rector is kindly providing tea, and hopes to welcome a good number to this meeting. Names for tea *must* be sent to me as early as possible. The date? I *nearly* forgot to send it—January 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 31st at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 1st, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 3rd and 17th, St. Magnus'; 10th, Southwark Cathedral; 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, February 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Victory Hall at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, January 31st.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Bus leaves Tun. Wells Mon. Road, 2.28, also 2.42 from Cranbrook. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 1st.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Hereford District will be held on Saturday, February 5th, when the programme will be as follows: Bells available: Hereford Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church, 4.15 to 4.55 p.m. Further ringing at All Saints' tower (8) except for Diocesan Guild committee members, for whom there is a meeting at the Booth Hall at 5 p.m. (Committee members will be notified direct by the Master of the Guild.) For other ringers the bells of All Saints' Church will be available till 5.25 p.m. Tea at the Booth Hall at 5.30 p.m., price 6d. (to those notifying me by Tuesday, February 1st), followed by the annual meeting of the district. After the meeting the following towers will be available for ringing: Hereford Cathedral (for 8 and 10 bellringing) and All Saints' (for 6 and 8 bellringing), 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. As there is no ringing at St. Nicholas' tower in the evening, will the members ringing there in the afternoon kindly sink the bells before leaving at 4 p.m.?—R. H. Stickley, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 2nd, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—Annual meeting, Nottingham, Saturday, February 5th. Assemble 9 a.m. outside Council House, Old Market Square. Special buses for visit to Player and Sons' tobacco and cigarette factory. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Luncheon Milton Cafe, Milton Street, 1 p.m. prompt. Tea same place 5 p.m. Business meeting follows: Ringing, St. Peter's (10), 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Social and concert, Police Recreation Rooms, Guildhall, 7.45 p.m. to 11 p.m. Members and friends welcome. Notify Insp. H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester, stating time of arrival and departure, by first post, February 3rd.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? N.B.—Owing to an accident, the tenor may be unringable. Lea bells (6) will probably be available in the evening if required.—E. J. P. Davies, Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. V. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

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**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Steele, Hawthorne House, Caverswall Wood, Meir, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than February 2nd.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be at Wymeswold on February 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Court and send postcard for tea to me by February 3rd.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Church (8 bells) on Saturday, February 5th. Tea provided at 1s. each to those who send postcard to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, February 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringers requiring tea please advise by February 1st.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge. Will those requiring tea notify me before February 3rd?—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilpert on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (a nice little six) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be most welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Saturday, February 5th, 6.45 p.m. Visitors welcome. No subsequent notice.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (collection for Branch Bell Restoration Fund). Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 to 5 p.m. Please let me know by Wednesday, February 2nd, how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each, for which please notify the undersigned. Special invitation to Liverpool and Preston ringers.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea afterwards at the Duke's Head. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, before February 9th, and help foster this spirit of co-operation.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Please send your names to Mr. W. S. Palin, 1, School Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton (6 bells) on February 12th. Arrangement for tea will be made to all who notify Mr. J. Jollyis, Church Cottage, Broughton, by February 10th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea to be held at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane, Gorleston. It is particularly requested that names or numbers for tea will be sent by Thursday, February 10th. A postcard will oblige to J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, February 9th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Full details later. Committee meeting at Ealing on Wednesday, February 9th.—F. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting of the above district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispin's Chapel at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, February 10th? A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, *only please do not forget the postcard for tea.*—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th next. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (price 6s. each) available from J. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, 11.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. F. E. Darby is now Cromwell House, 77, Pound Street, Carshalton, Surrey.

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#### BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Although the weather was very rough, 23 members were present from the following towers: Cawthorne, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Rotherham, Wath, Wortley and the local company. The bells were rung in the afternoon, and the members attended a short service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Wilkinson). Tea in the Parish Rooms was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory, and the secretary's report showed that apart from the annual contest, 10 meetings had been held, the average attendance being 16. The members on the books totalled 176, but of these 29 were over two years in arrears.

The officers for 1938 were elected as follows: Hon. president, the Rev. W. E. Wilkinson (Rector of Barnsley); hon. vice-presidents, Capt. H. Potter and Major Rideal; president, Mr. C. D. Potter; secretary, Mr. D. Smith; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; auditors, Mr. E. Brookes and Mr. J. T. White.

After the usual vote of thanks, to which the Rector suitably replied, further ringing continued until 9 p.m. in various methods of Minor from Plain Bob to London, Ipswich, Durham and Chester Surprise, and Little Bob, Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Major. The most pleasing feature was to see the president, who is in his 80th year, take a rop for a course of Oxford Minor. The bells were lowered in peal at the end of a happy gathering.

The next meeting will be at Sandal on February 12th.

#### GLASGOW RINGERS' PROGRESS.

Members of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral Society, Glasgow, held their annual meeting in the Synod Hall, Glasgow, on Saturday, January 15th, when Messrs. William H. Pickett (captain), Henry F. Sargent (vice-captain) and Ernest A. Stafford (secretary and treasurer) were re-elected to their respective offices.

Under the captaincy of Mr. Pickett, the society, with a membership of 16 change ringers, has made steady progress. Last year they scored a peal of Grandsire Caters and a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. Another attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was also made, but lost through a change course after 55 minutes.

The bells were silent from June to November while being rehung on ball bearings. This work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in their usual efficient manner.

In view of the coming Empire exhibition to be opened at Glasgow by H.M. the King in May this year, the society take the opportunity of cordially inviting any ringers, visiting the city, to give them a 'look in.' A warm welcome awaits visitors. The address of the hon. secretary is 28, Seamore Street, Glasgow, N.W.



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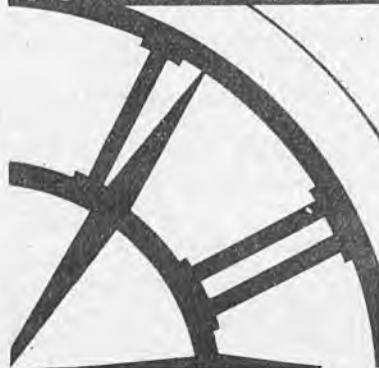
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We wish that the points from the address given by the Lord Bishop of Southwark at the recent meeting of the London County Association could be passed on to every ringer and to every incumbent in the country who has a ring of bells in his care. Seldom has a preacher put his finger on matters of vital import relating to our art better than did Dr. Parsons on that occasion. His words were not merely the customary platitudes on the value of ringers' work in the belfries; they contained some very pertinent advice. Summarised, his chief points may be stated thus: The chief endeavour of ringers should be to ring regularly and well for Sunday services; complaints, when bells were well rung at reasonable times, should be ignored; bad ringing is irreverent; as many young people as possible should be taught to ring, to save the art from becoming defunct, and youngsters should be taught in groups.

All this is sage counsel and will be heartily endorsed by those who have the true interests of ringing at heart. We need not traverse the whole of the points to which the Bishop directed attention; but we would like the clergy more fully to take Dr. Parsons' stand and ignore complaints when bells are well rung at reasonable times. We have heard recently of one or two determined attempts to get bells silenced. In each case, happily, the incumbent has refused to be stampeded, but we also know of weak-kneed clergy who, either through fear of action by opponents, or because they prefer the line of least resistance, have practically shut their towers. It is a stupid and mistaken policy. If the bells are unreasonably noisy—and there are some towers where this is the case—steps should be taken to modify the sound by one or other of the remedies which in these days can be taken at a perfectly moderate cost. If the bells are not at fault, then the clergy should have the courage to stand up to the objectors and decline to interfere with the reasonable ringing of his peal. We hope the Bishop of Southwark's pronouncement will stiffen the attitude of any clergy who may be wavering.

Let it be remembered, however, that Dr. Parsons qualified his position by the proviso that he referred to bells well rung. There is a great deal of indifferent ringing to be heard in these days which might be improved. Everyone has to learn, but not everyone learns enough. There is little excuse for the old hand who cannot tell whether he is striking his bell well or badly, and the pity is that so many of this type object to being told. If they would only remember that one is never too old to learn, and that if a way of improving their striking is pointed out

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GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6	WILLIAM CLOVER... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. Rung to  
celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. G. King

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JOHN GRUNDY ... .. Treble	LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 6
*GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 7
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HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 5	ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caterers and at the first attempt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

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\* First peal on ten bells.

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On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... .. Treble	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 2	JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 6
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FRANK J. GREEN ...	3	ALBERT J. GREEN ...	7
JOHN A. GREEN ...	4	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ...	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ...	...Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ...	5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ...	2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ...	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	HARRY HOVERD ...	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ...	4	DEREK M. SHARP ...	...Tenor

Composed by G. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. E. A. Barnett's 100th peal in a Surprise method.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ...	...Treble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	5
WILLIAM SMITH ...	2	*ALFRED BARRATT ...	6
JOHN SADDINGTON ...	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First Surprise peal. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Salter, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Narborough.

## WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	...Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	5
JACK M. CRIPPS ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	7
KENNETH SNELLING ...	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

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At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE ...	...Treble	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ...	5
CHARLES T. COLES ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ALFRED PRIOR ...	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	7
GEORGE R. PYE ...	4	JACK A. WAUGH ...	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46).

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

\* First peal in the method.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WORTH ...	...Treble	JACK TIPPER ...	5
*THOMAS TAYLOR ...	2	WILLIAM GAYES ...	6
*HARRY FARRER ...	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	7
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	4	†HEADLEY WOOD ...	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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## SILVERDALE, STAFFS.

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On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDON ...	...Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	5
THOMAS HURD ...	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	3	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	7
*JOHN G. CARLIDGE ...	4	ARTHUR W. HALL ...	...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLES ...	...Treble	ARTHUR HEYWOOD ...	5
*WILLIAM STRICKLAND ...	2	*JOHN H. FOSTER ...	6
*WILLIAM K. BOVILLE ...	3	JOHN POTTER ...	7
*ROBERT PARKINSON ...	4	PETER CROOK ...	...Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt except by R. Parkinson. First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND ...	...Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ...	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	6
JOHN WHEADON ...	3	E. GEORGE MORRAD ...	7
HORACE H. BARDEN ...	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. EDWARDS ...	...Treble	W. A. OLDFIELD ...	5
W. BIDNELL ...	2	P. PAGE ...	6
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*FREDERICK G. SMITH ... 2	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	*GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 5
GEORGE MOSS ... .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 7
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

\* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERNARD S. NICHOLS... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*THOMAS TIMMS ... .. 2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
FRANK SODEN ... .. 3	REGINALD JARVIS... .. 7
*WILLIAM DIXON ... .. 4	A. G. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD JARVIS.

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**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 6
GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*NORMAN TOMBLING ... Treble	BERTIE W. MARSH ... .. 5
†FREDERICK A. RALLISON ... 2	ROBERT MARSH ... .. 6
JACK A. HINDRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. 7
CHARLES E. COPEMAN ... 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... Treble	*STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 7
*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

CHUDDELEIGH, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. JOHN ANDREWS ... Treble	REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 2	JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 6
REV. E. V. COX ... .. 3	A. GEORGE BETTS ... .. 7
REV. C. CAREW COX... .. 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

A birthday compliment to Eric B. Hartley.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD ... Treble	*CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 5
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
*MISS G. E. M. TUNNADINE ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT ST. CHAD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 5
*W. JOHN ANDREWS ... .. 2	HENRY J. CORRY ... .. 6
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 3	†EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... .. 7
REV. E. V. COX ... .. 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD LUCK ... Treble	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 5
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2	JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 6
WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
†HENRY F. SOUTHALL ... 4	THOMAS J. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

D. REES JAMES ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... ..	5
*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... ..	2	ROBERT E. COLES ... ..	6
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	3	ERNEST STITCH ... ..	7
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... ..	4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Richard Evans, a much respected member of the local band for over 40 years, and to the memory of Mr. H. Bailey, father of the ringer of the 4th, who was buried the previous week at Yetminster, Dorset.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..	...Treble	JOHN R. STEAD ... ..	4
SHELLFORD SPARROW ... ..	2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... ..	5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... ..	3	FRANK W. J. ROPER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. W. J. ROPER.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*WALTER LYCETT ... ..	...Treble	*WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... ..	4
*THOMAS PRICE ... ..	2	†EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... ..	5
*FREDERICK PRICE ... ..	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 variations of calling and 24 six-scores of Grandsire, with 10 variations of calling. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT A. GODFREE ... ..	...Treble	*THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD ... ..	3
LESLIE FOSTER ... ..	2	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... ..	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... ..	...		Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK W. VERNON ... ..	...Treble	KENNETH W. MEYER ... ..	4
*S. GEORGE VESSEY ... ..	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	5
R. THOMAS VESSEY ... ..	3	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in seven methods inside.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes): A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. J. Bowden 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, J. G. Nash 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's called differently.

*ERNEST J. BESSEY ... ..	...Treble	ARTHUR HOWES ... ..	4
CHARLES F. FARROW ... ..	2	WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... ..	5
ERIC S. GOOCH ... ..	3	EDWARD HOWES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

\* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt

*HARRY FARRER ... ..	...Treble	JACK TIPPER ... ..	4
JOHN WORTH ... ..	2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... ..	5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... ..	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal and first attempt.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

T. REGINALD DENNIS ... ..	...Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	4
CHARLES W. COOK ... ..	2	*SIDNEY BROWN ... ..	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... ..	3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of London Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE SPARKES ... ..	...Treble	*CLIFFORD PARKMAN ... ..	4
CYRIL STEVENS ... ..	2	CLAUDE TARR ... ..	5
ALBERT TOUT ... ..	3	†DONALD JAMES ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells. A wedding compliment for G. Sparkes, who was married on Boxing Day.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SIDNEY FLINT ... ..	...Treble	*R. WILLIAM BARBER ... ..	4
*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... ..	2	CLIFFORD BIRD ... ..	5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HOUGH ... ..	...Treble	JACK BAILEY ... ..	4
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... ..	2	*WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO ... ..	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... ..	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

## BURTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## WADHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 4
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 14th wedding anniversary.

## WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	†CECIL N. AUSTIN ... 4
*REGINALD C. SHARP ... 2	*SIDNEY BROWN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

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

## STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MERVIN MALPASS ... Treble	†HORACE ROBINSON ... 4
DOUGLAS LUTON ... 2	†WALTER SMITH ... 5
†FREDERICK ROBERTS ... 3	DONALD MARSH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. MARSH.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

## COLNE ENGAINNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALEC M. GENERY ... Treble	HARRY CARTER ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	RALPH BIRD ... 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	THOMAS BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

## EXTON, RUTLAND.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Rutland Branch.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, and 1,440 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. TOWELL ... Treble	J. G. GEARY ... 4
*P. D. BALDOCK ... 2	*R. H. KNIGHT ... 5
J. H. BLUFF ... 3	A. L. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal of Minor.

## CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HERBERT C. BEARD ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 London Surprise, three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
ALAN BROMLEY ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 5
FRANCES BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. E. Lambert and Miss C. E. Keemar, which took place at St. Stephen's Church, Tonbridge, the same day.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES McGUINESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 154). Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Caters.

## OLD SURREY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of one of Surrey's oldest ringers. Albert Ellis, known for miles around as 'Biggy,' who had been a ringer at Charlwood for over 50 years, passed away on January 19th at the age of 69 after a short illness.

The interment took place at Charlwood on Saturday, January 22nd, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Grainger-Thompson).

As the cortege approached the church, the bells that 'Biggy' loved were rung fully muffled in rounds, and after the interment his wish was fulfilled by a touch of London Scholars' Pleasure, followed by 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, those taking part being R. Wickens, E. Illman, A. Knapp, W. Tuppen, A. Bull, H. Edwards.

'Biggy' will be remembered by all who knew him as the one who was never wrong and who generally managed to convince others that they were at fault. He was, however, once a 'great' ringer and a wonderful striker, but he had not taken a very active part in the Exercise for several years although he could generally be relied on to call a variety of methods on special occasions. He had rung a large number of peals during his career.

## DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER.

Mr. Richard Evans, leader of the St. Iltyd's band; Bridgend, for over 40 years, passed away on January 22nd at the age of 74 years after a long illness. He had rung about 30 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, of which he was a member almost from its formation.

Apart from his own illness, he had had much domestic trouble in the last 12 months of his life, having buried during that time his wife and only son.

Members of the local band attended the funeral, which took place on January 25th. He was buried close under the bells he loved so much. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory the same day.



## PEAL NOTES.

Arranged as a 17-method peal of Treble Bob Minor, a performance at Sutton, Cheshire, had perforce to be made one of seven extents of Bob Minor owing to one of the band being unable to start. It was, however, by no means wasted effort, for the emergency man called in, Harry Farrer, rang not only his first peal, but also his first touch of Minor.

Mr. Sidney Brown took part in a peal of London Surprise Minor at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on January 20th. He had not previously rung a 720 in the method. This peal was Mr. Frank Warrington's 240th.

A Wiveliscombe ringer, Mr. George Sparkes, who was married on Boxing Day, rang in a peal of Doubles on January 20th to celebrate his wedding. This was at Curry Mallet, and was the first peal on the bells. All the ringers were visitors. They came, two from Wiveliscombe, three from Milverton and one from West Buckland.

Not many ladies can claim to have 'circled' a tower, but Miss Dorothy Vessey has now rung all the bells to a peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts. On January 18th she rang the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. tenor to a peal in seven Minor methods.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, has called another unusual composition of Stedman Triples, which, although published in 'The Ringing World' on July 7th, 1922, is now rung for the first time. It is a short course, odd and even bob irregular six-part, with only two singles, by Mr. A. J. Pitman. The peal was rung at Bushey, Herts, on January 20th.

The one-part peal of Grandsire Triples composed by Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, and published in 'The Ringing World' on August 5th, 1921, was also called at Bushey, on January 27th, by Mr. Hibbert.

### EFFICIENT SILENCERS.

The bells of St. John's Church, Blackpool, have been in the tower over 70 years, but not until January 22nd was a peal of Double Norwich rung upon them, and it was only the second peal in the method ever rung in the Fylde, the first having been rung at Bispham in October, 1921.

St. John's Church almost adjoins Blackpool's famous Winter Gardens, where, during the peal, a matinee performance of 'Carmen' was in progress, given by the Universal Opera Company.

All cause for complaint, however, was removed by the use of Davis silencers (on the clappers of the bells, of course, not on the singers in the opera)—a great testimony to the efficiency of these appliances.

By the way, Mr. Norman Brown, a former ringer at Wigan Parish Church, is now a member of this Opera Company.

Geoffrey Harrison, the son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, after having rung the treble at the Foundry to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on January 21st, rang his first peal of Stedman Caters, at the first attempt, on the following day. It was his twentieth peal, and all of them have been rung within twelve months and before his reaching the age of 14 years.

By a coincidence this was his father's one hundredth peal for the Midland Counties Association.

It was on the bells of Loughborough Parish Church, where this peal was rung, that a record length of Stedman Caters was achieved in 1909. It consisted of 18,027 changes and occupied 12 hours and 18 minutes—the first time that one set of men had rung 'the clock round.' William Pye, who called the peal, rang the tenor, which is over 30 cwt.

'Teddy' Barnett has rung his one hundredth Surprise peal. He did this at his home tower of Crayford, which was very fitting, after having lost it elsewhere. He has not yet rung the treble to a peal in a Surprise method, but he has plenty of time in front of him—he is only 18.

In the peal at Newhall, Derbyshire, Mr. W. J. Dumolo, of the local company, rang his first peal of Minor and this in four methods. It is also interesting to note that Mr. J. Hough, who has called numerous peals of Minor, revisited his old tower and rang the treble.

We often read of 'first peal away from the treble,' but this week we record a peal at Wendens Ambo, Essex, in which Mr. A. E. Austin, of the Ely Diocesan Association, rang his 'first peal on the treble,' after having rung and conducted a great many peals from working bells.

### DEVON LAD'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.

John Andrews, who rang the treble to his first peal on eight bells at Chudleigh, Devon, on January 25th, is only 15 years of age and a member of the Rev. E. V. Cox's progressive band at Brampford Speke, where five of the band rang their first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor for practice on January 24th. His steadiness and accurate striking throughout were such as any experienced ringer might have been proud of. He is to be congratulated, too, on his ringing of the 2nd in the peal at Berry Pomeroy two days later, having never struck a blow before on an 'inside' bell in Major.

At Chudleigh the ringing chamber has a second approach to it from the gallery at the west end, and some anxiety was caused after an hour's ringing by the appearance of the sexton, who began to express himself about its being 'hot work.' A sharp invitation to stay as long as he liked, but to keep quiet, was accepted. Later on he disappeared for a few moments, to return with a chair, on which he subsided until the bells came round.

One of the founders of the Romney Marsh Guild, Mr. George Johnson, of Appledore, Kent, died on January 15th. A week later a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his Parish Church as an expression of deep regret.

St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, comes into the peal news this week. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung there on January 22nd to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. King. It was Messrs. King and Harwood's 25th peal together. St. Nicholas is said to be the largest parish church in England.

We refer elsewhere to the passing of Mr. Richard Evans, of Bridgend, Glamorganshire. On the occasion of his funeral a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. It was a last tribute of his ringing friends and also a memorial peal to Mr. H. Bailey, who was buried the previous week at Yetminster, Dorset, where he was a ringer for many years. His son, Mr. Edward T. Bailey, took part in the peal.

The peal of Minor at Rougham, Suffolk, on January 15th, was the first on the bells since they were rehung.

In honour of the birth of Brian Crisp Lovett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lovett, of St. Saviour's, Jersey, a peal in eight methods of Minor was rung at Ranworth, Norfolk. Mr. Lovett was for some years a member of St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich. No more than four methods had previously been rung in a peal at Ranworth.

### GOOD GOING.

To conduct four peals in a week, just in the ordinary course of ringing, is pretty good going. Having begun with the peal at Ranworth on Thursday, January 20th, Mr. Nolan Golden then called peals of Cambridge Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major before the next Thursday came round. And in addition he took part in a peal of Treble Twelve!

The Treble Ten was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, where Mr. William E. Bason, who rang the second, has now rung each of the 13 bells to a peal.

The composition, by Mr. Golden, was rung for the first time and was in nine courses, with the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's, and all combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. It has been produced in two different ways with the same course-ends. Here are the figures:—

5,000	M	W	H	5,040	M	W	H
54326		2	2	54326		2	2
25346			†	25346			†
42563	2	2	2	42563	2	2	2
24365	2		2	24365	2		2
23645		1	2	23645			†
52436	2	1	2	52436	2	1	2
35264	2	2	2	35264	2	2	2
32654			*	32654			†
23456	2		2	23456	2		2

† 6th's B 7th's 2W 2H. \* M In 5th's 2W 2H. † 6th's B 7th's 2W 1H.

Both contains 6th the extent in 5-6, without 2nd in 6th's, and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

Mr. W. J. Nudds, who was once well known among those who rang many peals with the Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association, but who was laid aside for a long period by serious illness, took part in a peal of Cambridge at Willesden on January 25th—his first peal of Surprise for nine years. Mr. Nudds was one of the band who rang the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, referred to elsewhere in these notes.

### KEEN BAND IN SOMERSET TOWER.

#### PRESENTATION TO MR. A. E. COLES.

The bellringers of Goathurst, Somerset, held their annual meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday evening, January 19th. After the election of officers for the current year and other business had been completed, the Rector (the Rev. E. de B. Saunderson), on behalf of the members of the tower, and Mr. R. G. Seymour, Rector's warden, presented Mr. A. E. Coles with a marble pen stand and pen. In making the gift, the Rector said they had asked Mr. Coles to meet them that evening, because they were not unmindful of all his great kindness and trouble through a number of years in his efforts to promote scientific bellringing amongst the ringers of their little village. It was a matter of great satisfaction to him (the Rector) and to the rest of their small community that at last Mr. Coles' efforts had been crowned with success. After a lapse of some 18 years the bells were now in working order, and they had a band of keen ringers. On behalf of them, Mr. Seymour and himself, he asked Mr. Coles to accept the small gift as a token of their very great appreciation of all he had done for them. They hoped he might long be spared to carry on his great work and to hear the bells of Goathurst.

Mr. Coles, in reply, thanked the members not only for the gift, but for the kindly thought that prompted it. From a very early age he was interested in scientific bellringing; it was one of his great hobbies and a labour of love, especially when he had such keen members to work with.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

### THE MASTERSHIP.

#### Proposal for Graduation Through Stewardships Rejected.

A large gathering of Cumberlands from all parts of London and the Home Counties took place on Saturday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the society. There was ringing during the afternoon both at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and everyone present enjoyed the opportunity of 'having a pull' on these two famous 'twelves.' Approximately 70 members sat down to a first-class tea, served in the Crypt of St. Martin's, and for the benefit of the ladies who so kindly waited on those present, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

After tea the business meeting was held in the Vestry Hall, presided over by the Rev. Pat McCormick, supported by the officers.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere) presented his balance sheet, which showed a substantial increase in the balance in hand. The receipts included the subscriptions of 18 members elected during 1937.—The accounts were adopted.

The acting hon. secretary (Mr. N. Summerhayes), in presenting his report, said that when elected assistant secretary at the previous annual meeting he had hardly anticipated that in a few weeks he would be acting in the capacity of secretary to the society. He referred to the passing of Mr. George A. Card, the late hon. secretary, and, coupling with his name those of three other members who had died during the year, he asked the meeting to pay tribute in the usual way by standing for a few moments in silence.

This having been done, Mr. Summerhayes proceeded to say that during the year 14 peals had been rung, consisting of Stedman Cinques 3, Stedman Caters 1, Cambridge Royal 1, Cambridge Major 1, Superlative Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 1, Minor in six methods 2, Minor in seven methods 2. One of the peals had been rung in honour of the Coronation, and special mention was made that, of the 14 peals, seven had been conducted by Mr. George Gilbert and rung by his young band in the Burnham district. The number of new members elected during the year had been 18. Three quarterly meetings had been held, by far the most successful being at Hampstead, with Highgate and Gospel Oak. Mr. Summerhayes urged all members to make a special point of attending these quarterly meetings, as attendances in one or two instances had been extremely disappointing.

It gave cause for great satisfaction, he said, to be able to record the successful revival of the annual dinner, which about 100 members had attended in March, 1937. Referring to the question of Sunday service ringing, he pointed out that they experienced great difficulty in keeping the bells going, and that it would be much appreciated if all who could would help in this respect. He concluded by thanking those who had given him advice and assistance during the year and also the clergy who had put their bells at their disposal for meetings and peal attempts.

Prior to the election of officers, a resolution was put to the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. A. Pulling, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, that the position of Master of the society should be held by a person who had graduated through the junior and senior stewardships. The proposer pointed out that the system would benefit the society, as it would give encouragement and consequently enthusiasm to the younger members, who would have a better chance of occupying the chair at least once.

A lively discussion followed, during which the Rev. P. McCormick asked the meeting to bear in mind that they would be committing themselves severely in passing this resolution and to consider the difference between a 'custom' and 'a rule.' On a vote being taken the motion was defeated.

The following officers were then elected: Master, Mr. George H. Cross; hon. secretary, Mr. Norman Summerhayes; hon. treasurer, Mr. George W. Steere; trustees, Mr. A. Hardy, Mr. F. Smith; auditors, Mr. T. Newman, Mr. F. Symonds; stewards—senior, Mr. T. Bevan; junior, Mr. R. Heazel.

The election of two members prior to peal attempts was confirmed and the following new members elected: Mr. S. Smith, Northwood; Mr. H. Pendry, Pinner; Mr. W. J. Robinson, Guildford; Mr. W. Forrester, Brentwood; Mr. B. Hines, Brentwood; Mr. W. Woodley, Hitcham; Mr. A. Rance, Binfield; Miss J. Blackman, Wokingham; Mr. E. J. Relfe, Lamberhurst; Mr. C. Lord, Northwood.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hornchurch in March, Reading in July, and Chislehurst in October.

The secretary announced that the annual dinner would be held on March 19th at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and said that he hoped that members and friends would support the function as they had done in the previous year.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Pat McCormick was passed.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked the society for their co-operation, and said that he hoped the society would continue to flourish.

Recognition was also made of the services rendered to the society during the year by the officers, and thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

The meeting concluded with further ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields until 9 p.m.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### WEDNESDAY MEETINGS FOR FARNHAM DISTRICT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild decided, at the annual district meeting, held at Farnham, on January 22nd, to try the experiment of Wednesday meetings, and it was left to the hon. secretary to arrange two of them on suitable dates. This is an entirely new departure for the Guild, and the other districts will watch it with interest.

After service in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling) gave a practical address on the objects of church-going, a party numbering over fifty gathered for tea and the business meeting. Canon Girling (who presided over the early part of the proceedings) was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (district hon. secretary) and members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Bentley, Seale, Frensham, Crondall and Yorktown, and visitors from Guildford (S. Nicolas'), West Clandon, Horsell, Hornchurch (Essex), Coleman's Hatch (Sussex) and Wanstead (Essex).

At the outset the Rector referred to Mr. E. Clapshaw, now 93, who has recently come home from hospital and is recovering from an operation. 'He has not been up in the tower yet,' said the Rector, 'but he seems to be quite all right once more. He really is a marvellous old man.'

Later a resolution of good wishes and congratulation was passed to Mr. Clapshaw, who had celebrated his birthday a few days before.

All the officers of the district were re-elected and the balance sheet adopted. The latter showed receipts of £11 10s. from ringing members and £3 10s. from hon. members. Half this sum was remitted to the general funds, and, after paying the expenses of the district, the balance in hand had been increased by 2s. 8d. to £15 12s. 8d.

The hon. secretary's report stated that steady progress had been made in most towers in the district. The average attendance at the district meetings had been 45, and about 75 per cent. of this attendance was made by district members, who had also well supported the Guild functions. Membership had decreased by nine, the total now being 118 ringing members and 27 honorary. Benevolent Fund boxes had so far yielded £3 3s. 4d., but several more had yet to come in.

The Master congratulated the several ringers who had rung their first peals and the Aldershot band upon the amount of work they put in in the interests of the Guild.

### CHANGE OF GUILD SECRETARY.

The secretary stated that Mr. Goldsmith, who had been general secretary of the Guild for 10 years, thought it was time to retire. Mr. Grover had promised to take his place. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goldsmith for his services.

Mr. Goldsmith said when he asked the Executive Committee to consider the question of the appointment of a successor they found great difficulty in getting anyone to take the post. He asked them to give their support to the nomination of Mr. Grover and to support him when he went into office in the way they had supported him (Mr. Goldsmith). If they did that he knew that the success of the Guild was assured, because Mr. Grover was the right man for the job. In him they would have an efficient and competent secretary.

Major Hesse endorsed what Mr. Goldsmith had said, and it was decided to support Mr. Grover's nomination.

Major Hesse was nominated Master, Mr. J. Corbett treasurer and Mr. R. Hasted auditor.

Five new members were elected from Seale, four from Aldershot and two from Yorktown, and the Rev. Philip Wheeldon was elected as an hon. member.

It was decided to give two guineas to the Guild's new Cathedral bells fund.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) for all his enthusiastic work.—In reply, Mr. Denyer mentioned that 20 members of his own tower were present at that meeting and in the district they were all a very happy family.

At the suggestion of the general hon. secretary, it was decided to support the appeal made for a donation towards the fund for new bells at St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and a collection realised 14s. 3d.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the Rev. P. Wheeldon, the organist, the choir, Mr. Hasted and all who had helped in making the arrangements.

The Parish Church bells were made good use of before the service and after the meeting, and some good practice put in in a variety of methods.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

**HOLLOWAY.**—On Sunday morning January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner (first quarter-peal away from the tenor) 1, Mrs. Akers 2, R. Newman 3, H. Brown (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, R. Charge 7, A. Johnson 8.—On Sunday, January 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner 1, H. Turner (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Charge 3, R. Newman 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, G. Tetmar (first quarter-peal) 8.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****APPEAL TO EASTERN DISTRICT MEMBERS.**

A meeting of the Eastern District took place at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd, when members were present from Newcastle, Gosforth, Fenham, Gateshead, Sunderland, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, Durham and West Hartlepool. A short meeting took place after tea. Mr. R. L. Patterson presided and welcomed the new president of the association, Mr. Oubridge, and the ringers from other districts.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and so also were the local ringers for the arrangements they had made.

It was proposed that West Hartlepool be the next place of meeting on Saturday, March 19th. Although West Hartlepool is the 'out-lying' place of the Eastern District, it is hoped that the members will rally round the officials for the occasion.

There are still many Eastern District members who fail to attend the meetings, and it is to be hoped that they will give their support to the district meetings and help the officials to keep them going.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

**CRAYFORD'S GOOD RECORD.****TWENTY-FOUR TOWER BELL PEALS IN THE YEAR.**

At Crayford, Kent, in 1937, 24 peals were rung out of 34 attempts, one peal being lost through illness.

The peals consisted of 4 Stedman Triples, 3 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent Treble Bob, 2 Bob Major, 2 Grandsire Triples, and 1 each of Lincolnshire Surprise, Double Norwich, Real Double Norwich, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Reverse Bob, Hereward, Dartford Little Bob, Erith Little Bob, Painswick College Bob and Pulford Bob, the last two methods being rung for the first time.

The conductors were E. A. Barnett 10, T. Groombridge, jun. 6, D. M. Sharp 4, H. E. Audsley 2, and J. J. L. Gilbert and H. Hovard 1 each.

There were 14 'first peals in the method as conductor' and 63 'first peals in the method,' D. M. Sharp collecting 11 of the latter.

In addition eight handbell peals were rung: 1 Bob Maximus, 3 Bob Royal, 1 Granta Treble Bob Royal, 2 Bob Major and 1 Grandsire Triples, with 12 'firsts' among them.

Of the above, Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire Triples on tower bells, and one each of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells were rung by members of the local band.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Diss on January 15th. The bells of the Parish Church, and those at St. Peter's, Palgrave, were rung to various methods from Bob Major to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major during the afternoon and evening.

The association's special form of service was used in Diss Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Holt-Wilson). The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. A. Nock), Rector of Bressingham. Other robed clergy present were the Rev. C. H. Barber (Winfarthing) and the Rev. J. F. S. Gardiner (Palgrave). The Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Bergh Apton) was also present in the congregation. Mr. C. P. Cowell, B.A., Mus.Bac., was at the organ.

Fifty members and friends sat down to tea at the Waveney Hotel, this being a record number. After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by H. Moss, C. J. More, F. N. Golden, E. F. Poppy and J. A. Godfrey.

The Rector of Diss presided over the business meeting in the absence of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, through illness. He was supported by the Rev. T. A. Nock, R.D., the Rev. C. H. Barber, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. J. F. S. Gardiner, Capt. Ager, C.A., Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer of the association), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. G. Bennett, C. J. More, E. Whiting, R. Riches (members of the committee), G. J. Moss and H. Bardwell (churchwardens), C. P. Cowell (organist) and W. H. Harrison (parish clerk). Ringers were present from Alburgh, Attleborough, Braiseworth, Bergh Apton, Colton, Caston, Diss, Garboldisham, Garvestone, Gressingham, Mendlesham, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham Market, Redenhall, Redgrave, Shelfanger, Swaffham, Stoke Ash, Winfarthing and Wetheringsett.

All the branch officers were re-elected, the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. A. Nock) was elected an honorary member, and eight new performing members were also elected.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted to make the meeting so successful.

**DEATH OF NETTLEBED RINGER.**

Following the interment of Frederick Goodall, for 14 years a ringer at the local tower, 1,260 changes (10½ extents) of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Nettlebed, Oxon: The Rev. R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon) 1. T. J. Cobb (Ramsgate) 2. N. Golden (Norwich) (conductor) 3. M. G. Daly (Checkendon) 4. S. Smith (Nettlebed) 5. W. French (Nettlebed) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The supply of 'The Glossary,' which the Central Council is distributing free to associations who pay postage, is now rapidly running out. Associations who desire to have them should write at once to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild is to have a change of secretary this year. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith is retiring and Mr. G. L. Grover has been nominated to succeed him. Mr. Grover is the Guildford District secretary and one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, where he is a member of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The bells of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, were ringing on Saturday afternoon in connection with a district meeting. In a passing bus were three employees of the bus company and four or five ringers.

When he heard the bells the conductor said to his mates: 'Merry Christmas, chaps. That's the best music there is. At any rate, it's a lot better than that hot jazz stuff on the wireless.'

'Hear, hear,' said the ringers. The conductor did not know who his passengers were.

Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, had a surprise on Saturday week when, in recognition of his 35 years' service as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he was presented with a wing easy chair by clergy and ringers of the deanery.

Fortunately for the Lincoln Guild meeting at Gainsborough tomorrow, the tenor at the Parish Church has been made ringable. At one time it was feared this might not be possible.

The meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association tomorrow has had to be transferred to Ulverston.

In 1929 the late Mr. Arthur Craven published the figures of a peal of Bob Major with 4-6-8 and 6-4-8 course ends. In the following issue of 'The Ringing World' he wrote that it was false and gave a revised version, which, he said, 'puts everything true.'

In June, 1937, the original composition was rung at Rotherham. Its falseness was rediscovered and is pointed out on page 96 of the new Yorkshire report, where the 'amended' figures are given. But this, too, is false. The figures of the two compositions appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 29th and April 5th, 1929.

But here is the irony of the whole thing. Last Saturday, to replace the false peal of June, the 'amended' composition was rung at Eckington! Alas!

## BELL BROADCASTS.

THE RINGING AT ST. PETER'S, BRISTOL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is with great regret that I feel compelled to reply publicly to Mr. Skidmore's letter. Whilst I can agree with the general remarks about broadcast ringing and B.B.C. supervision, I think your correspondent should have added these facts regarding St. Peter's, Bristol. We were a young band (about two years) composed *entirely* of learners, and in our enthusiasm when asked to ring 'over the air' we agreed. No one came forward afterwards and told us our ringing was 'disgraceful'; in fact, we were congratulated on our striking. I admit we only rang a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, but as a recent speaker pointed out, even that, well struck, is preferable to a more elaborate method, badly struck. I think Mr. Skidmore, as one of the ringers who taught us to pull, could have at least given a little different expression of encouragement to young ringers.

Bristol.

A. BENNETT, Captain of St. Peter's Ringers.

## MERTON DISAPPOINTMENT.

Sir,—Having never heard or rung the bells of St. Mary's, Merton, I tuned in at 9.25 a.m. on Sunday, January 30th, expecting a treat, but, lo and behold! what a miserable exhibition came through! The very idea of 'jumping' the bells into rounds is appalling when broadcast ringing. Although there are only five bells at Merton, one would have thought some 'real' ringers would have been 'imported' to give us, say, 120 changes of Stedman Doubles to listen to instead of that apology for ringing.

I cannot understand why the B.B.C. waste the five minutes interval before switching on the bells for evening services. Recently at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the treble was in the slow in Stedman Caters, so only the last 13 changes were heard instead of a whole course, which could have been heard if put on the ether at 7.50 p.m.

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

## WIVELISCOMBE TOWER.

TAUNTON DEANERY SECRETARY DENIES ASPERSIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I wish to assure Messrs. Hartnell and Parkman, of Wiveliscombe, that no implication of their tower was made or intended at the annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The secretary's report and the choosing of towers for quarterly meetings are two entirely separate items of the agenda, and in neither was anything said which, by the greatest stretch of imagination, could be construed as derogatory to the Wiveliscombe tower. I think that if any of the Wiveliscombe band had been at the meeting they would be the first to acknowledge this.

R. W. HAYWARD,

Hon. Secretary, Taunton Deanery.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—4.****GEORGE R. NEWTON.**

Lancashire has no more popular ringer than Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, who, for more than thirty years, has rendered invaluable service to the Lancashire Association in many directions. Since he went to live in Liverpool in 1904, Mr. Newton has taken an active share in the association's affairs. He has served on the committee since 1920, was vice-president in 1929 and 1930, and has represented the association on the Central Council since 1929. Moreover, only two other members, as far as we know, have rung more peals for the Lancashire organisation.

Mr. Newton was born at Prescott, Lancashire, but the first days of his ringing career were spent at Oxtun, Cheshire. He is an example of triumph over early failure. His first attempt to pull a bell was so disappointing to him that he did not try again for eight months. But it was a good thing for ringing that he returned to the belfry.

At one time Mr. Newton spent nearly two years at Chislehurst, Kent, but he has been in the Merseyside city for more than 33 years and for the last 20 has been a regular Sunday service ringer at the twelve-bell tower of St. Nicholas.

His first peal was rung on November 5th, 1898, at Woodchurch, Cheshire. It was a peal in five Minor methods, and by a coincidence Mr. Newton called his first peal at the same church. This was in seven methods, on March 24th, 1900.

Among the many peals upon which he looks back with pride is one of 7,200 in ten Minor methods at Frodsham, Cheshire, in April, 1911, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis. The band included the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who frequently averred that this was one of his best performances.

Mr. Newton is one of the comparatively few ringers who have called peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, and peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. He conducted the last peal on the old ten bells at Manchester Town Hall, a peal of Stedman Caters on June 6th, 1925. A peal there in those days was always a big job and this was no exception, for it was rung on one of the hottest days of the year. In May, 1928, Mr. Newton took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Liverpool—the first in the North of England, and then five years later the first of Cambridge Maximus out of England—at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, when a company made a dash across the Irish Sea on Friday night, raided Dublin on Saturday, and returned with the spoils on Saturday night.

He has scored 473 peals, of which he has conducted 253. They have been rung in 163 towers, in 23 counties for 21 societies, but the Lancashire Association claims over 300 of this total.

**Next Week: Mr. Albert Walker.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

A quarterly meeting for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Coseley, when about 40 members and friends assembled. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were varied—to suit all comers—and included a course of London Surprise.

The Rev. N. Watson (Vicar) conducted the service, and, after giving the company a welcome to Coseley, delivered a practical address.

An adjournment was then made to the schools, where a nice tea was laid. A meeting for general practice was arranged to be held at Penkridge on Saturday, February 26th, and the next quarterly meeting at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 23rd, both subject to approval at the respective places.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address, etc., and to the ladies who served at the tea tables terminated the meeting.

Some returned to the belfry, while others paid a visit to Bilston to 'see the shops.'

**MR. GEORGE R. NEWTON.****RINGING AT A THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.****SOCIETY FORMED AT KELHAM.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Those of your readers who heard or read Mr. E. H. Lewis' speeches at the College Youths' tercentenary dinner and the Guildford Diocesan Guild's recent dinner, when he appealed for more of the younger clergy to make themselves acquainted with the subject of bellringing at an early stage in their careers, will no doubt be interested to hear of the great effort which is being made to establish ringing at Kelham Theological College, near Newark, where Mr. A. F. Sargent has recently started a band of change ringers.

Mr. Sargent is one of the original members of the flourishing Glasgow band, which was started in 1929 and rang the first peal at St. Mary's Cathedral (Grandsire Caters) on Coronation Day, and he has succeeded in transmitting his enthusiasm to a number of his fellow-students, with the result that four of them have already made good headway with Bob Major on handbells. As yet they have had no opportunity to learn tower-bell ringing, but they hope soon to get permission to start a regular practice at one of the nearby towers.

What is perhaps the most encouraging feature of this effort is that (in Mr. Sargent's own words) 'even those at the college who do not ring are being taught the rudiments and the importance of the art, so that when they go out into their parishes as priests and curates they will have at least some knowledge of bellringing, and will, therefore, be more able to take an intelligent and sympathetic interest in their bells and their ringers.'

This is Mr. Sargent's last year at Kelham, and he is most anxious, therefore, to make as much progress with his band as possible before he leaves in the summer.

They have two particular—and urgent—needs. The first is some books on the subject. They have a 'Troyte,' but could do with some of the elementary text-books, which would stimulate their interest, increase their knowledge and give them hints on conducting. These they hope to acquire gradually out of their own pockets, though any gifts would be very welcome.

The second is a more expensive item, namely, a set of handbells. Up to the present they have had to rely on the kindness of the Southwell ringers, who have generously placed their handbells at the disposal of the Kelham band when they have not been using them themselves; but, of course, they never know when they receive them how long they will be able to keep them, which is rather unsettling for a keen band! A small hut, conveniently situated at some distance from the main buildings, has been placed at their disposal by the authorities, and this the ringers have themselves cleaned up and converted into a 'belfry.'

Their great dream now is to be able to furnish it with a set of handbells which they can call their own. They realise, however, that it will be some time before they can hope to save up enough to purchase these themselves; and time is an important factor, as, if the future of the society is to be assured on a really sound basis, it is essential that the auspicious start that has been made should be followed up energetically in the next few months, before their leading member leaves in the summer.

If, therefore, any of your readers would like to make some small contribution towards the cost of a set of handbells, I should be most glad if they would get in touch with me, and I will see what can be done.

In this way we should, I know, be giving most welcome encouragement to Mr. Sargent and his fellow-pioneers at Kelham, and helping to ensure the continued prosperity of a band which—if adequately supported and encouraged—might well produce a regular supply of ringing parsons in the future.

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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****ALL BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT TOWERS AFFILIATED.**

The annual general meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th, and was attended by 89 of the 124 ringing members. Owing to the absence through illness of the Vicar, the service, which was held in St. Michael's Church, was conducted by the Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw, who also gave the address.

In his report, the hon. secretary (Major Stilwell) mentioned continued good attendances at quarterly meetings, and welcomed the affiliation of Stratfieldsaye, the last remaining tower in the district. He regretted the departure of the Rev. C. Tooth from Rotherwick, for he had worked hard to bring efficiency to his tower, and had himself learned to manage a bell. The Guild mourned the loss of Mr. F. Wilson and Mr. W. Hunt, two stalwarts who would be very hard to replace. Subscriptions continued to come in regularly from the towers, resulting in a balance of £20 19s. 4d. The co-operation of secretaries in neighbouring districts was much valued in helping to fix meetings.

The District Chairman, the Rev. G. H. Jeudwine, in closing the meeting, stressed the necessity of recruiting ringers beyond the number of bells in a tower in order to ensure Sunday ringing at full strength. It was vital that the public should realise the importance of the message entrusted to the ringers.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### A SOLID POSITION.

#### Mr. Leslie Morris Elected Secretary.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Leeds on Saturday last, and was well attended by members from a wide area. By kind permission of the respective clergy, the fine rings at Leeds Parish Church, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley, were available, and made good use of during the day.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. Thompson Elliott, M.A., whose homely address was much appreciated. He extended a hearty welcome to the association, adding his appreciation of the work they did for the Church, and expressing the hope that they would again make Leeds the venue of another visit in the near future.

Afterwards, tea was served in the St. Peter's Hall, and an adjournment was then made to the Schools, where the annual meeting took place, presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), and the vice-presidents (Messrs. P. J. Johnson and G. Lewis).

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Clark and H. C. Walters.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens on the motion of Mr. F. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. G. Horner.

A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Chapman, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. A. Teale, who replied, said that it had been a pleasure to them to entertain the association, and if the association were satisfied with the arrangements he assured them that the Leeds ringers were amply repaid.

The President, in presenting the 62nd annual report, drew attention to the fact that the membership now stood at 1,293—a net increase of 22 for the year. As no member's name could be retained on the books unless his subscription for the current year had been paid, it followed that all of this number were fully paid up members. This was most gratifying and a good indication of the interest taken in the association.

In presenting the peal secretary's report, he (Canon Marshall) drew attention to the great debt of gratitude the association owed to Mr. Barton, the peal secretary, for compiling this report, which, he said, required not only skill, but very close attention to detail. They were doubly grateful to Mr. Barton for consenting to carry on this work for another period, especially when remembering he had so little time to spare. Statistics from the report showed that 89 peals had been rung during the year, at 57 different churches and one handbell centre. Thirty-four members had rung their first peal, and 98 members had rung their first peal in one particular method. Four members had rung their first peal as conductor.

The balance sheet showed a gain of £17 7s. 8d. on the year's working, and the total worth of the association now stood at £362 13s. 3d. He was sure they all considered this most satisfactory, and felt very grateful to the treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, for his able handling of this important part of the association's affairs.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. E. West, the report was unanimously adopted. The auditors were accorded hearty thanks for their report on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Miss L. K. Bowling.

Mr. J. E. Cawser, the general secretary, having found it necessary not to seek re-election on account of increased business engagements, the President said it was with regret that they accepted Mr. Cawser's resignation. They wished to place on record their great appreciation

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MR. LESLIE W. G. MORRIS,  
Yorkshire Association's New  
Secretary.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BLAENAVON.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd, members attending from the extreme end of the Llandaff Diocese. The bells, a light ring of six by Rudhall, were set going early in the afternoon to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, and later in the evening to Oxford and Cambridge Minor.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rev. T. J. Dodd in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

An excellent tea, very generously provided by the church authorities, was served in the Schoolroom, ladies of the parish serving the meal.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. T. J. Dodd, who at the outset, on behalf of the Vicar and parish, extended a cordial welcome to the association.

Reports dealing with instruction and restorations were presented, and several new members were elected, including one life member.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan. Following what has lately appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the payment of subscriptions, the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) at some length tackled the subject with good results.

The recently-made national appeal for the proposed augmentation of bells in Northampton was read by the hon. secretary, and after some discussion a whip round was made with a very fair response.

The Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) proposed a vote of thanks for the kindness and hospitality given. The bells were afterwards rung until late, when a splendid meeting was brought to a close.

### SALISBURY GUILD BRANCH CHAIRMAN HONOURED.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred on Canon Hellins, Rector of Marnhull and chairman of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity—a distinction seldom bestowed on any below the rank of a Bishop.

In celebration of the event quarter-peals were rung at two Wiltshire towers attached to the branch. At St. Martin's Church, Zeals, on January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: L. Chaplin 1, F. Ball 2, J. Paul 3, G. Bunce 4, L. Perrett (conductor) 5, F. Chaplin 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. The quarter-peal was also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th on the birth of a daughter.

At Mere Parish Church, on January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Hill 1, J. Ralph 2, J. Paul 3, J. Gray 4, G. Bunce 5, E. J. Rowe 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, B. Sheppard 6.

### AN ASSOCIATION TO BE PROUD OF.

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of the services rendered to the association by Mr. Cawser during his term of office. In welcoming Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, of Leeds, as Mr. Cawser's successor, he (Canon Marshall) paid tribute to his skill as a ringer and conductor, and hoped he would be happy in his new office.

Mr. Morris, in reply, referred to the healthy state of the association, as indicated in the report. No doubt many of them, he said, had read the reports of other associations in 'The Ringing World,' and he felt sure, from what he himself had not only read but witnessed in his travels about the country, that they were an association of which they might well be proud. He thought it most fitting that he should at that juncture pay tribute to the past officers of the association, who through the years had laboured so unremittingly to build up what was now one of the greatest territorial ringing associations. He would, during his tenure of office, try to uphold those great traditions which had always been characteristic of their association.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. T. B. Kendall, it was unanimously decided to try and arrange the next general meeting at Knaresborough.

The following new members were elected: The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Leeds; W. Leach and J. Boyes, of York; A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham; Thomas Edwards and W. Barber.

Mr. George Robinson reminded the members that the next meeting of the Central Council was due to be held in Leeds, and asked to what extent were they prepared to go in the matter of finance so far as entertaining the delegates was concerned.—After some discussion it was eventually agreed to give full autonomy to the sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack then drew the attention of the meeting to what purported to be a true composition of Bob Major, which was printed on page 96 of the report, and there given to correct a false composition which was also shown. All conductors who had the current report are therefore asked to note that both the compositions given on page 96 are false.

A vote of thanks to the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried with applause.

Further ringing afterwards took place in a variety of methods, bringing to a close an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

## 'CANNED BELLS.'

### WEYMOUTH INNOVATION DISCUSSED.

#### Salisbury Guild's Resolution of Regret.

'The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers has heard with regret of the proposal to instal gramophone records instead of bells in certain towers capable of holding bells in this area, and trusts that the Bishop of the Diocese and the Advisory Board will recommend that this matter be reconsidered by the Church Councils concerned, and offers financial and instructional aid if and when a peal is definitely considered.'

This resolution, carried unanimously, was passed at a largely attended meeting at Dorchester on Saturday week, when a discussion took place on the subject of 'canned' bells. It arose out of the introduction of the use of gramophone records and amplifiers at St. John's Church, Weymouth. The meeting was attended by about a hundred members.

The Rev. A. W. Markby (chairman of the branch and Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester) said to some of them it was a tremendous shock when they heard that synthetic bells were booming from the tower of St. John's Church, Weymouth. They must, of course, be prepared for new things and new inventions, for they were living in an age when almost everything was becoming mechanised. He had lived long enough to realise that in this trend towards mechanisation they were losing some of their finer arts. There was a great danger that with mechanisation they would lose individuality, individual progress, and activity of mind, and with the loss of those things they would lose that precious thing which they called originality. In bellringing they had an originality that had been handed down for about 600 years. Everyone would be sorry if they lost the art of bellringing through the push of some mechanised contrivance.

He thought that this new mechanised contrivance of 'synthetic bells' was a real challenge to those who were keen on bellringing—a challenge to keep up their end and to show that they had the heavier end.

If they were going to maintain the good work which had been carried on for so many years and to show their enthusiasm, they had to remember that while one man could wind up an apparatus or set electricity going, it needed eight or 12 men to ring a peal of bells. These men were doing loyal and willing service for their church and for the honour and glory of God.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Vicar of East Lulworth) said he did not know exactly what these bells were or what they sounded like, but as scientific change ringers they would naturally say 'anathema, nothing doing.' There were, however, other points of view to consider.

Firstly, there was a parish which had a tower but could not afford bells; secondly, there were parishes that had towers which would not hold a peal of bells; and, thirdly, there was the parish where there were bells but no ringers. It was in this last case that he thought synthetic bells were a challenge to ringers. In the other two cases there seemed to be a case for having synthetic bells. He thought the weight of a large meeting like this might have some good result because he imagined the Bishop would be informed of any decision that was arrived at.

#### NO CHALLENGE TO BELLRINGERS.

Mr. W. C. Cornick, Vicar's warden at Weymouth St. John's and an honorary member of the Guild, said the question had been very much exaggerated. Since he had been connected with St. John's he had felt how much they would like to have bells there, but he was sorry to say that the foundations of the tower would not permit of it. Last December he said to a young fellow who was a keen chorister of St. John's how nice it would be if they could have some tubular bells in the tower. With the Vicar's consent he experimented with synthetic bells and everyone was delighted.

He could assure his hearers that this was in no way a challenge to bellringers—far from that.

Personally, he would much rather have proper bells, but he thought it must be agreed that, seeing they could not have bells, they should have the best substitute. In his opinion he did not think that synthetic bells were ever going to replace genuine bells. If they could have a peal at St. John's they would have them, for since he had been Vicar's warden the people had been very generous. Some few years ago they started to renovate the church, and in three years they got together £2,300.

Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the branch) read letters that he had received on the question.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, wrote: 'I am wholeheartedly with you in your protest against mechanised bellringing. The lesson of the alabaster box of precious ointment—that only the best be given to Christ—has been overlooked. Such an invention does away with the spirit of service without which no act of worship is complete.'

Mr. Edwin Lewis, president of the Central Council, said: 'If there be a church with no tower, and no prospect of getting a tower suitable for a ring of bells, the choice seems to be between such a device (synthetic bells) and a single bell. The choice must be made by those concerned. We know that a single bell can be very irritating, and the "canned" bells might well be a distinct improvement.'

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## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CREWE BRANCH SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, January 15th. Ringing commenced just after 3 o'clock, with touches of Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. T. Stevens), the lesson being read by the Vicar of Marbury, the Rev. C. G. Dickson. A most appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon H. W. Haworth, Vicar of Bowden, Altrincham, to the 68 ringers present.

Afterwards tea was served in the Parish Hall, kindly given by the Parochial Church Council.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. S. T. Stevens in the chair.

The secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, presented the statement of accounts, which, having been audited by Mr. Ferneyhough, of Alsager, and Mr. H. Clutton, of Marbury, was accepted.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. S. T. Stevens; hon. secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, Crewe; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Holding, Crewe; Ringing Master, Mr. George Biddulph, Lawton. Mr. Albert Crawley, of Wistaston, was appointed instructor, and Mr. William Edge, Crewe, was chosen as the representative of the General Committee. Mr. Ed. Boffey, of Nantwich, and Mr. G. Arrowsmith, of Lawton, were elected auditors.

The question of holding an annual Guild dinner was discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Stenson, of Crewe, seconded by Mr. A. Crawley, of Wistaston, a recommendation was sent to the General Committee of the Guild in favour of such a gathering.

A summary was presented of the 1937 meetings, 11 in all, which were very well attended. Full marks went to the secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, who had attended them all. Next came Mr. G. A. Packer, of Crewe, and Mr. G. Biddulph, of Lawton, who had only missed one. Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. B. Ferneyhough and Mr. J. Brassington made the next best attendance.

Mr. William Holding proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells; to Canon Haworth for his splendid address; to Mr. W. Dunning for presiding at the organ; to the Vicar and Parochial Church Council for the excellent tea; and to Mrs. Langford and all the ladies who prepared and served it.

Mr. Reg. Owen, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, said he always looked forward to the visit of the bellringers, and that the Parochial Church Council were always willing to do their share for the ringers.

Four new members were made from Marbury, Alsager, Wistaston and Wrenbury.

The following towers were represented: Acton, Alsager, Barthomley, Lawton, Kids Grove, Wistaston, Wrenbury, Nantwich, Crewe, Wyburn, Davenham, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Market Drayton and Wellington.

Ringling took place again later, from rounds to Stedman Caters, under the guidance of Mr. G. Biddulph, Ringing Master, finishing about 9 o'clock. Thanks are due to Mr. William Edge, the tower-keeper at Crewe, for having everything in such splendid order.

## EXCEPTIONAL CASES MAY JUSTIFY SUBSTITUTES.

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The opinion was expressed in a letter from a former chairman of the branch, Mr. R. N. Dawes, that the ringing of bells, synthetic or otherwise, was a practical method of calling people's attention to the fact that it was Sunday and that a service was to be held. He did not think it was proper to raise any strong objection as the matter should be left to the various incumbents to do the best for their parishes.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, stated in his letter that, while he shared in the antagonism to mechanical devices as a general principle, there were exceptional cases where their use might be justified. It seemed that St. John's, Weymouth, was one of the few exceptions.

Mr. Jennings said the substitute for the real thing left a feeling that for the sake of effects of a sort, but certainly not spiritual effect, those who were responsible had made a sad and serious departure from the principles that had guided the pious builders of our churches in the past, when the very thought of subterfuge or sham was abhorrent, and nothing but the very best was considered good enough.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey) said there were no actual bells at Christ Church, Weymouth, but eight steel cups. He thought it was a pity that in the debate they were centring their thoughts on St. John's Church, as there were two other churches in the Weymouth deanery in which this matter had been seriously taken up. Bellringing, he said, made all the difference in the spiritual life of a parish. The trouble with synthetic bells was a question of time, and it was simply a jangle, whereas change ringing was pure music. He expressed thanks to Mr. Cornick for explaining the circumstances at St. John's.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips said that synthetic bells might be used in exceptional cases, but where there was a tower with bells it was a challenge to the ringers to maintain this distinctive feature of British church life, and to give of their very best in the spirit of service and worship.

The resolution, drafted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was carried on the motion of Mr. Runyard, seconded by Mr. Cornick.



## FOR BEGINNERS.

### ANOTHER STEP FROM 'STONE'.

When a band, stepping from 'stone' to change ringing, have mastered movement from one place to the next and back again, in whole pulls or half-pulls, they will not find it difficult to go a stage further, and 'hunt' their bells.

Hunting is a process by which a bell moves upward from the front (which is leading) to the back (when all the other bells strike before it), and down again, by taking one bell at a time, thus increasing the number in front of it when going up, and decreasing the number when going down.

If, at first, the steps up and down are taken in whole pulls, the beginner will have more time to pick out the bell he has next to strike after. All the changing is done in pairs as was described last week, except that instead of going back to the place from which it came, the bell goes on to another place.

If it is the treble, it strikes first over one bell into 2nd's, next over two bells into 3rd's, then over three bells into 4th's, then four into 5th's, and lastly five into 6th's (assuming six bells are being used). It is more important at first to know how many bells to look for than to know the individual bell required. Looking for an individual bell may lead in the early stages to memorising the order in which they come—and that is not a good thing.

The simple rule when hunting up is to pull next time after the bell that this time is pulling after you. If it is done in whole pulls, there is more time to find it.

The reverse of this rule does not work so easily when hunting down—it would mean pulling next in front of the bell that this time is in front of you.

If, however, you count your places, that is to say strike in sixth's with five bells in front of you; next in fifth's with four bells in front of you; in fourth's with three bells in front, and so on, you can find your way down, until you have to lead, with some degree of certainty.

All the six bells do this hunting, except that they start from different places in the circle. The 2nd begins by leading and the 4th and 6th start hunting down, the fourth (having already three bells in front) beginning with two and then one, before leading, and the 6th with four bells, then three, and so on.

The treble, the third and the fifth hunt up, taking one extra bell at a time. It should be remembered that when reaching 6th's place and turning round, a bell has to stay behind for two pulls (either whole pulls or half pulls, whichever is being rung).

It is a good thing to see how this works out on paper, and the beginner can write out the figures which show the movement of bells if he starts with 1.2.3.4.5.6 and then changes all three pairs and the two middle pairs alternately.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The 15th annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irchester, when ringers attended from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Whiston, Yardley Hastings, Mears Ashby, Stanwick, Pytchley, Kingsthorpe, Burton Latimer, Warkton, Isham, Desborough and the local tower.

The Guild service was held during the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Gunn), assisted by the Rural Dean and branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, of Finedon).

Tea had been arranged in the schoolrooms by Mrs. Payne and other lady churchworkers, and 53 enjoyed the meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch president presided, supported by the Revs. G. G. Thompson (Wollaston), J. H. Marlow (Bozeat) and H. J. Smale (Whiston). Apologies for absence were received from the Marquis of Northampton, the Rev. J. Hill, Wellingborough, and the guild general secretary (Mr. R. G. Black).

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. D. Brudenell (Irchester), A. Reeder (Mears Ashby) and A. Stone (Wellingborough).

The secretary presented a report, which showed the membership to be 3 honorary life, 16 honorary and 146 ringing members; of these 12 honorary and 112 ringing members have paid their subscriptions, while 17 are free under the Guild rules. The average quarterly meeting attendance was 40. Receipts were £1 11s. 11d. in excess of expenditure on the year, and £2 1s. 6d. had been collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. £3 had been given to Wellingborough Bell Restoration Fund.

All the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur Bigley; Ringing Master, Mr. Walter Perkins; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and A. Plowman; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, F. Jones and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. H. Johnson, Earls Barton.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby.

The Chairman read messages received from the Rev. C. F. Westacott (formerly of Wilby) and from Mr. F. Barber (past secretary), now living at Mablethorpe. An invitation was also received to visit the Ladies' Guild meeting, to be held at Walgrave in February.

Thanks to the ladies who had made the tea arrangements, to the Vicar of Irchester, the organist and others who had assisted, were moved by the chairman, who, in turn, was thanked by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, seconded by Mr. A. Bigley.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### LIVERPOOL RINGER'S OPINION OF OUTLOOK.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to comment on three recent points of view in 'The Ringing World,' namely, the Editorial of December 24th on non-payment of subscriptions; and the letters of December 31st from Mr. E. R. Martin and of January 7th from Mr. P. W. Cave. Both these gentlemen observe that the Lancashire Association is decaying; do not they mean decayed?

If Mr. Martin, from Preston, considers Liverpool a 'fairly prosperous' ringing area, then I can only say 'distance lends enchantment to the scene.' Liverpool is a 'distressed area' in more senses than one, and if it is the most prosperous in Lancashire from bellringing standards, then let us disband the Lancashire Association to-morrow. 'Canned' bells are replacing the real thing at St. Mary's, Grassendale; Tuebrook and Widnes towers are silent. Is this a bright picture?

Mr. Cave deplores the lack of young ringers, and I presume the publicity he advocates includes attraction of raw material. Why not make the best of the material in hand? The raw learner gets plenty of encouragement; the well-known 'expert' or P.G. has plenty to keep his enthusiasm; but how about the poor fellow in between—the common service ringer? He must either be resolved to stay in the one rut all his ringing career, or he must worm his way into one of the exclusive peal ringing cliques. Yes, the joke, 'P.G.' really does exist, putting personal glory before everything. 'First' pealers are becoming fewer, new methods are taboo; it is, indeed, a very grave situation. The whole three subjects centre round peal ringing. More peal ringing by the ordinary ringer would mean more defaulting subscriptions paid, more enthusiasm and better striking.

Only by concerted action can we stop this rot. How about it?

T. S. HORRIDGE.

Liverpool.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

### PROPOSED BELL RESTORATION FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 15th, was well attended by members from Nuneaton, Bulkington, Wolvey, Rugby, Stoke, Allesley, Keresley, Church Lawford, Earl Shilton, Warwick, Lillington and Leamington Hastings, together with the local band. The bells of All Saints' Church were kept going during the afternoon in rounds, call changes and the majority of the standard methods.

The committee, in the vestry, discussed suitable meeting places for the next two months and various points to be brought up in the general meeting.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Moyle, M.A.), who gave an excellent address, which will long be remembered.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by lady relatives of the local ringers, upwards of 50 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. As the hon. secretary (Mr. M. C. Melville) had to leave immediately after tea, Mrs. D. E. Beamish (who was the Guild's hon. secretary from 1928-1935) acted as secretary for the meeting. Wolvey for February and Kenilworth for March were chosen for the next meetings.

The following new ringing members were elected: The Rev. W. H. Trickett, Church Lawford; Messrs. A. Astley and D. Wood, Leamington Hastings; W. Noon and T. Wilson, Burton Hastings; W. Ensor, F. East and T. Mawson, Keresley.

Mr. H. C. Burt (Lillington) proposed that a grant of one guinea be made to the Corley Restoration Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. D. Ellender and agreed to.

In view of the proximity of Easter, the date of the annual meeting, which is to be held at Warwick, was altered from April 16th to April 9th.

Mr. E. Stone gave notice that he would propose at the annual meeting that 10 per cent. of the members' subscriptions be set aside annually to form a bell restoration fund.

Mr. M. Melville left notice that he would propose at the annual meeting that new members joining the Guild for the first time at or after the quarterly meeting in July shall be required to pay only 1s. subscription for that year.

Mr. J. Beale (Wolvey) extended a welcome to the members to visit Burton Hastings on practice nights (Wednesday) to assist in the instruction of a struggling but keen band.

Mr. Perrens proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome to the parish and for the service and address, and for acting as chairman at the business meeting, to the organist for his services, and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided. The hearty applause which followed showed that the meeting was in agreement.

Tunes and change ringing on handbells occupied the next half-hour or so, and then a return was made to the belfry until 8 o'clock.

A private room at the Bull Hotel, Nuneaton, having been engaged, the party afterwards adjourned there for further handbell ringing, etc., until 10 o'clock.

D. E. B.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### GRIMSBY DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMPLAINT.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at SS. James and Mary's Church, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Mablethorpe and the local tower. Mr. W. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rushby were also present, while the district was also glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden), who gave an interesting address. Thirty sat down to tea in the Church House, and in the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry) through illness, the Vicar presided.

The secretary's and Ringing Master's reports were presented and a vote of thanks passed to them. All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their services.

The secretary had a grumble, as others do, with regard to unpaid subscriptions and lapsed members, particularly in the case of young ringers who join and, after a year or two, drop away. The District Bell Fund accounts were accepted, and a collection was taken for the fund. The places and dates of district meetings as proposed by the District Committee were accepted, viz.: May 7th, Burton-on-Stather; June 18th, Bigby; July 23rd, Appleby (if available) or Barrow-on-Humber; September 10th, Louth; October 23rd, Scunthorpe. Combined practices were arranged as follows: March 5th, Barrow, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Carlisle; March 19th, Waltham, Oxford, Cambridge, Double Bob; April 9th, Barton-on-Humber, Bristol, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples. These will be at 6 p.m.

Ronald Taylor and Frank Ward, of Barrow-on-Humber, were elected as ringing members.

The secretary was asked to tender the members' deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. Marsden on the death of her husband, the Rev. R. Marsden, Vicar of Ulceby.

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to the caterers for the excellent tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said how glad he was to welcome the members. They at St. James' were doing their utmost to encourage young men of the congregation to take up ringing.

Members afterwards returned to the tower, and further ringing brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

### SOUTHERN BRANCH GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Edenham on Saturday, January 22nd, and about 25 ringers were present from Peterborough, Bourne, Rotherham, Market Deeping, Manthorpe, Dyke, Morton, Billingborough, Pinchbeck, Algarkirk, Folkingham and the local band. The Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins (president of the branch) kindly allowed the use of bells during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc. It was good to see quite a large number of young ringers present, some ringing their first touch in a method.

Tea was served at the Five Bells Inn. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins presided. He was thanked for his past services as president and was unanimously re-elected.

The Ringing Master of the branch (Mr. H. M. Day), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. H. Bradley), hon. auditor and Guild representative (Mr. W. G. Thorpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. I. Holmes), along with the Branch Committee, were thanked for their past services and unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

It was decided to hold the April meeting at Grantham, subject to permission being granted.

Two grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of one guinea each were made. To Hongham bells restoration fund and to Sempringham Abbey bells, which are to be augmented from four to six in the near future.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, and also to Mr. A. I. Holmes for making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Shortened evensong followed, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a helpful address.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar kindly exhibited to the ringers the magnificent church plate belonging to Edenham Church dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. The Vicar explained the interesting history of the various pieces, which were much admired. The tower was then again visited and further ringing took place until the bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

## SUPPER AND SOCIAL AT HESTON.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S HAPPY GATHERING.

The standard set in previous years was well maintained at the sixth annual supper and social which was held by the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Heston on January 22nd.

After ringing during the afternoon, a company of 80 sat down to an excellent supper, under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. Craggs, Vicar of Heston, supported by all the district officers. After the loyal toast, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Association,' and gave the members a warm welcome. He mentioned the pleasure he had in being with ringers, who, he said, were men of intelligence and undaunted by difficulties.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president, in reply, said that most annual suppers were occasions for speech-making, but he thought that the company would prefer the social programme which was to follow. He could not, however, refrain from mentioning the recent death of two prominent members of the association, Mr. J. J. Parker and Mr. W. H. Hollier. He classed the former with Holt, Middleton and Thurstans, and pointed out that half of the eight-bell peals in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' were composed by one or other of these four men. Mr. Hollier had been district secretary for ten years and later association treasurer, and the service of these two men was a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise to carry on in the same unselfish spirit.

A vote of thanks to the members of the Supper Committee (Messrs. Chandler, Goodfellow and Gladman) was proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and Mr. Chandler replied expressing satisfaction that the arrangements were approved.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to games, competitions, dancing, etc., until 11.30 p.m. Special mention must be made of the new competitions arranged by Miss Bradford, particularly the display of photographs of twelve members present as they were many years ago—in one case in long clothes. Mr. Stamp performed miracles in the shape of conjuring tricks, and his assistant, Mr. Lidbetter, showed signs of having missed his vocation.

Four teams entered for the annual handball competition between towers, the scores being Ealing 3, Heston 0; Hillingdon 6, Ruishlip 2; and in the final, after extra time, Hillingdon 3, Ealing 2. Hillingdon thus retain the 'cup without a handle' for another year. W. G. W.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN DISTRICT'S ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association, held in the City, was very successful, the attendance of about 50 being most satisfactory, while ringing was of a higher standard than is generally reached at meetings.

The afternoon ringing took place at St. Lawrence Jewry on the heavy ring of eight, which, in the opinion of many, is the finest octave in London. The beauty of the bells was heard in methods up to Cambridge and Superlative. The local band is recruited almost entirely from members of the choir, and it came into being when the bells were restored after many years of silence. It is a matter for regret that the bells of other of the city churches are not manned in the same way.

The business meeting was held in the choir vestry, the routine business being quickly concluded. One new member was elected, and All Saints, Poplar, chosen for the March meeting.

A letter was read from the Rector of St. George-in-the-East thanking the district for its help towards the restoration of the bells at that church.

The District Master reported that there were bright prospects of a good local band being instituted at this church. Members of the district had promised to give instruction; in fact, some of the new band had already started ringing at the mother church of St. Dunstan, Stepney. It is to be hoped that the new band will quickly emulate the brilliant young Stepney Society.

All the retiring district officers were re-elected, including the secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior), who, at a previous meeting, had announced that he would not seek re-election, but had reconsidered his decision. The other officers: Mr. J. A. Waugh, Master; Mr. R. G. Cousins, treasurer; Mr. E. Holman, steward; Messrs. G. W. Cecil and C. A. Hughes, committee. The new post of assistant secretary was created and Mr. L. J. Fox elected to fill it.

The report for 1937 showed that the district had again had a good year. Attendances at meetings had been consistently good, the financial position was comparatively strong, and the number of new members elected, while not very large, was above the average. One peal, Grandsire Triples at Stepney on the back eight, was worthy of special mention, as it was the first peal by all the band, and as such was a very fine performance. As well as this success, the Stepney band had also won the 'Dawe' cup for handbell ringing.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements brought the business to a close, and then, following tea, ringing took place at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

A well-attended meeting such as this was a source of much gratification to the district officers, an ample repayment for any effort expended in making the arrangements, and an incentive to them to carry on with the not always easy task of running, or helping to run, an association.

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## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District.—The practice meeting, which was to have been held to-morrow at Kirkby, has been transferred to Ulverston Parish Church. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Bus leaves Tun. Wells Mon. Road, 2.28, also 2.42 from Cranbrook.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street. Business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? Lea bells (6) will probably be available in the evening if required.—E. J. P. Davies, Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. V. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be at Wymeswold on February 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Court.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Church (8 bells) on Saturday, February 5th. Tea provided at 1s. each to those who send postcard to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, February 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each, for which please notify the undersigned. Special invitation to Liverpool and Preston ringers.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (a nice little six) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be most welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (collection for Branch Bell Restoration Fund). Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 to 5 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, Sunday, February 6th, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, February 14th and 28th, at 7.30, also St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 1st, 8 p.m. Annual meeting, February 12th; ringing, St. Giles', Cripple-gate, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 3.30. Service St. Clement Danes 4.15; preacher, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Names by February 10th, please. Ringing, St. Clement's, 6 to 7 p.m. Business meeting St. Clement's Schoolrooms, Clare Market, 7.15. Handbell competition 8.45 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 10th, Southwark Cathedral; 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; 17th, St. Magnus'; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea afterwards at the Duke's Head. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, before February 9th, and help foster this spirit of co-operation.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Please send your names to Mr. W. S. Palin, 1, School Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, February 9th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**NORWICH ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea to be held at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane, Gorleston. It is particularly requested that names or numbers for tea will be sent by Thursday, February 10th. A postcard will oblige to J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Walgrave (5 bells) on Saturday, February 12th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting of the above district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispin's Chapel at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, February 10th? A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, *only please do not forget the postcard for tea.*—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Heston Bells available from 3.45 and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (near Hounslow West Station) bells, 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. If you require tea, please notify me by February 7th. District committee meeting at 52, Lammas Park Road, Earling, on February 9th, at 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaforth, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. Please come along and give us a hand with Double Norwich and Stedman.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Asfordby (6 bells) on February 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 10th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Bring food, tea provided. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Come and hear the Watford handbell record. Non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. A. S. Hazel, Chieveley Vicarage, near Newbury, by Wednesday, February 9th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton (6 bells) on February 12th. Arrangement for tea will be made to all who notify Mr. J. Jollyis, Church Cottage, Broughton, by February 10th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem, on Saturday, February 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Hanley, 3 p.m. to 4.30; Tunstall, 4 p.m. to 5.30; and Burslem, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield, by Wednesday, February 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, City, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting after. Notify for tea, W. H. Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Redland, Bristol, 6.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—A bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Take Midland Red bus No. 118 from city to Beacon Inn.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at North Muskham (6 bells) on February 12th. Please look up the method you can't quite ring, whether it is Bob Minor or York Surprise, then come and try to ring it. Send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday of those requiring tea.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Weiford, Rugby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. They are a peal worth ringing.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Blunsdon on Saturday, February 12th. Light six. Usual arrangements. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea. It is important that those who intend to be present notify me not later than the previous Thursday.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 12th, at St. Luke's, Liverpool. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in School, price 6d. Those requiring tea inform Mr. F. S. Owen, 36, Beaconsfield Street, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**BANWELL, SOMERSET.** On Sunday, Feb. 13th, the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 3 p.m. Two trebles added and the augmented peal of eight hung in new framework by John Taylor & Co.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crediton on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by February 13th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Chertsey, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please send me a line by Thursday, February 17th? All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, February 19th. (Please note date.) Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by kind invitation of the Guild president (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the 16th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A combined 12-bell practice will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 o'clock. Arrangements for tea at 7.15 p.m. will be made for those who notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Thursday, February 17th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, February 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley, Branch Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ombersley on February 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at small charge) in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Don't forget that card by Tuesday, the 15th. Buses from Worcester and Kidderminster pass church.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Sea Horse. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 15th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15, and tea, which is provided free by Mr. Clarke, at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements for tea, etc.?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Full details later. Please note that any nominations for general officers or notices of motion must be in writing and should reach me before February 19th.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler, and N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel. Details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The new address of Mr. Richard V. Fuller, retiring R.M., Southern District, Surrey Association, is Rosebeth, 11, Lionel Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

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**BOURNEMOUTH.**—At St. Peter's Parish Church, on Saturday, January 8th, prior to the presentation of 'The Christmas Story' on a stage in church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. F. Rigby (conductor) 1, A. V. Davis 2, Rev. C. A. Phillips 3, William Story 4, C. R. Forfit 5, W. Garrett 6, H. Mitchell 7, H. Osborne 8. This was the first quarter of Stedman on the bells since restoration. On Sunday, January 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. F. Rigby 1, L. V. Davis 2, H. Roberts (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, W. Story 4, C. R. Forfit 5, P. W. Witham 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story, J.P., a welcome visitor from Newcastle-on-Tyne.



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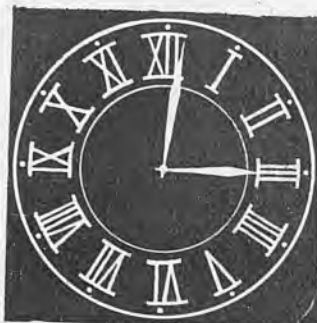
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**FALSE PEAL RISKS.**

How easy a matter it is to fall into a trap in connection with false peals has again been illustrated by the incident reported last week. A band rang a peal of Bob Major by a composer of repute, and two or three months afterwards discovered that the composition was false. They were furnished with a revised version, which had been vouched for by the original composer, and rang it to 'replace' the original performance. Too late it was found that the altered form of the peal was also false. The first composition was published in 1929; the author, the late Mr. Arthur Craven, pointed out its falseness a week later and printed the revised figures. The peal in its first form was rung in 1937—eight years after its error had been pointed out. To safeguard the position for the future the Yorkshire Association report printed both the original composition as a warning, and the revised figures to show how it had been corrected. It was only when the composition appeared in this publication that the faulty construction of the second version was noticed.

The principal conclusion that emerges from these facts is that once a false composition has been published there is no real safeguard against its being rung some time in the future. We can imagine what happened, or what might have happened in this case. Someone came upon the first set of figures in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and extracted them. He did not see the declaration in the following issue that they were false, and eventually they came into the hands of a conductor, who called them. No one, however, had up to then called attention to the fact that the author's revised figures were also false, and these were passed on to the conductor to enable him to make amends for the first disappointment, only for him to discover, when it was too late, that fate had dealt him another unkindly blow. The whole episode was a series of mishaps, but it goes to emphasise what we have often said, that the truth of no composition should be taken for granted, and it illustrates the danger that always exists when once the figures of a false peal have got into circulation.

Here was a case where the author had himself pointed out the falseness almost immediately, but, despite this, after a lapse of time, the composition was rung. False compositions have many times appeared in the ringing Press and in association reports; there are quite a number among the peals in the Central Council's Collections. As far as they are known they have, at any rate for the most part, been pointed out; but once they have been circulated it is beyond the bounds of possibility to ensure

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and that is to have every composition checked before  
they call it, unless it is one which they know has already  
stood the test.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*JAMES W. JENNINGS ...	Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ...	2	†HARRY D. LISTER ...	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH ...	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	11
FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	6	†CECIL W. PIPE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First attempt for a peal of Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	6
*E. DENNIS POOLE ...	2	HARRY OVERTON ...	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ...	8
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	9
†GEORGE A. PACKER ...	5	WALTER LAGO ...	Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.  
First ten-bell peal as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers in  
memory of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ...	Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	6
KENNETH THACKER ...	2	HARRY PARKER ...	7
ANDREW THOMPSON ...	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	8
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	9
ALAN D. STEEL ...	5	HARRY THELWELL ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.  
Rung for the tercentenary of the society.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*J. RIDER ...	Treble	†EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. ...	6
*W. CARNWELL ...	2	*J. RIDER ...	7
*G. WILKINSON ...	3	R. T. HOLDING ...	8
W. P. DEANE ...	4	*EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. ...	9
*EDWIN SHARRATT ...	5	*E. A. RIDGWAY ...	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by J. RIDER.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal. Rung in honour of the  
installation of the Rev. Kenneth G. W. Millward, and is also the first  
peal of Bob Royal for the North Staffs Association.



RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*ALBERT E. MILLETT... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	† HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 9
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 5	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Treble	*PTE. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER... .. 3	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 8
LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 4	HAROLD P. REED ... .. 9
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN ... .. 5	REGINALD A. REED ... ..Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

\* First peal of Stedman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... ..Treble	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
NORMAN H. MANNING... .. 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 8
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5	† HARRY BROOKS ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

DEREK M. SHARP ... ..Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... ..Treble	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 5
JOSEPH HALL ... .. 2	*EWART MURGATROYD ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUCKER ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
*JOHN HASSELL ... .. 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BALDOCK GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*JACK DEAR ... ..Treble	*WILLIAM COLLINS ... .. 5
† JAMES MORLEY ... .. 2	*ALBERT C. ROSE ... .. 6
EDWIN C. BUCK ... .. 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN... .. 7
WALTER D. POOLEY ... .. 4	† CYRIL KINCH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK C. GUNTON ...Treble	ERNEST WHITING... .. 5
ALFRED SMITH ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

The composition now rung for the first time.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 2	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6
CHARLES H. WALKER... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... .. 4	HAROLD BRASHER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Raymond C. Warnett, grandson of the conductor, also a birthday compliment to Miss H. Oakshett.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT RELFE ... ..Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 6
LESLIE K. JARVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in the method by all the band and first on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITBY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM ALEY ... .. 5
*JAMES WOOD ... .. 2	VINCENT TIPTON ... .. 6
*EDWIN LARTER ... .. 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER ... .. 7
BEN COPPING ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. WHEELER,

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On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDISE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH WITTER ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	ARTHUR NEWELL ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. 4	EDWARD PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*JAMES BARNES ... .. 5
*JACK CLEGG ... .. 2	*HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
*ERIC BRUNTON ... .. 3	*LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 7
*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. BRUNTON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 5
REGINALD POSTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. POSTON.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6
*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 3	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

## ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 5
HAYDEN DOBBINS ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
JOHN BASS ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALLAN SHORT ... .. Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 5
†GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 4	FRED PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. C. INGRAM.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Ingram, wife of the conductor.

## BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. Treble	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 3	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... Tenor

Non-conducted.

Witness—William C. Porter.

First 'silent' peal in the method by all the band.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB OND-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ERNEST DOBBIE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDISE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY WEBB ... .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 5
TOM FORD ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 6
LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 3	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 7
HAROLD FORBES ... .. 4	SYDNEY BAMFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor. A silver wedding peal for the Vicar (Canon S. G. Morgan, R.D.) and Mrs. Morgan.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 23 cwt.

B. CORNELL ... .. Treble	S. H. SYMONDS ... .. 4
M. T. SYMONDS ... .. 2	L. PRYKE ... .. 5
F. F. MORTLOCK ... .. 3	L. POULSON ... .. 6
L. OFFORD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung, after meeting short for Major, to celebrate the 80th birthday of A. Symonds, 'father' of the Lavenham company.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*MISS OLIVE LOW ... .. Treble	DENNIS BELL ... .. 4
MISS JEAN BELL ... .. 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
GEORGE BELL ... .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

\* First peal.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Seven callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PETER SHAW ... .. Treble	SYDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 4
JOHN BROWN ... .. 2	GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. 5
GEORGE SAINT ... .. 3	SAM CADWALLENDER ... .. 6

WILLIAM BAGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. SHAW.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE H. BROWN ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4
HARRY JOHNSON ... .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 5
†ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

SYDNEY SMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 4
HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 2	ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5
CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all and also on the bells.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Being seven 720's with all 5-6's at backstroke.

EDMUND WAG-TAPPE ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
*STANLEY H. WALLIS ... .. 2	*FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... .. 5
REGINARD HOUGHTON ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD STEELE ... .. 4
HAROLD ROSE ... .. 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND ... .. 5
WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. G. CARTLIDGE.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. Codling, late Vicar of the parish.

SOPLY, CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. Treble	*FRANCIS W. FREEMAN ... .. 3
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 2	LEONARD G. STONE ... .. 4
FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*R. GOULD ... .. Treble	*P. MERRETT ... .. 4
*H. BLANCHARD ... .. 2	W. A. AVERY ... .. 5
E. F. WHITE ... .. 3	*H. TROLLOPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours,

At TRENTWOOD.

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

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Thelwall and Lytham; (2) Double Oxford and London Bob; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Double and Reverse Bob; (5) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (6) St. Clement's and Colledge; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. I-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 3-4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

There were 170 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles in the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

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

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. I-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7-8
HARRY ASHTON ... .. 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At STOPE HILL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ in C sharp

ILKESTON VARIATION.	
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. I-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand' by all the band and for the Guild. Fiftieth peal as conductor. A birthday peal for Master Bob Feirn, brother of the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## PEAL NOTES.

### SPLICED MINOR 'IN HAND.'

The Lincoln Guild is well off for handbell peal ringers. Up in the north of the county there is a band which frequently puts up some noteworthy performances. On January 27th, for instance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George Feirn rang a peal of Spliced Minor in 14 methods, and, on the following day with Mr. Frank Lord, scored a peal of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, the first by all and by the Guild.

Both these were called by Mr. George Feirn, and the Major was his 50th peal as conductor.

By the way, the Minor was a bit of real splicing, for there were 170 changes of method in the course of the seven extents, and 126 bobs and 14 singles were used.

The Bells were ringing at Scottow, Norfolk, on January 24th. A peal of Minor was rung at All Saints' Church, and Miss Jean Bell, George Bell and Dennis Bell rang their first peal in four methods. Miss Olive Low scored her first peal.

The first peal of Minor on Lavenham's famous bells was rung on Sunday, January 23rd, to celebrate the 80th birthday of the veteran, Mr. Arthur Symonds, who was Master and instructor at Lavenham tower for upwards of 50 years. Of course, it was not intended to ring Minor for such an event, but the band met short for Major, and so there was no alternative if a peal was to be attempted. The peal was rung with the tenor behind, and Messrs. F. F. Mortlock and M. T. Symonds rang their first peal of Minor on tower bells.

The Lavenham peal was rung with the tenor covering; another with a covering bell has been rung at Rainford, Lancashire. While we know that 'circumstances alter cases,' peals in even-bell methods ought not to be rung with a covering bell.

The first peal has been rung on the five bells at Sopley, near Christchurch, Hants. They are described as a lovely little peal dating from the seventeenth century. The tenor is only  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cwt., and they were restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1925.

In this peal, on February 2nd, William and Leonard Stone rang their first peal of Doubles, and the former has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Four first peals and a 'first as conductor' were included in the performance of Doubles at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, on February 2nd.

### ONE HUNDRED TWELVE-BELL PEALS.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, rang his one hundredth peal on twelve bells on January 29th, when he called a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. It was also Mr. G. A. Fleming's fiftieth peal of Maximus.

Here is Mr. Sedgley's twelve-bell century, which may be taken as a typical example of the twelve-bell records of several members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung 19 (conducted 8); Superlative Surprise Maximus, 14 (6); Rochester Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Double Norwich Maximus, 2; Duffield Maximus, 2 (1); Forward Maximus, 1; Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Plain Bob Maximus, 2 (1 on handbells); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 10 (2 on handbells); Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 4 (2 on handbells); Stedman Cinques, 30 (conducted 5); Grandsire Cinques, 3 (1 on handbells); total 100 (conducted 24).

At All Saints', Newport, Mon., a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on January 31st in honour of the silver wedding of the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon S. G. Morgan, who is hon. treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. Before the peal the bells were fired 25 times.

A peal of Grandsire Caters by provincial members of the College Youths was rung at Newcastle, Staffs, on January 29th to commemorate the society's tercentenary. It had been arranged to make the attempt last November, but owing to the bad condition of the ropes it had to be abandoned at that time.

A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on January 29th, was specially arranged for Mr. Leonard Scholes, of the local band. The rest of the ringers belong to St. James', Church Kirk, and altogether six rang their first peal in the method, while Mr. Arnold Brunton scored his first as conductor.

The first peal by a Sunday service band at Baldock, Herts, since February, 1906, was rung on January 26th.

Two ringers rang Kent Treble Bob at Harlow Common for their first peal on January 29th, and were elected members of the Essex Association before starting.

A 'coming of age' compliment was paid to Mr. Raymond C. Warnett, grandson of Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., of Lewisham, Kent, on January 27th. To celebrate the event, Grandfather called the 'Original'—another proof that ringing keeps the mental faculties young. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Miss H. Oakshett.

Messrs. A. S. Richards and Pat Cannon rang their 25th peal together, when they took part in a peal of Little Bob Major at Buxted, Sussex, on January 29th. The peals have been spread over 23 towers.

It was the first peal in the method by all the band and rung at the first attempt; and Mr. A. F. Lewry's 50th peal.

As a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on January 29th, by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Sittingbourne on Sunday, January 30th. It was called by Mr. Louis Head. Mr. A. S. Boar, who took part, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

The first peal of Bob Royal by the North Staffs and District Association was rung at Leek on January 29th. It was the first peal of Bob Royal by seven of the band.

### A NON-CONDUCTED PEAL.

A non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Buckland, Berks, on January 29th. It was Mr. R. D. St. John Smith's 50th peal, and Messrs. F. E. Taylor and W. F. Judge's 100th peal together.

The first peal on the ten bells at Rickmansworth was rung on January 29th. They were augmented some few years ago.

The 150th anniversary of the foundation of Australia was commemorated at Miles Platting, Manchester, with a peal of Grandsire Triples, on January 25th. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. William Branmer, who rang the treble.

After a peal at Draycott, Staffs, on January 29th, rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. Codling, late Vicar of the parish, the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

Mr. Ernest Stith has 'completed the circle' for the third time at Aberavon, Glam., on January 29th, when he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples. Trevor Roderick, who rang his first peal in the method, belongs to a six-bell tower where only Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles are rung, and deserves credit for this performance, which has been achieved by learning the method from books and taking every opportunity to practice.

It should be pointed out, in regard to the compositions of Treble Ten that appeared in these notes last week, that Mr. Golden only claims the full extent properties for the 5,000.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### STOCKPORT BRANCH OFFICERS.

On Saturday, January 29th, the annual meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Cheadle. Early in the afternoon the recently rehung peal of eight bells was busily employed and a variety of methods rung before the service. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson) officiated, assisted by his curate, and a very interesting address was preached by the Rev. S. May. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and 63 members and friends enjoyed an excellent repast. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rector, and what threatened to be a very lengthy programme was speedily and ably disposed of under his guidance.

He gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Cheadle and hoped that they would find a considerable improvement in the bells.

The secretary (Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis) reported that he had received confirmation of the dates of the meetings for the year from the respective incumbents.

The statement of accounts and report for the year just ended were presented and adopted, and showed a sound financial position and a certain amount of advancement in other directions, but much still remained to be accomplished in the direction of weekly practice nights. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. Bonner; representative on General Committee, Mr. A. Barnes; auditor, Mr. T. Wilde; instructors, Messrs. Hartley, Hough, Milner and Wilde; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. K. Lewis. — A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to all the retiring officers.

Five new members were elected, two from Northenden and three from St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

On hearing of the illness of Mr. E. Davies, of Rostherne, a ringer of over 50 years' standing, the meeting unanimously resolved to send him their best wishes for his speedy restoration to health. It was also decided to write a letter of congratulation to an old member of the branch, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, on the achievement reported in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of January 28th, the ringing of the first double-handed peal of Bob Major in the Dominions.

Various other topics were discussed, and the meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector and wardens for permission to hold the meeting and their services, the curate (the Rev. S. May) for his excellent address, the ladies who prepared the tea, the local ringers and the organist. Further ringing was then enjoyed, both on tower and handbells, until late in the evening.

### BOB TRIPLES AT GRUNDISBURGH.

On Sunday, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Grundisburgh (1,260 by Shipway): L. J. Last 1, O. J. Kidby 2, F. J. Crappell 3, J. R. Crooks 4, C. W. Pipe 5, C. W. Parker 6, W. Dye 7, W. Barker 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung at Grundisburgh and first quarter in the method by all the band. It was rung as a 78th birthday compliment to the conductor.



### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DORCHESTER BRANCH.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at which, as reported last week, a discussion took place on the introduction of a gramophone and amplifiers at a church in Weymouth for broadcasting bell records.

The meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), and the hon. secretary, in his annual report, said the membership remained about the same.

The balance sheet showed that there were 119 ringing members, 13 associates, nine honorary members and five life members. The income totalled £34 0s. 7d. and the expenditure £24 18s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 2s. 6d., compared with £15 9s. 1d. with which the year began.

This year's quarterly meetings were fixed to be held at Charminster, Bradford Peverell, Frampton and Wool, and the annual meeting at Dorchester.

New members were elected as follows:—

Ringers members.—Abbotsbury: Messrs. J. Trevett, A. W. Ellery, C. J. Ford and H. Claxton, the youngest of whom is 14. Wyke Regis: Brian Swaffield. Frampton: The Rev. E. George and Mr. C. Hill. Wool: Messrs. W. and L. Burt. Dorchester St. Peter's: Messrs. F. Hawkins and T. Tetsill. Preston: Mr. S. C. Slade. Upwey: Miss Gwenda Notley.

Associate members: Mrs. H. Chalker (Upwey), Miss Gill, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Mowlam, Miss Mowlam, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cornick, Mrs. Swaffield.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Smart, in succession to Mr. P. Field, who had intimated his definite decision to retire; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. P. Toccock; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

### NEW RECTOR'S INDUCTION.

On Wednesday evening, January 19th, for the institution and induction of the Rev. J. Russell Howden, B.D., to the living of St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, E. F. Pryor 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

On Sunday evening, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. C. Alford 1, R. W. Green 2, E. Brett 3, W. H. Seabrook 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. C. Darnell 6, U. Wildney (conductor) 7, T. Bannister 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Bullock.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

#### MASTER TO ADDRESS RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Horley on Saturday, January 22nd, when a gathering of 35 assembled. Most of the district towers were represented, and ringing friends were present from Uckfield and Hartfield, Sussex, Beddington, Croydon and London. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar of Horley. Alderman Temple Newell read the lesson.

The Master of the association (Mr. D. C. K. Birt) presided at the business meeting, when the following district officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. W. Clayton; secretary, Mr. K. Tuffin; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; committee, Messrs. A. Bull, A. Willett and B. Wells.

The next annual meeting (1939) was fixed for Godstone, and other meetings for the year were arranged for Charlwood, April; Lingfield, July; Limpsfield Chart, September; Redhill, December.

The Master stated he had written to the Rural Dean asking him to bring to the notice of the Ruri-decanal Conference what can be done by the clergy in their towers in regard to ringing.—A reply had been received stating that the Rural Dean would be pleased for the Master to give a talk at the next meeting of the conference.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had made the meeting a success.

A committee meeting was held after the general meeting, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

#### STANDISH RECTOR'S DEATH.

The death took place suddenly on January 5th of the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton, Rector of Standish, Lancs, for over 51 years. He was curate of Maidstone from 1882 to 1885, and of Westham, Sussex, from 1885 to 1886. Mr. Hutton was nearly 80 years of age and was one of the best known clerics in the Blackburn Diocese, of which Standish forms part. A man of diverse tastes, he had cricketing interests in his younger days, while he also had business and financial interests. That he had a real affection for the church and parish of Standish was evident from the many improvements effected during his Rectorship, and in which he played a leading part. Indeed, the years of his Rectorship have probably been more progressive than any other era in the church's long history.

Fully muffled touches were rung at Standish on Thursday and Friday evenings, Jan. 6th and 7th, and for the funeral on Jan. 8th. For evening service on Jan. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. W. Grounds 1, T. Grounds 2, J. Gray 3, T. Mellings 4, J. Booth 5, A. Morgan 6, E. Birchall (conductor) 7, E. Fairclough 8.

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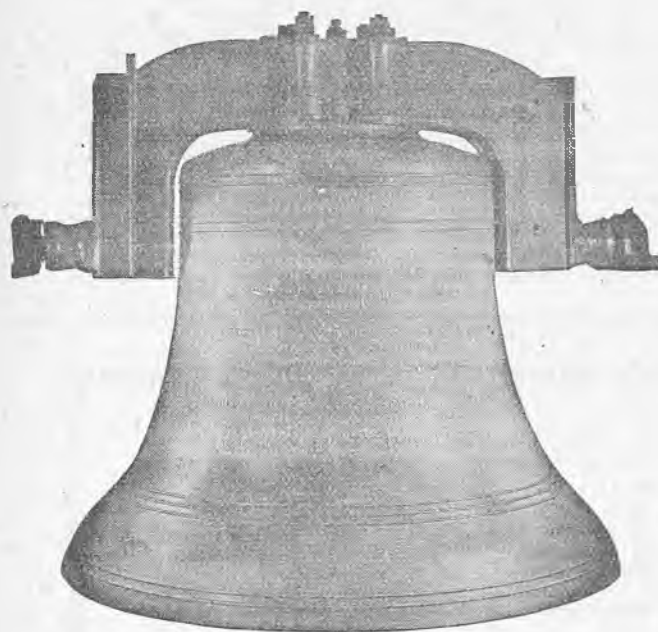
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent in a London paper a few days ago wrote that three parts of the metal used by English bell founders consists of the tops of old bicycle bells. Hence the inferiority of English to Continental bells.

The bell founders will be interested to know that, in the opinion of the same authority, their profits are 75 per cent. of their charges.

## BELL BROADCASTS.

THE RINGING AT MERTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is a pity such a fine man as Mr. G. E. Symonds should criticise Merton ringers for their broadcast. I feel sure he has overlooked 'the other side.' I well remember my only visit to Merton when about 30 ringers attended a meeting some time ago. I was unable to handle any of the bells, and some of the more experienced and noted members were in difficulties. In fact, the locals were the only ones who could 'strike 'em.' These bells are very light, and the long ropes, stretching to the church floor, will crack like whips if not handled rightly. Then the bell just drops and in about six blows is 'down.' Some friends of mine, non-ringers, reside near the church, and they praise the 'lovely ringing and tone.' Surely we could not condemn those who keep going a difficult five when nearby 'eights' are meeting short. Good luck to Merton. I haven't forgotten.

JOHN EUSTON.

Balham, S.W.17.

## MR. SKIDMORE'S EXPLANATION.

Sir,—I feel that to justify the reason which prompted me to write re B.B.C. and ringing makes it necessary for me to reply to Mr. Bennett.

It is a very great pity that these subjects oftentimes lead to a lot of controversy, and things are deduced from them which were never intended, causing in many cases unpleasantness.

I wish to assure Mr. Bennett that I had not the least intention of 'slating' the ringers of St. Peter's, otherwise the matter would have been brought up immediately after the occurrence; in fact, it was quite the opposite—they had my sympathy, knowing, as I did, how they were placed.

My letter in 'The Ringing World' of the 28th ult. was entirely in support of the president of the Central Council with reference to our relationship with the B.B.C., and I still adhere to my original statement that the two local cases mentioned were flagrant instances of 'lack of efficient organisation,' otherwise they would never have happened.

I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when these matters, which are of great importance to Exercise generally, will be placed on a sound footing, thereby eliminating any chance of a recurrence.

I thank Mr. Bennett for mentioning that I was one of the ringers who 'taught them to pull,' and am still willing and anxious to give any assistance to young ringers, as he personally knows.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

Bristol.

## ONLY THE VERY BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the two letters which have appeared in your columns on the subject of the broadcast from St. Peter's, Bristol, it seems that the respective writers are at cross purposes.

Mr. Skidmore did not say that the ringing was in any way discreditable to a band of beginners; he said it was a disgraceful piece of ringing to be broadcast—which is quite a different matter.

I am sure that neither Mr. Skidmore nor anyone else would wish to damp the enthusiasm of a keen band of beginners such as that at St. Peter's, Bristol. But the whole point is surely this: that *no* broadcast (either of bellringing or anything else) should, under any circumstances, be undertaken by a band composed 'entirely of learners.'

I wonder what would be said if an orchestra, or a dance band, 'composed entirely of learners,' were allowed to put their efforts over the air. The very idea is unthinkable. And it is every bit as important, both for the ringing fraternity and the B.B.C., that any ringing which is broadcast should be of the highest possible quality.

When ringing for a broadcast service is under consideration the local band is the natural and proper one to undertake the job—*provided that they are capable of putting up a first-class performance.* But if, for any reason, they are not, they should have no hesitation in importing a band of experienced ringers for the occasion. After all, there is no discredit in admitting that one cannot do something quite well enough for broadcasting purposes; and it should be remembered that ringing is nervous work—even for experts—when they know that the slightest mistake or bad blow they may make is going to be heard by thousands of critical listeners.

It is far better for the bells not to be rung at all before a broadcast service than that they should be rung badly, or even 'fairly well.' Nothing but the very best should be considered good enough.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—5.

### ALBERT WALKER.

The man who has rung more twelve-bell peals than any other ringer is Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, whose genial personality has made him a popular figure in all the chief ringing centres in the country. Mr. Walker has rung no fewer than 314 peals on twelve, of which 211 have been on tower bells and 103 on handbells. It is a wonderful record, even allowing for the fact that circumstances have favoured him.

Mr. Walker, who was born in Birmingham, took up ringing rather casually while living at Taunton, where, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on February 1st, 1896.

When he returned to Birmingham he became associated with the band at St. Martin's Church, and except for a short period when he lived in London, he has ever since been attached to the famous tower in the Bull Ring and been one of the mainstays of the Guild.

It was this association, of course, that gave him his twelve-bell opportunities, but it is due largely to his own enthusiasm and the enthusiasm he created in others that twelve-bell ringing has had in this century so successful a period in Birmingham.

He was Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild from 1904 to 1909, and again from 1921 to 1935, when he resigned, and in 1936 was elected a vice-president in recognition of his services, as well as receiving a grandfather clock, while Mrs. Walker was presented with a gold wristlet watch. While in London, Mr. Walker was, for a year, Junior Steward of the College Youths, being elected in 1910. In 1932 he was made an honorary member of the Central Council, and is now a member of the Standing and the Literary and Broadcasting Committees.

Mr. Walker rang his first peal as conductor on Jan. 19th, 1904, a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Martin's, where he has rung, altogether, 157 peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells, of which he has conducted 70. Of these, 137 have been peals of Stedman Cinques, of which he has conducted 64. He has called peals at St. Martin's from treble to tenor several times, as well as taking part in a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

In one thing Mr. Walker has a unique distinction. He is the only man to call a peal on 14 bells. At the height of their handbell ringing fame, the Birmingham men rang, in 1922, a peal of Stedman Sextuples, to which Mr. Walker rang 3-4. Another notable performance was a silent peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, in which the ringers 'drew' when they met for the pair they were to ring. He has also taken part in one other silent peal of Cinques on handbells.

Mr. Walker has rung peals in 31 twelve-bell towers, including St. Paul's Cathedral, and conducted peals in 26 of them. He called the first peal on the twelve bells at Exeter Cathedral (Stedman Cinques) and rang in the famous peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus there. He has taken part in the only two peals at Buckfast Abbey, the first, rung from the narrow gallery round the central tower, and the other the first peal on the new bells, which he conducted. Other noteworthy performances in which he has shared have been peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first on the twelve at St. Mary's, Taunton (Stedman Cinques, which he called), the first peals of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's and Worcester Cathedral. He once organised a 'twelve-bell week,' when, travelling across the country from Leicester to Cirencester, the band rang five peals, and only lost the peal at Wolverhampton through a rope breaking after two hours.

Of his total of 485 peals on 8, 10, 12 and 14 bells, Mr. Walker has conducted 193.

Next week: Mr. George R. Pye.



MR. ALBERT WALKER.

## YOUNG CLERGY AND RINGING.

### A BEGINNING AT LICHFIELD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the remarks made by Mr. Lewis at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild concerning ringers and the encouragement of young clergy to take an interest in the art.

There is no doubt it is partly true that the real reason why the number of clergy ringers is falling off is because the period of training for an ordinand is far more exacting and allows of far less free time at the present day than it used to do. It is important that most of the spare time a man may be lucky enough to have should be taken up in obtaining necessary exercise, and for that purpose activities like football, badminton, fives and such like take primary place.

At this college we are able to spend about one hour a week, through the kindness of the Vicar and local ringers of a certain six-bell tower, practising with the bells open. These practices have to be carried out in the afternoons, when local ringers, who would be a great help to us, are of necessity at work, and so we are left entirely on our own. However, we are making progress, if only slowly.

We had been fortunate in borrowing a set of handbells, but these are no longer available. At Christmas we were able to ring double-handed Grandsire Doubles and several tunes on the twelve, four-in-hand. Our greatest need at the moment is a set of handbells (even six would be better than nothing), so that we can make use of them in the college at odd moments. If there are any of your readers who have unwanted bells in their possession, I need hardly add how grateful we should be to receive them.

It is not our intention to make skilled change ringers of the men at this college: that is impossible when we only have two or three years here. What we set out to do is to create an interest for ringing both in its practical and theoretical aspects, so that when these men go out into your parishes they will not be entirely ignorant of bells and ringers; and this, in turn, will, we feel sure, lead to greater co-operation and understanding between the clergy and the ringers.

MALCOLM MELVILLE.

Theological College, Lichfield.

### STUDENTS' INTEREST AT KELHAM.

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter of Mr. Stephen Wood, re ringing at Kelham, which appeared in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I had the pleasure of visiting this college last June, when I shared a room with one of the students. In the course of our conversation the subject of bells and ringing came up, and after some talk his interest was so aroused that he went to the college library and borrowed the only two books they had dealing with the subject—Ellacombe's 'Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers' and Walter's 'Church Bells.' I promised to send him one of my ringing books when I returned home, and fulfilled my promise by sending Troyte's 'Change Ringing' and a bundle of old copies of 'The Ringing World.' As I had not heard from him since he acknowledged the receipt of the books, I wondered whether anything further had been done at Kelham, and, as you may suppose, Mr. Wood's letter was a pleasant surprise to me.

It is a pity they have no facilities for tower-bell practice. There is a ring of three bells in the little church on the college estate, which appeared to be in good order, apart from the bell chamber being somewhat dirty, when I saw them last June, but the ropes were in very bad condition. Perhaps, if the college authorities would provide them with new ropes, Mr. Sargent and his fellow-pioneers could get some tower-bell practice in ringing on this 'peal,' and, provided permission can be obtained, further practice at Newark and Southwell.

As a point of interest, over the door leading to the bell chamber at Kelham (the ringing chamber is on the ground floor) someone has scratched in the stone-work the six three-bell changes.

In conclusion, may I, though only a young ringer, support Mr. Wood's remarks re clergy ringers, and wish the band at Kelham every success?

Harborne, Birmingham.

WILFRED E. BOX.

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We hope to complete the presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill at The Coffee Pot on the next St. Paul's meeting night, Shrove Tuesday, March 1st. If any more members of the society wish to subscribe, will they please send their contributions to me as soon as possible?

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

### BISHOP WELCOMED

When the newly enthroned Bishop of Bath and Wells paid his first visit to Taunton, the ringers of St. James', St. George's (Wilton) and Trull combined to give him a welcome to the town. They rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. S. Pike 1, S. A. Wyatt 2, T. W. Jeanes 3, J. Hun 4, H. Bungay 5, A. H. Reed 6, H. Churchill 7, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major for ringers of 1 and 7.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.

#### Record Meetings.

The good attendances which were characteristic of the meetings of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association throughout 1937 were maintained when members met for their annual meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th, 75 members and friends attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon, Cotingham (Yorks), Chertsey, Epsom, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, London, Merton, Mitcham, Putney, Reigate, Streatham, Twickenham and Wimbledon.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by a shortened form of evensong, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton). The lesson, taken from I. Corinthians 13, was read from a revised version, in which the words 'mirror' and 'love' are substituted for 'glass' and 'charity' respectively. In his subsequent very eloquent address the Vicar pointed out that St. Paul's words, 'sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal,' might well apply to bells or organ pipes or any other musical instruments, which have no virtue of themselves, and which, without love on the part of the ringer or player, profit nothing. He requested his congregation to remember St. Paul's words when in the belfry and so avoid all wrangling and jangling, but work together in harmony and love.

The Vicar welcomed the association to Kingston and invited them to come again. He regretted his inability to remain for the tea and the meeting, as he had further duties to carry out in church, but his two wardens would take his place as deputies.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper, took the chair, and 18 new members were elected, viz., 3 honorary and 15 ringing. Eight of these new elections were local ringers, and, in welcoming them as members, the district secretary called to mind the old days at Kingston and some of the achievements of the old band, which included such men as J. Strutt and his two sons, John Wright, John Howes, James Frossell, George Naish and his son, James Chandler and John H. B. Hesse. They had a most enviable reputation for good tapping, and the secretary invited the new band to aim at the same high standard and put Kingston back again on the campanological map. On behalf of the association he wished them all good luck in the days ahead.

The committee's annual report was read and adopted, and the meeting congratulated the committee upon the production of so satisfactory a statement, which revealed a healthy condition in the district.

#### ANOTHER GOOD YEAR.

The district, said the report, had had another good year. Speaking generally, ringing had been well maintained at all towers both for Sunday services and at practices. At Croydon Parish Church progress had been phenomenal, whilst at other towers some steady work had been put in on the instruction of beginners. The general level of Sunday service ringing had been high. The stagnation in evidence at one or two towers had been due chiefly to shortage of ringers and failure to obtain recruits, and not to any lack of interest in the work of the association.

Five district meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 60, probably the highest average attendance for any year in the life of the association. In this connection a meeting held at Mitcham Parish Church on November 27th deserved special mention, when a peal board memorial in remembrance of the late Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., was unveiled. About a hundred ringers attended to honour his memory.

Seventeen peals were rung during the year, an increase of two on those recorded for 1936. All attempts for peals at Croydon Parish Church were successful, and Mr. Cooper was to be congratulated upon ringing his first peals as conductor of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Cinques. During the year four members rang their first peal, eight their first peal on twelve, six their first of Maximus, three their first of Stedman Cinques, two their first of London Royal, whilst many members had scored their first in other methods. Grandsire Cinques was the method chosen by one member for his first peal.

Two members had been lost by death during the year—Mr. Alan Gower, of Epsom, and Col. T. F. Parkinson, of Banstead, both much respected members of this association.

At the last annual district meeting the total membership of the district was 184. Fourteen new members had been elected during the year. Two members had been lost by death, three members had notified their desire to be transferred to the compounding list, and eight members had allowed their subscriptions to lapse, leaving a total district membership of 185, made up of honorary members 5, ringing members (representing 18 towers) 153, ringing members (unattached) 27.

The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £11 7s. 8d. in hand, a slight increase on the previous year, was passed.

The places decided on for district meetings during the year were as follows: Easter Monday, April 18th, Dorking; May 28th, Carshalton; July 23rd, Rannmore (joint meeting with Leatherhead District of Guildford Guild); September 24th, St. Martin's, Epsom; November 26th, Wimbledon and Merton; January 28th, 1939, St. Peter's, Croydon.

(Continued in next column.)

## RECOLLECTIONS OF LIVERPOOL.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The record and photograph of Mr. George R. Newton in your issue of last Friday was of special interest to me, as it recalled the time when, as a 'Tommy' in 1917, I was stationed at Mossley Hill, Liverpool, and at the first opportunity I had my first ring in Lancashire (Woolton).

News that a ringer was stationed at the 'local barracks' must have travelled fast, as, during the following week, on arrival at my billet one evening I found a gentleman awaiting me, who proved to be Mr. G. R. Newton, and had specially made the journey to find me, with the invitation to a meeting at Rock Ferry on the following Saturday.

That was the beginning of a happy friendship during the 12 months I was in Liverpool, and included visits to almost all the towers around that district, not to mention the very kind hospitality I often received at his mother's and sister's home in Oxtun, both before and after ringing.

On one occasion Mr. Newton bearded our O.C. in his den and obtained leave for me one afternoon for a attempt at Garston, which unhappily came to grief near the end. The fact of the O.C. granting me leave to go 'pulling bells' caused rather a stir in the company.

Another little event during my stay at Mossley Hill was associated with Sergt. E. Waite (who came from Guiseley, Yorks). He was drafted to the depot some time after I arrived and went one Sunday to a neighbouring tower for a ring. On telling the ringers where he was stationed, he was informed there was another ringer at the same depot, but his informant did not remember my name, only that I came from Kent. The next day the sergeant was inquiring all over the depot, 'Do you come from Kent and are you a bellringer?' I was eventually 'run to earth' and another friendship was made.

Although 20 years have now passed, I still, through 'The Ringing World,' follow with interest the performances of Mr. Newton, and trust that in the near future I may again visit that city and renew our acquaintance.

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the second part of Mr. Horridge's letter, I must plead ignorance of the true facts concerning the Liverpool Branch. It is some years since I attended any of their meetings, but I made inquiries at a recent joint meeting and was assured that at least St. Nicholas' was doing well. Again a district which can ring peals of Stedman Cinques can hardly be called a 'distressed area.' However, the facts which Mr. Horridge gives relating to closed towers are not pleasant.

With regard to the third part of his letter, there is certainly some truth in the assertions made. But I must let it stay at that, as Mr. Horridge is evidently suffering under some grievance. The last sentence is a challenge, viz.: How about it? Now that the subject has received such wide publicity, could not each branch discuss the matter at the next meeting?

It is some eight months from the annual meeting, but the agenda is generally too big to allow proper discussion in the time allotted. Now, therefore, is the time to begin and see if we cannot put the old association back on the map once again.

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

(Continued from previous column.)

In addition to the above, it was suggested that the combined meeting of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Middlesex County Association and Surrey Association, held in previous years at Staines and Egham, might with advantage take place this year at Kingston-on-Thames, with the Surrey Association as host.—After some discussion this suggestion was put to the meeting in the form of a proposition, and unanimously carried.

It was also suggested that mid-week meetings should be arranged for those who could not attend Saturday meetings. This question was referred to the District Committee for decision and report.

All the retiring district officers and members of the District Committee were re-elected.

The following nominations were received for general officers: President, the Lord Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis; secretary, Mr. Edward G. Talbot; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. John Hobden; hon. auditor, Mr. George W. Steere. In order to give members an opportunity of obtaining practice on 12 bells, it was decided to hold a combined practice of Cinques and Maximus at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 19th, from 3.30 to 7 o'clock.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne for making all necessary arrangements for the meeting. The tower was again visited, where ringing continued until 9 o'clock.



## BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRANCH SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

### Presentation to Mr. C. Stacey.

The members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in the Dunster Deanery, at their annual meeting at Minehead, made a presentation to their hon. secretary, Mr. George Stacey, in recognition of his devoted service for 35 years. There was a large gathering of clergy and ringers, among the visitors being the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards entertained the entire company to tea.

Mr. Stacey thanked the Vicar for his hospitality and welcomed the gathering to Minehead.

A brief financial statement was presented by the hon. secretary, who recorded subscriptions from performing members to the total of £7 6s. The year had finished with a balance in hand of £6 18s.

In the course of his annual report, the hon. secretary mentioned that during the year successful meetings had been held, the average attendance having been 41, and at each of these places tea and the use of rooms had been provided free by the clergy and Church Councils, who were thus deserving of their best thanks. Nine performing members, one life member and four honorary members had been elected during the year. There were, however, a few towers in the deanery which were still not affiliated to the association, and the general body of members would like to see these joined up. After noting with regret the death of Mr. Jesse Tout, who had been a very useful member of the Huish Champflower tower, Mr. Stacey said he was afraid that Rule 6 of the association had not been strictly followed, since out of 20 towers affiliated only four had paid their affiliation fees. Although there had not been any peals in the deanery during the year, the ringing for Sunday services had been generally maintained. Thanks, he concluded, were due to the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley, for his untiring efforts at practices in giving instruction in the art of change ringing.

The Rev. F. M. Etherington was unanimously re-elected president. In spite of his desire to vacate the office after 35 years in it, Mr. Stacey was cordially re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and was also appointed deanery representative on the committee of the Diocesan Association. The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected hon. auditor and Mr. Pugsley Ringing Master.

New members elected were Messrs. C. Buckland (Carhampton), W. Challice (St. Decuman's), James Hole and N. Dibble (Dunster), R. Thomas (Exton) and W. Hawker and H. Pershouse (Withypool).

At the invitation of the Rev. T. S. Dawson, which was heartily accepted, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton.

### MR. STACEY'S VALUABLE WORK.

Referring to 'a conspiracy afoot of which everybody here except the secretary knows a great deal,' the President introduced the next business, a presentation to Mr. Stacey, of which he had been kept in ignorance. A good many of the members had felt for some time that they did not want to wait until the secretary retired—or really brought into effect the threat he hung over the annual meeting every year—to show their appreciation of his services. They felt they wanted to make some little presentation to him to show in a material way something that everybody who had anything to do with the branch felt in his heart. They knew very well they had heard people say that theirs was a very good branch and that it set a good example to the rest of the world, but at the same time they knew that that was not due to what they themselves had done, but that it was the result of work which had been given by Mr. Stacey for 35 years as secretary. It was a humble gift, but they would ask Mr. Stacey to accept it as a gift which had been subscribed to by every tower in the deanery. He (the president) was sure that Mr. Stacey was gratified that so many—both laity and clergy—had attended the meeting, and he was quite sure he would take that circumstance to heart as a token that his good work had been appreciated by those who had benefited so directly from his work—the clergy (applause).

Tribute to the services of Mr. Stacey was also paid by the Rev. T. S. Dawson, a past president of the branch, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman, the Rev. A. P. Lance and Mr. J. Pugsley, while the congratulations and thanks of the Diocesan Committee were conveyed by Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton).

The Chairman then presented Mr. Stacey with a wing easy chair, bearing a silver plate, in the form of a bell, with the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. George Stacey by all the towers of the Dunster deanery in grateful thanks for 35 years' unselfish service as secretary. January 22nd, 1938.'

Admitting that the presentation had taken 'the wind out of his sails proper,' Mr. Stacey expressed his admiration of the chair (after sitting in it to a roar of applause), and thanked the company very much for its kindness, its sympathy, and its generosity, adding that he did not know he was 'so well liked.' Owing to Mr. Pugsley's 'artfulness,' he had not had the slightest notion that the presentation was coming about, and it had been one of the biggest surprises in his 35 years in the office. Mr. Stacey said that what he had done for the branch had been for love of it. He had done what he thought was best for the branch and the association.

Those who had helped to make the afternoon's reunion such a pleasant one were the subject of grateful reference from the chair.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, who is Vicar of Lyme Regis, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be at the meeting as an interested visitor, and said he was sure that Mr. Stacey, above all men, deserved recognition of his long service (applause). Affirming that he had never seen so many clergy at such a meeting, Mr. Carew Cox said he hoped that state would continue. In his own association they had to complain that their clergy were not often at their quarterly meetings or the annual meeting, and he considered it—if he might say so—one of the most important duties of the parish priest, if he took any interest in his ringers at all, to attend their annual meeting at least of the branch or the Guild. He himself had not always been in orders, and before he was he had been a ringer, and he had felt then what a lack there had been of the clergy's interest in what the ringers were doing. It seemed to him that there should be a great movement on the part of ringers in all towers to interest their own parish priests in the work being done in the tower, and especially in the essentials of change ringing. Speaking of views expressed in the Press concerning 'canned bells,' Mr. Carew Cox went on to assert that no ringer was going to lend his support to the introduction of any mechanical device which is going to take the place of the ringing of bells as they were accustomed to ring them, or the introduction of bells not hung for ringing in their towers. He was perfectly certain that in all parts of the country they would be at one in that. The present movement he described as 'a little passing stunt, perhaps,' and he invited them not to take seriously what might be said in some quarters about the introduction of mechanical devices for producing the sounds 'which we can produce much better by swinging the bells to their full height' (applause).

During the day Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung on the bells of Minehead Church.

### CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Evercreech on January 22nd, when 38 members and visitors attended from West Lydford, Templecombe, Stoke Tristor, Cucklington, Bruton, Ditchat, Evercreech, Castle Cary, Maperton, Charlton Mackerell, Ilminster, Chilcompton, Bath, North Cadbury, Milton Clevedon, Frome, Beckington, Drayton and Langport.

A service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. E. Ogden officiated and gave an address.

Tea at the Bell Hotel was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. F. H. Lang presiding.

The secretary's report for 1937 showed an increase of 35 members, and two towers, Milton Clevedon and Queen Camel.

Places of meetings for 1938 were selected provisionally as follows: Annual meeting, Castle Cary; quarterly meetings, Cucklington, Marston Magna and West Lydford.

All the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks accorded to the churchwardens and local captain of Evercreech for the use of the bells, the Rev. E. Ogden for taking the service and address, the organist and blower, and to the ladies who prepared the tea.

Ringings took place during the afternoon and evening.

### CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### A WELCOME TO NORTH ALLERTON.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held a very successful meeting at Northallerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 with only a short interval for tea at Russell's Cafe. This was presided over by the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard), who proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells and also welcomed the Vicar to the meeting.

The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Northallerton. As that was the first meeting held at Northallerton during his ministry and not previously having been to a meeting of ringers, he did not really know what to expect, but he had certainly learnt a lot during the short time he had been amongst them and wished they could hold a meeting there again soon. He was sure such meetings could only result in much good for both ringers and the Church. He wished them every success in their work and assured them of a hearty welcome at any time.

Ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Headingley, Ripon, Ormesby, Thirsk, Middleham, Saltburn, Skelton, Guisborough and the local company, and ringing in the following methods was very successful: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and rounds for the learners.

The next meeting will be held at Richmond on April 30th.

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**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices at St. Clement Danes, February 14th and 28th, at 7.30, also St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 1st, 8 p.m. Annual meeting, February 12th; ringing, St. Giles', Cripple-gate, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 3.30. Service St. Clement Danes 4.15; preacher, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Names by February 10th, please. Ringing, St. Clement's, 6 to 7 p.m. Business meeting St. Clement's Schoolrooms, Clare Market, 7.15. Handbell competition 8.45 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Bring food, tea provided. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Come and hear the Watford handbell record. Non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton (6 bells) on February 12th. Arrangement for tea will be made to all who notify Mr. J. Jollyis, Church Cottage, Broughton. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. Please come along and give us a hand with Double Norwich and Stedman.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Heston Bells available from 3.45 and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (near Hounslow West Station) bells, 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaforth, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem, on Saturday, February 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Hanley, 3 p.m. to 4.30; Tunstall, 4 p.m. to 5.30; and Burslem, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Asfordby (6 bells) on February 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at North Muskham (6 bells) on February 12th. Please look up the method you can't quite ring, whether it is Bob Minor or York Surprise, then come and try to ring it. Send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. They are a peal worth ringing.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 12th, at St. Luke's, Liverpool. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in School, price 6d. Those requiring tea inform Mr. F. S. Owen, 36, Beaconsfield Street, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Great Linford to-morrow, Saturday, February 12th. 2.30 ring up. 4 service. 4.45 tea. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**BANWELL, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 3 p.m. Two trebles added and the augmented peal of eight hung in new framework by John Taylor & Co.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Feb. 13th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, Feb. 24th. Everybody welcomed.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 15th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; 17th, St. Magnus'; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles mem-

bers who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Chertsey, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please send me a line by Thursday, February 17th? All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, February 19th. (Please note date.) Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by kind invitation of the Guild president (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the 16th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A combined 12-bell practice will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 o'clock. Arrangements for tea at 7.15 p.m. will be made for those who notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Thursday, February 17th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, February 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley, Branch Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ombersley on February 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at small charge) in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Don't forget that card by Tuesday, the 15th. Buses from Worcester and Kidderminster pass church.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Sea Horse. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 15th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15, and tea, which is provided free by Mr. Clarke, at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements for tea, etc.?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—On February 19th, the Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Winshill (Tutbury bells not available). Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Do not forget postcard to me by Wednesday, February 16th. Methods to suit all comers, including Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell (8 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual times and arrangements. Mr. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, will arrange tea, at a small charge, for those who notify him by February 17th. Subscriptions for 1938 are due.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham on February 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by February 16th. A bumper meeting please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Ashbury on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, February 17th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Bromyard District will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. As this is a country tower, will those attending please let me have a card by Wednesday, 16th inst., so that arrangements can be made for catering?—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. Peter's, Portishead, will be available from 5 o'clock for a good evening's practice on Saturday, February 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on February 19th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting near the church after. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at Hackforth's Cafe, at 5.30 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Weatherill Street, Goole, by Thursday, February 17th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grange Farm, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Beeston, February 19th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea may be had near the church. No. 4 bus from the Council Square, Nottingham.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—A thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, February 20th, at 3 p.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop de Salis, Archdeacon of Taunton, following the restoration of the ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co.

**THE LITTLE ADVENTURE.** Try Langley Bury (6 bells) Herts (Association), Saturday, February 26th. Particulars next week.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Full details later. Please note that any nominations for general officers or notices of motion must be in writing and should reach me before February 19th.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Victory (near the L.N.E. Railway Station) at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 5th. Tickets, 3s., to be applied for not later than March 2nd.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Jubilee 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner will be held

at the White Horse Restaurant, Congreve Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 p.m. prompt, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12), Aston Parish Church (12), and the Cathedral Church (10), will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets will be issued to fully-paid ringing members at 2s. each; to other members and friends at 6s. 6d. each. Early application accompanied by remittance is essential, latest date being February 26th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 36, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

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#### ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The fifth annual meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Laurence's Church, Alton, on Saturday, January 22nd. Those present included Mr. George Williams (Guild Ringing Master), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman), the Rev. T. N. Rathbone Griffin (Vicar of Alton), and members from Alton, Alresford, Blackmoor, Hawkley, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Milland, Priyett, Steep, Soberton, Wonston, Winchester and one unattached. Visitors were present from Haslemere and Cottenham (Yorks), making a total of 38. The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Guild's service was held at 4.30, at which the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin officiated, giving a short address.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting, in the absence of the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) through illness, the district vice-chairman presided. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) read his report for 1937, in the course of which he said the membership was now 103, the highest since the new district was formed.

The hon. auditor presented the balance sheet, which he said was most satisfactory and showed a balance in hand of £11 13s. Mr. H. Collis (Petersfield), Mr. L. Noakes (Alton) and Mr. F. Windybank (Blackmoor) were elected ringing members.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. A. Hardiman as second representative on the Central Committee.

The next annual meeting at Petersfield was fixed for January 28th, 1939, and the next quarterly meeting to be at Froxfield (provisionally) on April 30th, 1938.

An appeal was received from Canon S. N. Sedgwick, Rector of Warnford, for a grant towards the restoration of his tower and bells. The meeting decided that when the work was nearer commencement they would make a grant, but no sum was decided upon.

The meeting made a grant of £1 to the fund for new ropes at Alton tower.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, after which the meeting terminated.

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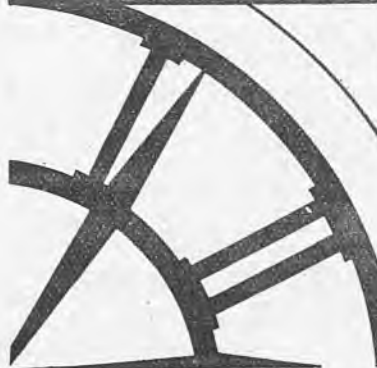
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## THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

More than one association is at this moment overhauling its rules. There are some few organisations whose rules have stood almost unaltered from their foundation, and those who planned them must have done their work well for it to have stood the test of something like half a century. But since the territorial associations first came into existence there has been a vast change in the circumstances surrounding their activities, and the altered conditions have made it desirable that rules of fifty years ago should be remoulded. When, in the seventies and eighties of last century, ringing associations were formed all over the country, conditions in the belfry were totally different to those of to-day. The ringer, with few exceptions, had no standing in the Church; the tower was more often than not, a place apart, and the art of ringing was largely in a state of stagnation.

What the associations have done by way of 'reform' can scarcely be realised by those whose memories do not go back to those early days. In generalising, we realise that there were notable exceptions, but for the most part the men who were the ringers then were of a different type to those who ring the bells to-day. Education and the general raising of standards has had much to do with the improvement, but the persistent efforts of the ringing societies to lift the level has also had an important bearing upon this, as upon the more material side of things. The belfry is not now, as it often was fifty years ago, the lumber room of the church, and everyone in these days recognises that it is as much a portion of the consecrated building as the vestry or any other part of the edifice. It took time for these things to be instilled into the minds of the responsible people, but it can now be said that both clergy and ringers are conscious of the position which the latter should hold in the church, and of the relation which the belfry bears to the rest of the building.

But more than this, we think it is no exaggeration to say that the associations practically saved the art of change ringing. Round about the middle of last century it had reached a stagnation which threatened extinction, and in the combination of belfry reform and the promotion of the art of change ringing the new associations rescued the latter when it appeared to be almost in its death throes. What a contrast to-day! True to their trust, the associations, by steadfast labour in fostering the art, by drawing ringers into a closer fraternity, by encouraging interchange of ideas and even a friendly rivalry, have enabled the Exercise to grow to its present stature and change ringing to reach a stage undreamt of two generations ago. To meet the needs of to-day, old

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rules have to be revised and adapted, and there is as much work ahead now as the founders could have foreseen when they started. There are diminishing numbers in some places, and empty belfries in others; 'canned' bells are being introduced, the need of studying a noise-racked public is becoming more and more apparent. These are present challenges to the ringing organisations, and it is their duty to face up to them.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 8
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HARRY W. SIMMONDS ... .. 9
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 10
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 11
GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 6	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	*FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
*KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 3	JOHN FLINT ... .. 8
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 9
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 5	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JACK BELCHAM ... .. Treble	WALTER D. TAYLOR ... .. 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 2	†REGINALD C. THRIFT ... .. 7
*HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 8
†LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 9
*ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 5	*WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal. Rung at the conclusion of the service in the Cathedral, at which Canon E. N. Gowing, of Prittlewell, was installed as Archdeacon of Southend.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 7
HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 8
JOHN PERRY ... .. 4	BERT HORTON ... .. 9
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 5	*ARTHUR E. REBD ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters on the bells since recasting and augmenting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ethel Annie Wallater.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 502 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	ERNEST BUTLER... .. 5
ELLEN E. DAVIS ... .. 2	*ERNEST PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOHN CRAMPION ... .. 7
ERNEST FURBANK ... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. Treble	KENNETH SHELLING ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH  
First peal of London as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells since they were recast in October, 1936.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Mildred,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY... 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 3	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 4	CECIL H. BALLARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT... .. Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 6
*HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Bristol Surprise. Rung in honour of the conferring of a knighthood on Mr. S. Law, an honorary member of this association.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church, PRITTLEWELL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	HENRY S. WILSON ... .. 5
GORDON BACON ... .. 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 6
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 7
WALTER D. TAYLOR ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Vicar of Prittlewell (Canon E. N. Gowing) as Archdeacon of Southend on the previous day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES W. QUINEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 6
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 3	REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 7
GEORGE SPARROW ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALFRED E. PITSTOW  
A birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 5
*PAUL BIRKETT ... .. 2	HARRY WILD ... .. 6
ARTHUR SKELTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
EDGAR DRAKE ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 6
LESLIE STEVENS ... .. 3	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

FREDK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

ADAM DEAS ... .. Treble	REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 7
JOHN PICKERING ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD ... .. 2	*ALBERT WORMALD ... .. 6
*FRANK ELLIS ... .. 3	*PERCY MASSAM ... .. 7
GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 4	*HARRY HOMER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

## ICKLETON, CAMBS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF ICKLETON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.  
The first peal in the method.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ROBERT D. GUNTON ... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLITT ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 4	CHARLES LOOME ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

## PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*MISS N. WIGGINGTON ... .. Treble	*GEORGE SEWELL ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 2	GEORGE LADD ... .. 6
*NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 7
CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 4	JOHN CURRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor.

## FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. 2	REGINALD L. INCE ... .. 6
WALTER THOMAS ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
*THOMAS W. SIMON ... .. 4	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major. Mr. Robert Sperring's 500th peal for the Guild.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. Treble	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 5
GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by AMBURN WILSON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

## COLSTON BASSET, NOTTS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Treble	WALTER WHITE ... .. 5
MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

## STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, STALY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH,  
150th peal as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major in Stalybridge.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. FORRESTER ... Treble	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 5
PERCY GREEN ... .. 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

## STREATHAM, SURREY.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. DISERENS ... .. Treble	EDWIN L. MILES ... .. 5
JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	*LESLIE G. FRANKS ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 7
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4	NORMAN H. MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. DISERENS.

\* First peal inside 'Stedman. First peal as conductor.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... .. 5
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	HENRY HUEALL ... .. 6
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 3	CHARLES W. COOPER ... .. 7
THOMAS TOWNSEND ... .. 4	*SAMUEL E. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since they were recast. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN R. WILSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... .. 5
*JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

\* First tower-bell peal. Rung fully muffled in remembrance of William H. Hollier, hon. treasurer of the association, who died on December 29th, 1937.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 1	treble	GEORGE FARNISH ... .. 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 2		ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 6
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3		ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4		EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

\* First attempt for a peal of Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Grimwood.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 1	treble	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 4
WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 2		ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY ... .. 5
ROBERT C. BUNNING ... .. 3		HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. TOOKE.

First peal of Minor in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Comprising seven extents: One of St. Clement's, two each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 1	treble	† LIONEL A. LESTER ... .. 4
* HERBERT C. BOGGIS ... .. 2		ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 5
† GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ... .. 3		CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-OF-TOURS,

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

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

HUGH MACKINDER ... .. 1	treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4
* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 2		ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3		A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal on six bells. The first peal on the bells.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven 720's in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Wavertree, Childwall, St. Clement's, College Single; (2) Oxford Bob, College Reverse, Single Court; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 1	treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 2		ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3		JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal in 12 Minor methods on the bells and by all the band. Specially rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. C. M. P. Heath, M.A.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 minutes: E. Acock 1, H. J. Skelt 2, C. Parks (longest length on a working bell) 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, H. G. Pratt 5, D. Buxton 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins 9, R. Davies 10.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, DONCASTER.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY GOODALE ... .. 1	treble	FOORD P. NEWTON ... .. 4
HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 2		WILLIAM FAY ... .. 5
* ALAN HARDING ... .. 3		CHARLES NOTTAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. GOODALE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Phillis Nottage and Mr. Harold Cromack.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 1	treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 4
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2		ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3		CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

The first peal on the bells.

LEADENHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being one extent each of Double Court, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

R. THOMAS VESSEY ... .. 1	treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 2		FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 5
JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 3		JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

STANLEY H. WALLIS ... .. 1	treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... .. 4
ARTHUR W. DILLEY ... .. 2		JOHN CHURCH ... .. 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 3		HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob with four callings and 26 six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. VINCE ... .. 1	treble	WILLIAM G. COOPER ... .. 3
ALFRED J. FORD ... .. 2		GEORGE R. FINCH ... .. 4

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938 in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 1	treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 2		JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 3		* JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.  
ALBERT SAUNDERS ... .. Treble | ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 4  
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2 | REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 5  
THOMAS BIRD ... .. 3 | RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

## SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.  
SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4  
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2 | EDWARD BARKER ... .. 5  
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 16 in B.  
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 1-2 | FREDERICK W. STORES ... .. 5-6  
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3-4 | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

First peal as conductor 'in hand.' First peal of Stedman 'in hand' by all the band, and for the Guild by a resident band.

## FALSE PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement in 'The Ringing World' concerning the false peals of Bob Major by the late Mr. Arthur Craven, the following figures appear on page 96 of the newly-issued report of the Yorkshire Association:—

2345678 W 5th's B H	2375468 W 5th's In H
35264 — 1	72354 —
63254 — —	37254 —
56234 — —	25374 —
2375468 — —	5263478 S — 2

Five times repeated.

I regret that the peal is false, all the 4.6.8's are in-course and all the 6.4.8's are out-of-course; therefore, one is false against the other. Certain course-ends in the 4.6.8's will be found to repeat at the Wrong lead-ends of certain 6.4.8's and vice versa. Repetitions also occur in the 3rd lead of one against the 5th lead of the other.

Unfortunately this composition is given as a true variation of a false peal by the same author, which was rung at Eastwood, Rotherham, on June 15th, 1937, the figures of which are published on the same page in our report with a footnote setting out where the peal is false. The error has arisen by my doing what I have often advised other ringers not to do—taking too much for granted where figures are concerned.

The whole matter is rather involved, but briefly this is what has happened. The report of the Rotherham peal did not reach my hands until last October, just at the time when I was in the midst of compiling the annual report; I checked the peal and found it false, and, having an idea that I had seen the figures before, I turned up my cuttings from 'The Ringing World' and found that the peal had been published on March 29th, 1929. Mr. Craven, I have learned since, was told that the peal was false, and he immediately wrote to 'The Ringing World' tendering his apologies and giving as a true variation of the peal which is the subject of this letter. His accompanying words, 'this ... puts everything true,' together with the fact that my time was limited, will, perhaps, be taken as sufficient excuse for my precipitancy. However, after making sure that the error in the first peal had been expunged, and knowing Mr. Craven's abilities, I took the figures on trust.

I offer my sincere apologies to my fellow-members for my oversight and I hope that this announcement will prevent the composition being used by anyone who sees it in the Yorkshire Association report.

WILLIAM BARTON, Hon. Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

## PEAL NOTES.

## ANOTHER NEW SURPRISE METHOD RUNG.

A Hertfordshire band has scored a peal in another fresh Surprise method, which they named after the place where it was rung—Ickleton. It was conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore, the composition being the Rev. H. Law James' well-known peal of London Surprise.

The Vicar of Prittlewell, which is part of Southend-on-Sea, was installed at Chelmsford Cathedral as Archdeacon of Southend on February 2nd. After the service a peal of Bob Royal, in which five of his own ringers took part, was rung on the Cathedral bells, and, on the following day, a peal of Bob Major, in honour of the Vicar's elevation, was rung on the bells of his own Parish Church.

Mr. Edgar Whiteley rang his fiftieth peal on February 3rd, when he took part in a peal at Queensbury, Bradford.

The progress of handbell ringing in Lincoln made another very gratifying step on February 2nd, when the local men rang a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' the first by all the band and for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by resident ringers.

A knighthood has been conferred upon Mr. S. Law, an honorary member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association. In honour of the distinction thus bestowed, a peal was rung at Oldswinford on February 2nd.

The first peal at Chelsfield, Kent, where the bells were augmented to six in 1936 by the addition of a treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was rung on February 3rd. The back five are 'maiden' bells cast in 1672.

When Mr. C. Ernest Smith, Ringing Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, rang his first peal of London Surprise Major as conductor, at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on February 2nd, it was his fiftieth peal in the method. It was the first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast, with additional metal, in October, 1936, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## FIVE HUNDRED PEALS FOR CHESTER GUILD.

Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, has achieved the distinction of being the first member to ring 500 peals for the Chester Diocesan Guild. He accomplished this on February 5th at the Parish Church of his native village of Farndon, where he learned to ring.

Mr. A. E. Richards rang the tenor to this peal and completed the 'circle' of the tower.

Four local men took part in the first five-method peal of Minor at Bergh Apton, Norfolk, on February 3rd. Two of them scored their first peal and one his 'first in more than one method.'

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, and Mr. A. J. Turner, of Lewes, rang in a peal of Stedman Triples, which the former called, at Ten-terden, Kent, on February 2nd. It was discovered that it was their 151st peal together. A real case of 'jolly old pals.'

It is not often that a ringer makes his first peal as conductor a peal of Stedman Triples called from the treble, but Mr. A. Diserens did this at Streatham on February 5th. By ringing the 2nd, Mr. J. W. Chapman completed the circle of the tower.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Brentwood, Essex, on February 5th, by Cumberland Youths as a birthday honour to the Essex octogenarian, Mr. W. J. Nevard, at whose expense the bells of his Parish Church, Great Bentley, are now being rehung.

Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, who has taken a conspicuous part in advancing the record in Spliced Minor ringing, rang his 150th peal as conductor when he called the first peal of Surprise Major (Bristol) in Stalybridge on February 5th.

To ring peals in a method on all the recognised numbers of bells is always an interesting achievement; to do so within the space of one month must, we think, be almost unique. During January, Messrs. Henry Tooke and William Clover, well-known Norfolk ringers, rang peals of Kent Treble Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, completing the quartet with their first peal of Kent Minor at Gressenhall on January 30th. In the same peal Mr. R. W. Barber completed his sequence.

The first peal on the bells at Stanwell, Middlesex, was rung on February 5th. The tower had been selected for a peal because there were five bells there, and the band wanted to ring a peal of Doubles. Accidentally they discovered that just before Christmas a treble had been added, and so they made it seven Minor methods. Their peal in a five-bell tower has yet to be rung.

The bells at Willenhall, Staffs, were recast and augmented to ten just before the Coronation. The first peal of Caters on them since that occasion was rung on February 5th, when Mr. Chris. Wallater, the enthusiastic leader of the local band, called a peal of Stedman. It was a birthday compliment to Miss E. A. Wallater.

The hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) and Mr. A. W. Heath wandered a long way from home on February 4th, when they rang a peal (specially arranged for them) on the light ring at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

In the peal in 12 Minor methods at Hallaton on February 5th, six towers were represented, viz., Hallaton, Billesdon, Burbage, Croft, Leicester (St. Margaret's) and Stanford. The newly-inducted Rector, the Rev. C. M. P. Heath, to welcome whom the peal was rung, came into the tower before the peal to wish the ringers 'good luck' in their attempt.

The additional methods were put into the first two 720's, and in one there were 48 changes of method and in the other 24 changes of method. It was the first peal in twelve methods by all the band.



**FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT CHRISTCHURCH.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Christchurch, Hants, was rung last Saturday. Four of the band made the 100-mile journey by road from Croydon and Mr. H. W. Simmons rang his first peal on 12 bells. Mr. G. Preston, who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as a ringer at the Priory, rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques. It is interesting to note that the late William Pye rang his last peal of Cambridge Maximus on these bells on Easter Monday, 1934, which he also conducted.

Mr. Jack L. Millhouse rang his fiftieth peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Leadenham, Lincs, on February 5th, when he called a peal in seven six-bell methods.

Mr. B. G. Key and Mr. Howell rang their fiftieth peal together, and Mr. W. H. Curson and Mr. J. W. Cotton rang their twenty-fifth peal together when they all took part in the peal of Minor at Spondon, Derbyshire, which was rung at the suggestion of the Vicar within the octave of the feast. The church is dedicated to St. Werburgh. It was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells at Netherton, Worcestershire, since they were recast was rung on February 5th as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Norman G. Leech.

Another birthday peal on the same day was that at Coddham, Suffolk, where Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur Grimwood.

A band of service ringers at Rothwell, Yorkshire, rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at their Parish Church in honour of one of their number becoming a grandfather. Six of them rang their first peal in the method.

Messrs. Adam Deas, William J. Davidson and John Anderson rang their one hundredth peal together on February 5th when they took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Bishopwearmouth. It is not often that three ringers are able to do this in one peal.

One of the 'brass hats' of the T.G.U. finds Kent a happy hunting ground. Cranbrook went into 'the bag' on February 5th; it was the 80th tower in which he had rung a peal, 55 of them being Kentish belfries.

It is very nice to ring peals in as many different towers as possible, but there is a danger of it becoming a selfish hobby.

The tenor ringer in the peal of Grandsire Doubles at Curry Mallet, Somerset, on January 20th, was Donald James Tout.

The peal at North Elmham, the report of which appeared in our issue of February 4th, was rung on Monday, January 24th, and for the Norwich Diocesan Association (not the Sussex Association as printed).

A birthday peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Royston, Herts, for Mr. F. G. Gleaves.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.****VISIT TO BRADWORTHY RECALLS NOTORIOUS VICAR.**

The North-West Branch of the Devon Guild held its annual meeting at Bradworthy on Saturday, February 5th. Bradworthy is away to the west, within a few miles of Hartland Point. The village is a large one and has a spacious square. Its church is Early English in character with a lofty western tower, and within the edifice there are an Early English font, a Jacobean pulpit and a section of ancient tiling. Bradworthy had a notorious Vicar in 1640. He began life as a sand-carrier, became Vicar and Sheriff's bailiff, forged documents, and, when discovered, fled to Ireland. After obtaining a pardon from his Bishop he returned to his office and also became a solicitor, frightening his flock by threats of actions. He set up a public-house in his Vicarage and sent his daughter into the pulpit to catechise the children. Eventually he was tried in the Star Chamber and sent to prison.

There was a good attendance of members from Bridgerule, Marland, Holsworthy, Sutcombe and the local tower, as well as friends from the Exeter and Plymouth branches.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dobson, R.D., and the chairman, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (Sutcombe), gave a much appreciated address. Other clergy present were the Rev. W. H. Smale, Petrockstowe, the Vicar of Lulworth and the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild.

A sumptuous tea was provided by lady friends of the local ringers at the nearby inn.

At the business meeting which followed, the report and balance sheet for the year were accepted. The chairman (the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill), the secretary (Mr. J. W. Sangwin), the treasurer (Mr. W. Shears) and the Ringing Master (Mr. F. Sangwin), as well as the committee and representatives to the General Committee, were re-elected.

A comprehensive vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. W. H. Smale, expressed appreciation to the officers of the branch, the Vicar and Rural Dean for the use of the bells and the service; the organist, Mrs. Payne, L.R.A.M.; Mr. Collacott, the local captain, and all the ladies who helped in serving the tea.

In the course of an interesting reply, the Rural Dean expressed the hope that the time would come when all the bells in the county would be rung by 'scientific' ringers.

The bells, a handy peal of six, tenor 12 cwt. and recently tuned and rehung on ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co., were kept going before and after the service. Touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Minor were brought round with success.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand a movement is on foot to restore the bells at Farnham Royal, Bucks, as a memorial to the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker. If this scheme is carried out there will be many ringers throughout the country who will desire to be associated with it.

A humble village shoemaker, sub-postmaster and beekeeper, Mr. Parker was one of the few men whose name will last as long as change ringing continues. His work in composition was an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the art.

Visitors to Leatherhead on the occasion of the Guildford Diocesan Guild meeting on Saturday were sorry to find that old stalwart, Mr. Arthur Dean, still confined to his house. He has been in ill-health now for a long time and has not been out for more than a year, but he has not lost his cheerfulness. His many friends will wish him quicker progress to recovery.

Miss Marie Cross must surely be able to claim a record—certainly among ladies if not among ringers generally. She has never yet conducted a peal, but she has rung an inside bell to two strictly non-conducted peals—Stedman Triples a year ago, and Cambridge Surprise Major last month.

This is a distinctly fine performance, but Miss Cross is among the safest of ringers in anything she attempts. She is the only lady who has rung a peal at Queen Camel, where is the heaviest ring of six in the country.

Visitors who propose to attend the Henry Johnson dinner in Birmingham on March 5th are reminded that it is to be held at the White Horse Restaurant, Congreve Street. This is a change of venue after many years.

After 13 years as hon. secretary of the Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. F. D. Rickards has resigned, through having moved to Bath. He is succeeded by Mr. W. H. Marsh, of Street.

The report of the East Grinstead and District Guild for 1937, just issued, says that perhaps the most satisfactory and encouraging feature of the past year has been the increased membership, over 25 new members' names appearing on the list. Financially the year was very successful. The balance in hand was increased from £14 13s. to £20 10s. 10d. Twelve meetings were held during the year.

Do any readers know of former ringers residing in or near Toronto, Canada? If they do, will they kindly forward information, with addresses, to Mr. J. Merrick, 3, Scott Street, Brampton, Ontario.

## SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

### RETIREMENT OF MR. R. COUPE, OF BOLSOVER.

Ringers in the Bolsover District will regret to hear of the retirement from active ringing of Mr. Remaliah Coupe through failing eyesight after 60 years of faithful service in the Parish Church, the whole of that time in the belfry and for 40 years as a chorister. Remaliah, better known as 'Mailer,' was born and has lived in Bolsover all his life. There is little that he doesn't know about the old Parish Church and Castle.

He began to ring in 1878 when Bolsover had its first peal of six bells. These were destroyed by fire in 1897, and in 1898 the back six of the present octave were put in, with a frame for the trebles, added by Taylor and Co. in 1902. Mr. Coupe was very active in getting the two trebles to complete the ring, and this was purely the ringers' effort.

'Mailer' never aspired to peal ringing and never rose beyond Plain and Treble Bob methods, but he has always been looked upon as one of the best of fellows to be connected with any band of ringers—always punctual at every service 104 times a year, and the same for practice. Always willing to stand down for others, he sacrificed everything for the bells and gave up much time to teaching others. Deep regret at his enforced retirement is felt by his colleagues.

## BELLS OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your readers will doubtless recollect seeing, in one of your recent issues, an appeal for pecuniary assistance towards the restoration of the bells of St. George's-in-the-East. It has now been agreed by the Rector that the undersigned will, if possible, pursue the matter further with the Exercise.

The parish of St. George's-in-the-East is one of the poorest in London, and the local people have done their best by raising £170 of the £320 required for the bells out of general restoration costs of over £500. It is felt, therefore, that there is real justification for appealing for help from outside sympathetic sources.

It is felt also that in addition to the ready sympathy usually shown by ringers in such circumstances, a special interest arises here by virtue of the weight, quality and history of St. George's bells, and we appeal confidently to ringers generally, and to lovers of a heavy ring of eight particularly, to do what they can in this case.

Contributions of whatever amount will be very gratefully received by any one of the undersigned, and will be acknowledged through the official channels in due course.

Finally we thank you for your kind sympathy and the use of your valuable space.

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G. W. CECIL, 97, Belgrave Street, Stepney, E.1.

J. G. A. PRIOR, 12, Bovington Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—6.

### GEORGE R. PYE.

One of a famous family of ringers, Mr. George R. Pye has rung more peals than any living ringer, his total now being 1,808. Only his brother, the late Mr. William Pye, rang more than this. Moreover, we imagine that no one has taken part in more record lengths than Mr. 'Bob' Pye. A number of them still stand, including the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne which few will deny to be the finest performance among all the long lengths that have yet been rung. Other records in which Mr. Pye has taken part have been the 14,112 of London Surprise Major, at King's Norton, Worcester-shire; 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Walthamstow, Essex; 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major, at Hornchurch, Essex; and 11,111 Stedman Cinques, at Birmingham. He also rang in the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in which performance one band 'rang the clock round' for the first time, the peal taking 12 hours 18 minutes. Another peal which was a record at the time was the 15,072 Double Norwich Major at Erith: while among his handbell peals Mr. Pye called the Stedman Cinques record of 6,063.

With his two brothers, William and Ernest, and Mr. W. Keeble he rang some of the earliest Surprise peals on handbells, including one of Superlative non-conducted, and the first of New Cambridge, London and Bristol, while he also rang in the first peal on the sea—a peal of Stedman Caters rung between Dublin and Holyhead.

Mr. Pye was born at Chadwell Heath, where he still lives, and rang his first peal on March 30th, 1891, at Romford, which is his 'home' tower. His first peal as conductor was Grandsire Triples, rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 31st, 1894. He, of course, rang an enormous number of peals under the conductorship of his famous brother, William, but he has himself called 361. Of his total, 177 peals have been rung on handbells, of which he has conducted 25. His peals have been rung in no fewer than 539 towers in 56 counties in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and we believe he holds another record in the number of peals of Surprise Maximus, of which he has rung well over 80.

Mr. Pye has represented the Essex Association on the Central Council since 1918, and serves on the Peals Analysis and Records Committee.

Next week: Mr. Nolan Golden.

## DEATH OF MR. WALTER HUGHES.

### LOSS TO LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

By the death of Mr. Walter Hughes, the Liverpool District of the Lancashire Association has sustained a great loss. Mr. Hughes had been for upwards of 50 years a regular Sunday service ringer at Garston, and in the tower of that church he will be greatly missed. Mr. Hughes was formerly for 27 years secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Hughes was 73 years of age and had rung 73 peals, the major portion being for the Lancashire Association. Most of his peals were in the standard methods, and many of them he conducted.

He died on January 31st and was interred in Garston Churchyard on Thursday, February 3rd, when there were present at the graveside many of his old ringing friends in addition to the family mourners. Mr. Hughes leaves a widow and grown-up family, two of his sons being ringers.

In the evening after the funeral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Garston Parish Church with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect: J. Hooley 1, E. Breeze 2, G. Hislop 3, T. Jennion 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. W. Meldrum 6, E. Caunce 7, W. E. Hughes 8.



MR. GEORGE R. PYE.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GOUDHURST.

There was an excellent attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, held at Goudhurst on February 5th. Ringers were present from Brasted, Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Chislehurst, Staplehurst, Lamberhurst, Tenterden, Sturry, Hartfield, Uckfield, Coleman's Hatch, East Grinstead, All Saints', Hastings, Biddington and St. John's, Croydon.

The bells, a fine peal of eight, having a tenor weighing 27 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge and London Surprise.

Service was conducted by the Rector of Goudhurst, the Rev. W. Britton. Tea was partaken of in Ye Olde Starre and Crowne Hotel, to which about 50 sat down.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis. Eighteen new members were elected, several of whom were under 16 years of age.

Mr. T. Saunders, of East Peckham, district representative, read a report of the central committee meeting, which was held at Maidstone. The members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the late Canon Cropper, of Penshurst, who had been an honorary member of the association for many years.

The district secretary, Mr. Alec Richardson, read a report from Brasted of the ringing done there in 1937. It contained details of 36 720's rung at various times, in 16 different methods. The secretary asked that other towers should send in similar reports, as it would help him, when giving his report at the end of the year, to be more accurate.

Mr. E. J. Ladd, the Ringing Master, gave a recital of bell records on a portable gramophone. The records were kindly lent by Mr. E. W. Housden, secretary of the Tunbridge Wells band.

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung upon handbells.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### A MEETING AT EARLS COLNE.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association held a very enjoyable meeting at Earls Colne, when 50 ringers and friends, representing 21 towers, attended. The bells were going soon after 3 p.m., first for a wedding and then for the meeting, and continued, with the exception of a break for service and tea, until 9 p.m. Service was conducted by the priest-in-charge (the Rev. C. A. Gibbons). He welcomed the ringers, and said how very pleased he was to have a meeting of the Essex Association at Earls Colne during his brief stay there.

An excellent tea was prepared in the Co-operative Hall by the wives of the local ringers. Before the business meeting the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgewell) asked the ringers to stand for a few moments in silence in memory of a very old respected member, Mr. W. Elliott, of Kelvedon, who passed away on December 24th. The District Master presided at the meeting, supported by the district secretary (Miss H. G. Snowden), and the general secretary (Mr. L. J. Clark) was also present. Mr. Charles Pope, of Colne Engaine, was elected a ringer member, and Halstead was chosen for the next meeting on April 2nd.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. A. Gibbons, to the organist (Mr. R. Wenden), and to the ladies who had kindly served the tea.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Major, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

## HALF-PEALS.

### A NEW LIGHT RING IN OXFORDSHIRE.

On the new ring of six bells at Tetsworth, Oxfordshire, with a tenor of only 4½ cwt., a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on February 1st in honour of the donors, Messrs. A. and J. Hutt. It was rung in 1 hour 40 minutes by a band of Tetsworth Sunday service ringers: John Stone 1, Richard Lindars 2, Alfred Peasley 3, James Hedges 4, James Gibbard (conductor) 5, Thomas Lay 6.

As a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Winifred Berry, daughter of Mr. William Berry, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancs, on Saturday, January 29th. It had been intended to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples, but the band met short. The ringers were William Berry (conductor), Miss Hester Bell, Miss Rose A. Bell, T. K. Driver, H. Hamer, J. H. Barlow and A. Ogden.

## DEATH OF A SUFFOLK RINGER.

Mr. Henry Philips, of Kelsale, Suffolk, passed away on February 2nd, after a painful illness of nearly five years, patiently borne. Deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been a safe ringer and splendid striker.

Among those who attended the funeral were old ringing friends, Mr. F. Page, of Kelsale, and Mr. F. Watling, of Saxmundham. Many beautiful wreaths were sent.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

### Anticipating a Revision of Rules.

Upwards of 70 members attended the annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, which was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. At the time advertised for ringing to begin quite a large number were present, and there was no delay in raising the bells and getting on with the ringing.

Service was attended by a large congregation, welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Parker). In his address he took for his text one that is quite frequently used at ringers' meetings, 'In that day shall there be on the bells of the horses, holiness unto the Lord.' The address itself, however, was quite apart from the all too frequent style.

A feature of the service was the hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' sung as a solo by Miss G. Bailey, one of the local ringers.

After service, tea was served in the crypt. About 70 sat down to an enjoyable meal, at the conclusion of which Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president of the district) thanked the Vicar for his address and for allowing the meeting to be held. They were also, he said, very pleased to see Mrs. Parker present amongst them.—The Vicar, who said he regretted that he had to leave so early, once again welcomed the association to Clerkenwell, and wished everybody success in their ringing.

### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MR. W. H. HOLLIER.

The business meeting followed. Before the reading of the minutes, the Chairman (Mr. Fletcher) called attention to the loss sustained by the association through the death of Mr. W. H. Hollier. He asked Mr. C. T. Coles to say something about Mr. Hollier's work.

The hon. secretary said that Mr. Hollier was a member of the association for some years before the war, but it was after the war, on rejoining, that he put in many years of work. He was hon. secretary of the South and West District for some ten years, and was mainly responsible for the augmentation of Isleworth bells. On giving up his secretarial duties he became hon. treasurer of the association, which position he occupied until his death. From 1924 he had represented the association on the Central Council, on which body he was convener of the Peal Records Committee.

As a mark of respect all present stood in silence for a few moments.

The usual business of the meeting was then proceeded with. First, twelve ringing members were elected, and the Rev. C. L. Parker, Vicar of Clerkenwell, elected as an hon. member.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, on the understanding that in the event of the new draft rules, which were to be discussed at the annual general meeting, and which provided for the appointment of a general secretary, being passed, it might be necessary for the present assistant secretary to take over the duties of hon. secretary of the district.

The balance sheet was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Oram). It showed a satisfactory state of affairs, there being a balance on the year's working of £4 8s. 1d., with total assets to the value of £113 4s. 2d.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The Chairman said that since their last meeting several members had been lost by death. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Hereford, died on December 23rd; Mr. W. Webb, of Finchley, a foundation member, died on December 25th, at the age of 81; whilst Mr. J. J. Parker, the famous composer of peals, died on December 21st, aged 84. They also deplored the death of Mr. H. E. Newton, churchwarden at St. John's, Leytonstone, who was a very enthusiastic supporter of the William Pye memorial scheme.

Mr. Atkins spoke of the many years of work done by the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson in proving the Treble Bob peal collection, which was a monumental task; and his good work for the Central Council was testified to by Mr. Fletcher, who is hon. secretary of the Council.

The regrets of all present at the loss of so many members was shown by a vote of sympathy being passed in the usual way.

### DECREASED ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS.

The falling off in the attendances at district meetings during 1937 was strongly commented upon by the hon. secretary. Mr. Coles said that it was fashionable in these days to speak plainly—he hoped he would be plain enough, without anybody having cause to take offence. The attendances at meetings last year had fallen off very considerably, the average being 33, against 48 in 1936. The secretary nearly always attended, so did the Ringing Master and other officers; they were expected to be present, and it was the duty of members to do their utmost to attend. If all members attended at least two meetings every year, what a difference it would make, and what encouragement it would give to the officers. Mr. Coles went on to say that there might be a cause of the decreased attendances, but the only possible reason he could think of was the 'special method' being unpopular, although there was no evidence to show that this was so. He, therefore, asked members for an expression of opinion.

Mr. A. J. Harding (Pinner) moved that the special methods be discontinued, on the ground that they kept learners away from meetings.—Mr. E. B. Hartley (Willesden) seconded.

Mr. Goodship (Harrow Weald) supported the special methods, Miss K. M. Bradford (Willesden) was rather against them, on the ground that very few members took the trouble to learn them.

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## RINGER DIES IN A WORCESTER BELFRY. COLLAPSE DURING PRACTICE.

Not often does a ringer die at his post, but such was the case on Tuesday, February 1st, when, during the combined practice of the St. John's and Claines bands at St. John's, Worcester, Mr. Charles J. Green passed away suddenly. Having just rung the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples, lasting about ten minutes, he sat down, and, just as another touch had begun, collapsed and died.

Mr. Green, who was 69 years of age, had spent most of his life farming in or near the sleepy Worcestershire village of Berrow, and here, during the time he was churchwarden, he was instrumental in having three new bells and a new steel frame added, and the existing two recast. Mr. Green gave a large sum towards this object, which was to commemorate the Coronation of King George V.

In 1925 he retired and went to reside in Worcester, a year or two later joining the newly-formed Claines band soon after the augmentation of the bells from five to eight. Never a great ringer—probably because in the Berrow district he had had too few opportunities—when they did come in Worcester he was too old. He will best be remembered by those who knew him personally for his old-fashioned courtesy, his quiet and unassuming manner and for his keen interest in the art he was himself unable to master thoroughly. He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest in Pendock churchyard (parish of Berrow-cum-Pendock) on Saturday, February 5th, and the Worcestershire Association was represented by Messrs. G. E. Large (hon. secretary, Western Branch), E. Wilson, R. Woodyatt, D. R. Sayers, R. W. Sayers, R. C. Sayers, F. G. Yates, all members of the Claines band, who rang handbells over the grave, after which the bells of Berrow Church nearby were rung half-muffled by the same ringers.

Among the wreaths was one from Mr. E. P. Thomas (vice-president) and Mrs. Thomas, and another from the St. John's band.

On Monday evening, February 7th, a half-muffled peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at Claines by members of both St. John's and Claines towers, six of whom were with Mr. Green in St. John's belfry when he passed away.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—On Wednesday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): \*V. Wilkinson 1, C. W. Denyer 2, F. Marchant 3, T. E. Denyer 4, †S. Beck (conductor) 5, H. Hunt 6, F. J. Ewens 7, †Ed. Hunt 8. \* First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal of Triples.

**MAISEY HAMPTON.**—On Sunday, January 30th, for morning service at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of St. Dunstan's Doubles, 1,260 changes (10½ six-scores): E. H. Pearce 1, J. E. Godwin 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, L. W. Cuss 4, W. A. Godwin 5, N. J. Pearce 6. First quarter-peal in this method and first attempt by all except the conductor.

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Mr. G. L. Joyce, a visitor from Hornchurch, said that the decline in attendances was not confined to this association; it seemed pretty general. As regards special methods, he was generally in favour, provided that all who wished to ring the method chosen were given an opportunity to do so.

Mr. A. W. Coles (Master) supported the special methods. Other speakers included Mr. E. E. Holman (Walthamstow); Miss B. Hart, (Kilburn), who wanted easier methods; and Mr. E. M. Atkins (Kilburn).

Ultimately the proposal to discontinue the methods was defeated by a fairly big majority.

As is generally known amongst members, a proposal to make a drastic revision of the rules will come up for discussion at the annual general meeting on April 30th. In the meantime, to enable the rules, if passed, to come into operation on January 1st next, it was necessary to pass the following resolution, which had also to be passed by the other district of the association to enable it to become effective: 'This annual meeting of the North and East District resolves that, in the event of the revised rules being adopted by the annual general meeting, the funds of the district shall be transferred to the central fund of the association as from January 1st, 1939.'

This was proposed by the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. G. B. Lucas and carried.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the St. George-in-the-East Bell Restoration Fund, the hon. secretary stating that it was at this tower that his brother and himself learned to ring, and they hoped the money to rehang the bells would soon be raised.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left to the hon. secretary. Kent Treble Bob was chosen as the special method.

Edmonton was selected for the next annual meeting of the district.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks, which embraced those who had helped in any way towards the success of the meeting. These were Messrs. W. Bailey and F. W. Sawbridge (churchwardens), Mr. Rideaux (organist), Miss G. Bailey and friends, who arranged tea, and Mr. R. W. Rixon, the local secretary.—This was carried with applause.

The meeting closed after a vote of thanks to the officers of the district had been moved by Mr. E. M. Atkins and carried by the meeting.

Ringings afterwards took place, ceasing shortly before 8.30 p.m.



**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.****ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.****Bell Rope the Clergy's Fishing Line.**

The annual meeting of the Island District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was held at Ryde on Saturday, January 29th, when representatives were present from the towers of Portsmouth Cathedral and St. Mary's, Portsea, Ryde, Newport, Carisbrooke, Ventnor and Godshill churches. The early afternoon was spent in ringing in the tower of All Saints' Church, placed at the disposal of the Guild by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Moxon, D.D.), who subsequently conducted a ringers' service in the church. Mr. E. G. Weish was at the organ and the singing was led by a contingent of the choirboys, who were entertained to tea at the Welby Institute.

The annual meeting followed, with the president of the district (Dr. J. B. Williamson) in the chair.

The report of the hon. auditor (Mr. H. A. Phillips) showed receipts of £11 3s. 11d., including a balance of £5 5s. from the previous year. The expenditure included £2 10s. 5d. remitted to the general treasurer of the Guild, and a credit balance of £5 8s. 3d. remained.

Mr. H. P. James, the hon. secretary and treasurer, in his report, referred to a gratifying increase in the number of ringers attending the meetings, and thanked the president for his deep interest in the work of the district. The clergy who had allowed the ringers the use of bells and all who had in any way assisted in the progress of the district were thanked.

**REVIVAL IN INTEREST.**

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. Barton) reported that he was satisfied with the ringing he had heard in the Island churches. After giving a summary of the peals rung during 1937, the Master said he felt sure of a revival of interest in ringing.

Dr. Williamson was unanimously re-elected president.—In returning thanks, he referred to the fact that the clergy often complained if the bells of their tower were not rung for service on Sundays, and asked how often the clergy themselves visited the belfry when the ringers were there. He claimed that the bell rope was the clergy's fishing line and expressed the opinion that more frequent visits on their part to the belfry would create new interest amongst the ringers. He appealed to the clergy not to lose sight of the fact that a bell-ringer was a churchworker.

The officers were re-elected and cordially thanked for their services. Four new members were elected.

The meeting discussed and deprecated the use of amplified gramophone records in church towers, and passed a resolution in support of the protest against this practice, particularly in churches where bells are available.

The quarterly meeting is to be held at Godshill in April, with a by-practice meeting in March at Arreton and Newchurch, subject to permission to use the bells.

The meeting terminated with thanks to the Vicar, the organist and choirboys, and to the Portsmouth ringers for their interest. Further ringing in the tower and on the handbells followed.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Buxton on Saturday, January 29th. The bells of the Parish Church were rung to various methods from Bob Minor to London, York, Norwich, Cambridge and Beverley Surprise Minor, while on handbells Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

The service was conducted by the branch chairman (the Rev. H. W. Benson) and the association's form was used.

Between forty and fifty members sat down to tea in the Parish Hall. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. H. W. Benson presided, supported by the Rev. E. W. Blyth (Rector of Northrepps), Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. F. Tooke (branch secretary), Messrs. G. Bailey, W. Clover, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers (members of the committee), and representatives from Avsham, Buxton, Cromer, Hevingham, Northrepps, Norwich, Scottow, Wiveton, Wroxham and Wymondham. Other branches were represented by Messrs. W. J. Lee and J. G. W. Harwood (chairman and secretary, East Norfolk Branch) and members from Acle, Gressenhall, North Elmham and Reedham.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. H. W. Benson; secretary, Mr. H. Tooke; committee, Messrs. G. Bailey, W. Clover, W. C. Duffield, A. H. Holliday and G. Mayers. Messrs. G. Bailey and W. C. Duffield were re-elected to the Standing Committee of the Association. The Rev. Newton Kent and Mr. F. A. Bainbridge, of Scottow, were elected honorary members. The belfry elections of Miss Olive Lowe, of Scottow, and Mr. Fred Barton, of Buxton, were ratified, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Abel, R. G. Durrant and C. H. Kiddle (Garveston) and G. C. G. Greenacre (Wroxham).

Mr. A. L. Coleman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Benson for allowing the branch to visit Buxton, for the use of the bells and for conducting the service. Mr. Tooke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. C. Duffield for all the work he had done in making the arrangements for the meeting.

The next meeting of the branch will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, April 30th.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****COMING CHANGES AMONG OFFICIALS.****Diminished Membership Warning.**

A falling off in the membership of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was reported at the annual meeting by the district hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover, who pointed out that if the district was to be as useful in helping bell restorations in the future as in the past, the membership must at least be maintained.

There was ringing during the afternoon at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church, service being conducted at the latter by the Rector (the Rev. E. de G. Lucas).

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guild), and the following district officers were elected for the year: Ringing Master, Mr. C. Ernest Smith; hon. district secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. A. C. Hazelden. After a ballot Messrs. W. Cope and R. Whittington were elected on the Executive Committee.

Presenting the balance sheet, Mr. Grover said that the balance in hand for 1936 was £25 6s., and for 1937 it was £21 19s. Total receipts were £41 0s. 6d., which included £14 for subscriptions, and on the expenditure side the district meetings cost £1 12s. 3d., and there were grants of £5 to the new Cathedral bells fund, and £2 2s. to the benevolent fund, while £8 0s. 9d. had been remitted to the general fund.

The Ringing Master reported that during the year 31 peals were rung in the diocese. Of that number, 19 were rung in the district in seven towers, of which Guildford Cathedral headed the list with six peals. Coronation peals totalled four, rung at the Cathedral, Chiddingfold, Haslemere and Witley. Mr. A. H. Pulling headed the list of conductors of peals with 14 to his credit. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and at practically every tower in the district ringing for the national event had taken place.

On the whole, continued Mr. Smith, meetings had been fairly well attended, but one meeting, at Godalming, had had to be cancelled owing to the close proximity of its date to Coronation Day.

**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT.**

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said that it had been decided to rehang Ewhurst bells and augment them from six to eight. The two trebles were gifts, and the bells were being rehanged by the Barron Trust.

In his report, Mr. G. L. Grover said ten years ago there were 142 members, and during the eight years to 1935 the number rose to a peak of 171, but had since fallen to 145. In 1931 there were 30 hon. members; the number now was 10. There were seven towers in the district which did not contribute one member to the present total.

All but one of the proposed district meetings were held, and were fairly well attended, but one in particular could have been bettered. It was, however, said Mr. Grover, discouraging to lose touch with such towers as Merrow and Old Woking, which for years had contributed members to the Guild. The Guild subscribed £5 to the Cathedral Bells Fund, and a donation of £2 2s. was paid to the Benevolent Fund. During the last ten years the district had subscribed over £20 to various objects, principally restorations or installations, and, said the secretary, 'if we are to be as useful in the future in this direction as we have in the past, we must see that our membership is at least maintained.'

Mr. Grover said that the members would regret to learn that the guild secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, had decided that he could no longer undertake the secretaryship, and a sub-committee of the Executive Committee had persuaded him (Mr. Grover) to accept the office. That change had necessitated the Executive Committee finding someone to take up the duties of district secretary, and they had approached Mr. Cope, of S. Nicolas' tower. He had expressed his willingness to undertake the duties. He hoped the members would give Mr. Cope their support, and thanked all those who had supported him during the past nine years. Mr. Grover concluded by reminding the members that there were 164 bells in the district, and only 145 ringing members, and asked that this should be noted and the necessary action taken.

It was decided to hold district meetings in 1938 at the following places: Godalming, Bramley and Womersley, Pirbright, Old Woking and Dunsfold.

Nominations were received for guild offices as follows: Mr. G. L. Grover, general secretary; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president; all the other officers were nominated en bloc.

Nine new members were elected to the Guild, and one life ringing member, Rodney Hesse, the 12-year-old son of Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild).

Mr. C. Hazelden proposed a vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success.

After the meeting there was ringing at Shalford and S. Nicolas' Churches.

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**FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**—At SS. James and Basil's Church, on Sunday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1,260 changes): J. Roach 1, C. E. Lawson 2, N. Paiman 3, E. Wallace 4, P. Wishart 5, T. W. Crowe 6, K. Arthur (conductor) 7, R. Crosby 8. This was the first quarter-peal in the method by all and on the bells.

### MORE HONORARY MEMBERS WANTED. LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

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The annual meeting of the Leatherhead District was held on Saturday, February 12th, and attended by members from seven of the eleven towers in the area and a number of visitors. The Rector (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) having been called away from home by the illness of his son, the Rev. P. W. H. Isdell-Carpenter (curate) conducted the service and afterwards presided at the meeting.

The district balance sheet showed £6 5s. received in subscriptions from 61 ringing and two honorary members. A grant of £2 had been made to the new Cathedral bells fund £3 2s. 6d. remitted to the general treasurer. The balance in hand was £5 9s. 6d., compared with £6 7s. 4d. the previous year.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith), in his report, said they had finished the year with the same number of ringing members, but he hoped they would be able to increase the number of hon. members. They had fewer honorary members than any other district in the Guild.

During the year four peals were rung in the district, three of them for the Coronation. Among the peals were Oxford Bob Triples and Boveney Surprise Major rung for the Guild for the first time. The sum of £1 15s. was received from the collecting boxes for the Benevolent Fund.

The district officers were re-elected, with thanks for their services. They are Messrs. A. Harman, Ringing Master; A. H. Smith, hon. secretary, and W. J. Whiting, hon. auditor. Messrs. G. Marriner and W. J. Whiting were elected on the Executive Committee.

Commenting on the report, the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) supported the appeal made by the district secretary for more honorary members. He pointed out that these could be best secured by the local ringers, because the personal touch was more effective than a formal letter from the district secretary. He asked them to do what they could in this direction in their own parishes, and not confine their efforts to the parson.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Banstead, Ockley, Ranmore (jointly with the Surrey Association), Ewell and Ashted, with the annual meeting at Leatherhead.

Mr. G. L. Grover was nominated for the office of guild secretary, and the other guild officers were renominated.

On the motion of Mr. A. Harman, seconded by Mr. F. G. Woodiss, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the coming resignation of the general hon. secretary, and thanking him for what he had done for the Guild. It also recommended that, in recognition of past and in anticipation of future services to the Guild, Mr. Goldsmith be elected a vice-president of the Guild.

It was decided to carry on the combined practices, with some variation of detail in the arrangements, and the meeting terminated with an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to its success.

Ringing on the ten bells at the Parish Church was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

**WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.**—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on January 19th, to celebrate the marriage of Miss Virginia Stewart-Brown and Mr. Ian Edward Hargreave: A. Lea, sen. 1, E. Millington 2, P. Cross 3, J. Camper 4, W. Catherall (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, T. Catherall 6, A. Lea, jun. 7, F. Mitchell 8.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Chertsey, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Church Hall. All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, February 19th. (Please note date.) Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by kind invitation of the Guild president (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, February 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Sea Horse. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15, and tea, which is provided free by Mr. Clarke, at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements for tea, etc.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—On February 19th, the Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Winhill (Tutbury bells not available). Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 o'clock. Methods to suit all comers, including Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell (8 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual times and arrangements. Subscriptions for 1938 are due.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Bromyard District will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham on February 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. A bumper meeting please.—G. Pulinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Ashbury on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on February 19th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting near the church after. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Beeston, February 19th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea may be had near the church. No. 4 bus from the Council Square, Nottingham.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Everyone welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at Hackforth's Cafe at 5.30 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northants Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Old Duston to-morrow (Saturday), February 19th. Usual arrangements.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—A thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, February 20th, at 3 p.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop de Salis, Archdeacon of Taunton, following the restoration of the ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Easthampstead (6 bells), Wednesday, February 23rd, 6.45 p.m. Visitors welcome. Station, Bracknell.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting, February 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Usual monthly practice will take place at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Thursday, February 24th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Any ringer welcomed.—Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than first post Wednesday, the 23rd. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, February 26th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stapleton on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) open from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available from 3.45 approximately. (Wedding will delay start.) Tea (1s. per head) will be arranged for all who notify Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrels Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, by Thursday. Business meeting in Schools 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Royston, Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea, given by the Vicar. If you wish for tea to be provided, drop card to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. We want a better meeting than we had last year, so book the date and don't be late! and please send a card; if you don't, and there isn't enough tea, don't blame me.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, February 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Tea free to members, but all ringers will be heartily welcomed.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower, 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Watlington on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at 1s. 3d. per person, in the Church Hall. Requirements for tea to reach me by the morning of Tuesday, the 22nd.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A meeting for general practice at Penkridge on Saturday, February 26th. Bells from 3 o'clock. All are welcome.—H. Knight.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by February 22nd?—Geo Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bebington (8 bells) on Saturday, February 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANGLEYBURY.**—Saturday, February 26th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.30. Coach and train service at frequent intervals. Bus service to church from Watford and other places. Number for tea must be in to me by the 23rd, so that arrangements may be made.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The first meeting of the 1938 season will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at Darley Dale. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Will all members and friends who intend being present kindly drop a card before Friday, the 25th, to H. E. Taylor, The Hill-side, Darley Dale, to ensure adequate arrangements for tea?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 120th anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Victory (near the L.N.E. Railway Station) at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 5th. Tickets, 3s., to be applied for not later than March 2nd.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.45. Meeting 6.30. The bells of St. John's, Redhill (8), will also be available during the afternoon. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Walter Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, March 2nd.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Jubilee 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner will be held at the White Horse Restaurant, Congreve Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 p.m. prompt, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12), Aston Parish Church (12), and the Cathedral Church (10), will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets will be issued to fully-paid ringing members at 2s. each; to other members and friends at 6s. 6d. each. Early application accompanied by remittance is essential, latest date being February 26th.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Chester Guild ringers heartily invited. Special method, Cambridge Royal. Those who require tea will you kindly notify me before March 2nd?—Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The North and East Branches combine at Blofield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. The Standing Committee meets at the Rectory at 6 p.m. (approximately). Numbers for tea (1s. 3d.) by March 2nd to Nolan Golden, general secretary and treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.—John G. W. Harwood and Henry Tookey, Branch Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45 (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by February 28th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler, and N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

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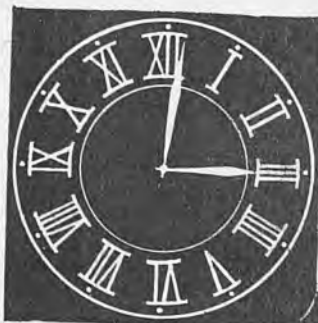
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In his address to the members of the London County Association, at the service held in conjunction with their annual meeting, the Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to the difficulties of keeping church bells going for service ringing in the Metropolis, and the responsibilities of the ringing organisations in overcoming these obstacles. There are far too many silent bells in and around the city; congregations and ringers alike have gone. The outward drift of the population has emptied the belfries as it has emptied the pews. The churches within the city itself where service ringing takes place every Sunday could be numbered on the fingers of one hand, while in the fringe immediately surrounding it the position is little better. True, there are a number of churches where the bells are rung for service once a month, or so, but that is done, very often, only by robbing bands at more distant places and not always with a disinterested object.

The whole situation in regard to ringing requires a thorough investigation if any planned improvement is to take place. There is more overlapping of ringing organisations in and around London than anywhere else in the country, and less practical result; there are too many factions and too little cohesion; too much jealousy and far too little co-operation. While this state of affairs persists, there can be no hope of improving the position. In the early days of the mutually exclusive societies, and, indeed, down to well within the last one hundred years, ringing in London had little to do with the Church services, but the relation of ringers to the Church in these days has entirely altered the situation. Ringing should be done primarily as a service to the Church, and instead of rivalry among the ringing societies there should be a spirit of brotherhood which should unite them in a desire not only to organise ringing to the best advantage, but to plan for the future maintenance of the art in this, its earliest home.

First and foremost, the great need is more ringers, and what has been done at St. Lawrence Jewry and at Stepney should be possible at other churches. Material may be hard to get, but it can be found if the effort is made. It is true that no miracle can be worked in this matter, but a really amicable understanding between the half-dozen societies which cover Greater London might lead to a tremendous improvement. But these societies must first come together, meet on common ground and adjust those differences which unfortunately maintain something akin to a barrier between them. These 'differences' are, we are quite sure, very largely imaginary, or, if they have had any substantial founda-

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... .. 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS ... .. 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. W. PARRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Eastwood.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... .. Treble	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	TONY R. PRICE ... .. 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of London Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Housden, sister of the conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*SAMUEL WEBB ... .. Treble	ERNEST CALCUTT ... .. 6
†REGINALD CHANCE ... .. 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 3	GILBERT GUEST ... .. 8
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 9
HENRY HUBBALL ... .. 5	RONALD GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. GOODMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. † First peal of Grand-sire Caters. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Farley.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

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

A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	†HENRY S. WILSON ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 8
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 9
*ALBERT E. W. NORTH ... .. 5	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Cam Royal by all, except H. Parkes, and by the association.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John, Perry Barr, for evening service, on Sunday, January 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Mitcheson 1, G. Williams 2, D. T. Matkin (conductor) 3, J. S. Mason 4, M. J. Morris 5, S. Holloway 6, F. E. Haynes 7, F. W. Rishworth 8.



## WISBECH, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 6
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 8
*LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4	WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 9
†JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bason.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 31, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
DEREK SHARPE ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and J. H. Cheesman, also to J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... .. Treble	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... 5
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 2	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Charles J. Green, for eight years a member of this tower, who suddenly passed away in St. John's (Worcester) belfry on Tuesday, February 1st.

## CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
*JAMES JEFFERY ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7
TOM MITCHELL ... .. 4	GEORGE APPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*RONALD F. SALTER ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... 6
†WALTER NICHOLS ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
*FRANK W. BROWN ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*REGINALD H. DRANE ... 5
*LESLIE H. JERMY ... .. 2	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 6
ROBERT A. WARMAN ... 3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 7
†LIONEL A. LESTER ... .. 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Treble	HAROLD KENT ... .. 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2	*JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	*JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7
JOHN FLINT ... .. 4	J. FRED. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Sergt.-Instructor and Mrs. H. Laver at Nowsheera, North-West Frontier Province, India. Mrs. Laver is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brearley.

## GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 5
WALTER SOUTHGATE ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... 7
MISS VIOLET FROST ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

Rung for the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK ALLFREY ... Treble	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
†MISS H. DARVILLE ... 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN... 6
WILLIAM STANFORD ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... 7
*HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 4	PETER CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	JAMES TOPP ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. STIMP... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

G. SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	H. W. SMITH ... .. 5
D. N. JENNINGS ... .. 2	V. MORLEY ... .. 6
*R. PORTWAY ... .. 3	*R. SUCKLING ... .. 7
D. C. JENNINGS ... .. 4	J. C. JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by J. C. JENNINGS.

\* First peal in the method.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 37 cwt.

HAROLD PARFREMENT ... Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 5
IDA B. THOMPSON ... 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 6
RONALD F. SALTER ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Prince Nicholas, father of the Duchess of Kent. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF BROOKS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	HAROLD PEARCE ... 5
*W. GEORGE TURNER ... 2	ALBERT PICKLES ... 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
HARRY WILD ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

\* First peal in the method.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JACK DAFTERS ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
MRS. J. E. DAVIS ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6
†MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge. † First attempt for a Surprise peal.

## BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... 5
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE CONDICK ... 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... 3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 7
SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... 4	JOHN CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a diamond jubilee peal for the association.

## BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*LEONARD LUCK ... Treble	CHARLES DYKE ... 5
PERCY L. PARSLow ... 2	WILLIAM SEERLEY ... 6
EDWARD P. ASHEY ... 3	JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 4	*FREDERICK W. ALLBYWAY Tenor

Composed by G. F. WOODHOUSE.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Major.

## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
HENRY R. NEWTON ... 2	WILSON RUSHTON ... 6
HENRY G. MILES ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 4	JAMES RUMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## SURFLEET, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	*CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	*JOHN W. CARTER ... 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
*CYRIL DOBNEY ... 4	*NORMAN T. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

## NORTON, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 6
HARRY WARBURTON ... 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 7
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The conductor's 600th peal. The composition, No. 381, was rung for the first time.

## WOOD GREEN, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*THOMAS HILL ... Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 5
GEORGE OLIVER ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 6
*HAROLD SMITH ... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 7
CHRIS. WALLATER ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
DEREK M. SHARP ... 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Wheadon's wedding.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

R. WILLIAM BARBER... .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES... .. 4
*JOHN R. WILKERSON... .. 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE... .. 5
*MISS JOAN K. PRIEST... .. 3	THOMAS W. DE VILLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

\* First peal.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER... .. Tenor	*GEORGE OLIVER... .. 4
†HAROLD SMITH... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY... .. 5
CHRIS. WALLATER... .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four Minor methods. First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor and on the bells.

GREAT FENBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. JOHN STED... .. Treble	*SIDNEY W. ARBON... .. 4
*LESLIE FOSTER... .. 2	A. ROY WOODARD... .. 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... .. 3	FRANK W. J. ROPER... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROPER.

\* First peal in four methods.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES HARVEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 4
*THOMAS POCOCK... .. 2	WILLIAM BAILEY... .. 5
*JAMES POCOCK... .. 3	*LEF BATES... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BAILEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Seven extents in 34 methods:—

- (1) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
- (2) Capel, Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
- (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
- (5) Hereward, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Single Court.
- (6) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, St. Clement's and Childwall.
- (7) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Reverse Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON... .. Treble	JACK BRAY... .. 4
MRS. J. BAY... .. 2	JACK L. MITCHELL... .. 5
CHARLES MC GUINNESS... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 34 methods by all the band and for the branch. There were 130 changes of method.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR REEVE... .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN... .. 4
JACK BELCHAM... .. 2	ALBERT E. NORTH... .. 5
HENRY S. WILSON... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

Rung to welcome the Rev. L. S. Bewers back to his home town as assistant curate. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Consisting of four extents of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Stedman, 10 extents of Plain Bob (each with four variations of calling), and 20 extents of Grandsire (10 variations of calling).

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN... .. Treble	DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS... .. 4
A. PATRICK CANNON... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

\* First peal on five bells. First peal in five Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE BRENEY... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY... .. 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in six methods by all except the conductor.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK CASSWELL... .. Treble	G. STEPHEN LEE... .. 4
LIONEL PARKIN... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT... .. 5
JOHN E. TURLEY... .. 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (2) College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (3) Willesden and Newdigate Delight; (4) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (6) Neasden and Wragby Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Seventeen changes of method.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. J. FERNLEY... .. Treble	ALBERT T. BANCROFT... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY... .. 2	WILFRED WILDE... .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

\* First peal of Minor.

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LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, February 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT 95, SINCIL BANK,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 16 in B.

JOHN FREEMAN	...	...	1-2	FREDERICK W. STOKES	...	5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	...	...	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	...	7-8

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

*On Friday, February 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	...	...	1-2	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	...	5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD	...	...	3-4	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES	...	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First handbell peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' pair.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, February 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes, at*

AT GLYN GARTH.

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON	...	...	1-2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	...	5-6
JOHN FREEMAN	...	...	3-4	KUPERT RICHARDSON	...	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

THE VOLUNTARY BELL FUND.

It has been decided to have a collection for the association's bell restoration fund at all future meetings of the St. Albans District. This decision was taken at a meeting at Harpenden, when four non-resident life members were elected and the meetings for the year were provisionally fixed.

Ringling during the afternoon was interrupted by a baptismal service. While this was in progress the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall and made use of the piano, dart board and billiard table. Some seemed loth to return to the tower, but ringling was resumed until 5 p.m., when a break was made for tea and business meetings.

The next meeting will be held at Essendon with Northaw, if available, on February 26th.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

NEW SECRETARY IN GLASTON BRANCH.

The members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in the Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch held their annual meeting at Glastonbury on Saturday, January 29th. There was a fair attendance, and a service at St. John's was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Lewis (president of the branch).

The company were entertained to tea through the generosity of Miss Roche, of Chalice Hill, Glastonbury.

The business of the meeting followed, with the Rev. L. S. Lewis in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. D. Rickards (Bath), the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master of the association) and the Rev. C. L. Buckingham (Street).

The secretary presented the report and balance sheet for 1937, which was duly adopted.—The Rev. L. S. Lewis moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Rickards for his services to the branch as hon. secretary and treasurer during the past 13 years, and this was carried with acclamation, Mr. Rickards responding.

The following officers were elected for the year 1938: President, the Rev. L. S. Lewis (Glastonbury); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Marsh (Street); representative on the General Committee, the hon. secretary; Ringing Master, Mr. R. J. Webb (Wells).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pilton on the last Saturday in April.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Lewis for the use of the bells, the service and address, to Miss Roche for giving the tea, and to the local ringers.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening, and after tea some of the members went to St. Benedict's (6), Glastonbury, for a pull.

A 'whip round' for St. Andrew's, Northampton, bells resulted in the sum of 13s. 6d. being collected and forwarded to the fund secretary.

**PEAL NOTES.****JANUARY'S 'HIGH WATER' LEVEL.**

An exceptionally large number of peals were rung during January. Since the war, last month's total of 166 has, we believe, only once been exceeded, and that was in 1936, when 227 were rung, a number largely accounted for by the death of King George V.

In January, 1937, only 116 peals were rung, and in January, 1935, 124. In the year 1913, when the record number of 2,359 peals were rung in the twelve months, 168 peals were rung in January.

Last month there were four twelve-bell peals, 17 ten-bell, 82 eight-bell, 53 six and five bell, and 10 handbell peals. In 1937, the January figures were two twelve-bell, 8 ten-bell, 64 eight-bell, 36 six and five bell, and six handbell peals.

The first peal of Bob Major by Ronald Salter, one of Nottingham's promising youngsters, was rung for his birthday at St. Peter's Church on February 10th.

It is never too late—to begin peal ringling. On February 5th Mr. John R. Wilkerson, of Acle, Norfolk, rang his first peal (Minor in three methods). Mr. Wilkerson is 73 years of age. At the same time, Miss Joan Priest, also of the local band, rang her first peal, and another Acle ringer Mr. Denis Bayles, also took part.

**LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.**

A peal of London Surprise Royal is still a rare event, but another was rung at Beddington on February 12th. Hitherto, we believe, the reports have stated which 'version' of the method has been rung—there is more than one—but on this occasion it is designated just 'London Surprise Royal.'

That may be as well, if there is complete agreement that this is the only version to be recognised by the name 'London,' but if there is still diversity of opinion it might be wise, for the sake of history, to say exactly which version of the method is rung when a peal is scored.

The number of methods in spliced Minor peals by the North Lincolnshire band is growing. Do they intend to rival the achievements of their friends at the other end of the county? On February 12th Mr. George Feirn called a peal in 34 methods, with 130 changes of method. It was the first peal in this number of methods by all the band and by the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Guild. It was rung at Dunholme. Mrs. Jack Bray was one of those taking part.

The arrival of a baby boy in India was celebrated by a peal at Eckington, Derbyshire. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brearley, whose son-in-law and daughter, Sergt.-Instructor and Mrs. H. Laver, are living at Nowshera, in the North-West Frontier Province.

A wedding and two births were celebrated by a peal of Minor in three methods at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on February 12th. A peal of Major had been intended, but the band met short. The events celebrated were the wedding of Miss Frey Shimmin, in Melbourne, Australia, the birth of a daughter to the Vicar of St. Stephen's and Mrs. Kennedy, and the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stephen Lee. Mr. Lee took part in the peal.

Among the birthday peals recorded this week is one rung at Great Holland, Essex, on February 12th, as a compliment to Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, on his 82nd birthday. Mr. Nevard took part in the peal and kindly entertained the band afterwards.

Mr. Alec M. Genery rang his 50th peal and Mr. Ralph Bird his 25th at Colne Engaine, Essex, on February 12th. They are both members of the St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, and the peal was in five Minor methods. The report, however, has been sent to us without the name of the conductor. This we shall be glad to receive.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on February 12th, with the bells half-muffled for the funeral of Prince Nicholas (father of the Duchess of Kent), which took place in Athens.

Mr. Howard Howell called his first peal on February 17th. It was Stedman Cinques at Walsall, and it was the first time he had called any Stedman Cinques at all.

**'FRANK.'**

The peal of London Surprise rung at Earl Shilton on February 12th may rightly be described as the peal with the 'Frank' atmosphere. There were the two Coventry Franks and a Frank from Bath, and after the peal the band were joined by a Leicester Frank, not by name but absolutely by nature. His proper name is Fred, and by the time he had put over some of his sergeant-major stuff everyone present was as frank as it was possible to be. Mr. Joseph A. Fenton rang the 2nd. It was 26 years since he last rang a peal of London. He is one of those real old youngsters. One or two of the band were quite frank as to where they may be when Joe rings his next peal of London if a similar interval elapses.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Portsmouth Cathedral was rung on February 12th.

A birthday peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley, Worcestershire, for Mr. Walter Farley, was rung on the 41st anniversary of Mr. Herbert Sheppard's first peal. Mr. Sheppard is the hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, and he and Mr. John Goodman, who called the peal, have now rung 102 peals together. Ronald Goodman rang the tenor and 'completed the circle' in his home tower.

Cam Treble Bob Royal, one of the varieties which keeps the big bells out of the 'slow,' was rung at Prittlewell, Essex, by a mixed band of Essex and Kent ringers on February 12th.

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**CHESTERFIELD VETERAN'S 600th PEAL.**

(Continued from previous page.)

Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, rang his 600th peal on February 12th at Norton, Sheffield. He has been ringing and composing peals for something like 60 years, and his output of compositions, particularly of Treble Bob, has been prolific. The composition on this occasion, No. 381, was rung for the first time, and was made to fit the event—5,600 changes.

The peal was rung on the eve of the 90th birthday of the Rev. W. Upton Wooler, formerly Vicar of West Wycombe, Bucks, whose son, Mr. W. A. Wooler, took part in the peal. The band desire to thank the Rev. J. Stanton Pegge and Mrs. Pegge for their kind hospitality after the ringing.

A composition of Bob Major, by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, was rung for the first time on February 12th at Bushey Heath. Mr. Woodhouse is the inventor of one of the two wonderful machines which can be used for change ringing. The other, invented by Mr. John Carter, is in the Science Museum at South Kensington. There has been a third, but that had to be scrapped.

The first peal on the bells at Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth, was rung on February 12th. Ringing at this church is very restricted, as it adjoins a hospital for incurables.

The peal was a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Henry R. Newton, whose services to the College Youths and ringing in London extend over something like 50 years. A member of the old Rochester Row Surprise band, Mr. Newton has rung Southwark Cathedral 50 cwt. tenor to peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the old 53 cwt. Bow tenor to London Surprise.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bason, of Thetford, Norfolk, was celebrated by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Wisbech, which Mr. Bason conducted.

Mr. John Austin called a peal of Bob Major at Barnwood, on February 12th, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. His old friend, ex-Police-Sergt. Joseph Williams, took part in the peal. He is 85 and as keen as ever. Another of the band was Mr. Sydney E. Romans, Master of the association, who, like some of the others who rang, is growing old in the cause.

It seems rather remarkable that, with all the peals that have been rung at Surfleet, Lincs, including Stedman Caters and Cinques, a peal of Stedman Triples had not been rung on them until February 12th. But there it is. Some of the Guild Master's pupils rang their first peal in the method on this occasion.

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**SILENT BELLS AT ILSINGTON.****RINGERS' DISAGREEMENT WITH VICAR.**

A ban placed on the old custom of ringing the bells at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day in the village of Ilsington, Devon, by the Vicar, has led to their silence since, except on New Year's Eve.

The matter was mentioned at the annual meeting of the parochial church electors, and Mr. S. Wills said it had always been a custom in most Devon parishes to ring the bells at 6 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The Vicar replied that he was not concerned about a custom unless it was a good custom. It did not seem a good custom for men to ring when there was no service and yet refuse to ring when there were services. He thought it true to say that some men rang church bells merely for their own amusement.

It rested with the Vicar when the bells should be rung, and he was not going to be dictated to in the matter. On Christmas Eve there was a service at midnight and another at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day, and there were people who attended those services who did not feel like being aroused at 6 a.m. by the ringers. They could have rung at the 8 a.m. service. The ringers were still at liberty to use the bells. He had no quarrel with them and he was prepared to meet them at any time.

Mr. S. Wills said some of the ringers had to be up at 4.30 a.m. in order to ring the bells at 6 a.m., and there was not much amusement about that. Some could not ring at 8 a.m., even on Christmas Day, because they had work which had to be carried out.

The Vicar said he had given his point of view, and there were other matters he could mention, but he did not think it was necessary.

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The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, on December 31st last, was conducted by John Hayes, and not by William E. Fletcher, as printed in our report.

Another ringer to complete Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus is Mr. H. T. Wilson, of Prittlewell. He rang the Minor on February 9th at Stanford-le-Hope, when the whole band rang their first peal of Kent Minor. It was rung as a welcome to the Rev. L. S. Bewers on his return to his home town as assistant curate, after having been at Prittlewell. Five Prittlewell ringers took part in the peal.

The local band at Compton Dando, Somerset, scored their first peal on February 9th, when they rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Three of the ringers scored their first peal and did so at the first attempt.

By a peal of Doubles in five methods at West Wickham, Kent, in 2 hours 34 minutes on February 10th, 17 minutes was knocked off the time of the previous quickest peal. The tenor is 13 cwt.

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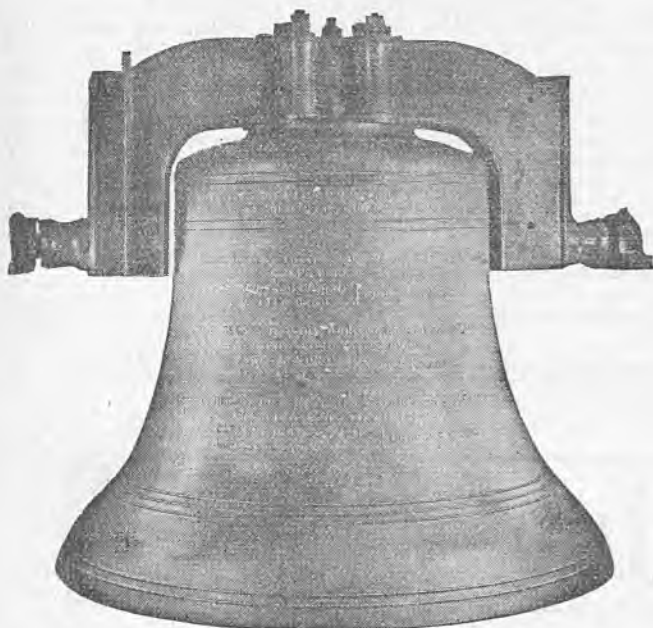
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. E. G. Benson has been elected hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild in succession to the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

A band of schoolgirls, whose ages range from 14 to 17 years, has been formed at Calverleigh, Devon. They are pupils at Ingleside School, and have made such excellent progress under the instruction of the Rector (the Rev. F. Carter) that they can ring Grandsire Doubles.

The bells at Calverleigh are a ring of six, with a tenor of 5½ cwt., rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1936.

The Ven. Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent presided over a company of 118 at the first annual dinner of the North Staffordshire Association at Burslem on Saturday week. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The death has taken place of Mr. W. A. Cooke, secretary of the band at St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, and churchwarden. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there on February 12th as a last token of respect.

Mr. Cooke had taken part in many peals in the district, and as a member of the local band at Gillingham in 1893 he rang in the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major for the Kent County Association.

The address of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, the new hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, is 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

## SHOULD BELLS BE RUNG BY NON-SERVICE RINGERS ?

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Bearing in mind that the primary purpose of church bells is that they should be rung in the service of the Church, is it a desirable state of affairs that a number of 'free-lances,' who can be classed as non-service ringers, should be allowed to travel about the country seeking fresh towers and amassing peals solely for their own amusement?

One hears of ringers who will travel many miles for a peal, but make distance an excuse when it comes to the question of Sunday service ringing.

Cannot the Church authorities, supported by the tower captains concerned, check the activities of these undesirable 'free-lances,' who avail themselves of the privileges given to change ringers, yet fail lamentably in their first duty to the Church?

FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

## BEDALE BELL BROADCASTS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have just been listening to a disgraceful exhibition of ringing from Bedale Parish Church, Yorks. The rounds were very bad. The treble man hardly ever keeping his back stroke lead off the tenor, resulting in some difficulty in hearing the note of the tenor. When call changes were attempted, the bells were almost fired.

How long must the listening public be afflicted with this kind of ringing? We hear much in these days about the need for good striking in order to educate the non-ringer, and what I heard to-night was not good propaganda. If the tower is affiliated to the Yorkshire Association, the ears of listening Yorkshire ringers must have burned with shame, and if the tower is not affiliated, then it is time it was, so that some instruction can be given.

ALAN R. PINK.

Hanwell.

## OLD-TIME CHIME MACHINES.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—If you would be good enough to allow me space, I should be glad to appeal to your readers, in the hope of their being able to assist me in procuring a selection of photographs of tune-barrels belonging to old-time chime machines, of which many still exist, and for your courtesy I express my thanks.

RUSSELL HARPER.

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## FALSE PEALS OF BOB MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I hope you can find space to insert this apology to all those who rang with me a peal of 5,072 Bob Major at Rawmarsh on May 30th, 1931. This has only recently been found to be hopelessly false (composed by A. Craven), and I am exceedingly sorry.

A. NASH.

Rotherham.

An error in the letter which we published last week with regard to Mr. Arthur Craven's false peals of Major ought to be corrected.

Apart from falseness of the course ends with Wrong lead ends, repetitions also occur in the 3rd lead of one course against the 6th lead of another, in the 4th lead of one against the 5th of another, and so on. Practically the whole of the 6.4.8 courses are rung backwards in the 4.6.8 courses.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—7.****NOLAN GOLDEN.**

One of the younger generation of conductors—he is still in the 'twenties'—and one of the most active is Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, who last year was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, after having been hon. secretary of South Norfolk Branch since 1929 and of both the North and South Norfolk Branches since 1934. Mr. Golden spends nearly all his spare time in promoting the art of ringing in Norfolk, visiting towers and encouraging beginners, attending meetings—and just taking his peal ringing in his stride. He was born at Northrepps, near Cromer, and his first peal was rung on handbells, in his native village, on November 24th, 1924. It was a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on five bells, to which Mr. Golden rang 2-3. On December 30th—five weeks later—the same three rang a handbell peal of Doubles in four methods, with Nolan Golden as conductor—a portent of the great ability which he has since shown.

It was not until August, 1925, that Mr. Golden rang a tower bell peal, his first being Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor at Denver, in the Ely Diocese. And then he did not ring another on tower bells until June, 1926, when he conducted a peal of Bob Minor at Wroxham, Norfolk.

Mr. Golden's peal ringing activities have ranged through all numbers of bells, although he has a preference, as most Eastern Counties ringers have, for even-bell ringing. Despite his numerous achievements, Mr. Golden has not kept a record of all his peals. His total, however, is approximately 380, of which 335 have been rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. Of the Norwich peals he has conducted 259.

He has rung and conducted peals in ten counties, and last year rang 39 peals, of which he conducted 36. But in 1934 he conducted 56 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association alone.

Mr. Golden has also devoted considerable attention to composition, and has produced a number of peals of exceptional merit. Indeed, among the peals he has conducted have been 8,096 and 11,264 Double Norwich Major, and 7,168 Superlative Surprise, all of them one-part peals composed by himself.

His peal ringing has been devoted in considerable degree to encouraging others, and among those who have taken part in them have been a good big sprinkling of 'firsts' of one sort or another.

Mr. Golden has been one of the representatives of his association on the Central Council since 1931.

**Next week: Mr. Sidney T. Holt.**

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The February meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Sandal, when 30 members attended from Armley, Ackworth, Adwick, Cawthorne, Crofton, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Rothwell, Wath, Wagray and the local company.

The bells were rung in the afternoon and tea was served in the Parish Room.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. Walls, presided over the business meeting. South Kirby was chosen for the next meeting on March 12th, and four new members were elected.

Minor and Major were rung on the handbells, and the tower bells were kept going until 9.15 p.m. in a good variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

**A LONDON PEAL GOING AGAIN.**

The bells at St. John's, Waterloo Road, where in days gone by many peals were rung, have been restored, and on Sunday evening, February 6th, 1232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung: J. Euston 1, Mrs. Ellen E. Davis 2, H. Belcher 3, H. Hoskins 4, E. Pike 5, W. Hewett 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.



**MR. NOLAN GOLDEN.**

**NEGLECTED LONDON BELLS.****REV. F. LL. EDWARDS ON RINGERS' RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The duty of London ringing associations to do their best to supply bands to ring the bells of the Metropolis was referred to in the address given in connection with the annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild, held on Saturday, February 12th.

Ringling took place in the afternoon at St. Olave's, Hart Street, St. Giles', Cripplegate, and St. Clement Danes', Strand. The service was held in the last-mentioned church, where the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) addressed a congregation numbering about 70. He spoke to the ringers of the difficulty of obtaining a local band to ring the bells in the churches in the City of London, where there was no residential population from which to obtain ringers. It was the duty of the association and other similar societies in the London area to supply bands for these churches and to see that the bells were not allowed to fall into disuse and disrepair. Every peal of church bells had been solemnly dedicated to the glory of God, and it was a travesty to allow a peal to fall into disuse. This sometimes happened where there was a shortage of ringers, and the association could play their part in preventing it, by encouraging youngsters in the art of change ringing so that there would always be an adequate supply of ringers, even at those churches where the lack of residential population made it impossible to obtain a band locally.

After the service, and tea at a nearby restaurant, further ringing at St. Clement Danes took place until 7.15 p.m.

The business meeting was held in St. Clement Danes' Parish Room. The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, presiding. Five new members, including the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, were elected and the election of five others ratified. The balance sheet for 1937, showing a small balance of income over expenditure, was read by the hon. auditor, Mr. A. H. Keighley, and was adopted.

The Master, in his report for 1937, revealed a very satisfactory position. Twenty-one peals were rung during the year, as against 16 in 1936, and 74 members had taken part in these, compared with 49 the previous year. Twelve members had rung their first peals and there were 34 'first peals in the method.' During the year 33 new members had been elected, this being an increase of 14 over the previous year. In commenting on the peal performances, the Master drew attention to the peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by Mr. Len Fox on May 1st, 1937, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, when all the local band rang their first peal at first attempt—a splendid performance. The practices at both St. Clement Danes' and St. Mary's, Lambeth, had been well attended, but there was still room for improvement in the attendance for Sunday service ringing. The publication of the first report book had proved a success; the second was already on sale and it was hoped that it would be equally well received.

Eight members of the association had passed away during the year and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. Taffender; assistant secretaries, Mr. N. H. Manning and Miss Olive L. Ashbrook; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; stewards, Messrs. T. W. Wyatt and P. Carter; trustees, Messrs. A. H. Keighley and F. E. Dawe.

Votes of thanks were accorded for permission to ring at St. Giles' and St. Olave's, to the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, and to all those responsible for making the arrangements and helping at St. Clement Danes'.

At the conclusion of the meeting Miss Ashbrook congratulated Mr. T. H. Taffender on having completed 25 years as Master of the association. This statement was greeted with hearty applause from the members.

The handbell competition for the Dawe Cup took place immediately afterwards and concluded the evening. Bands from St. Stephen's, Westminster, St. Leonard's, Streatham, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, competed, the cup being awarded by the judges to the Stepney ringers (Guild of Stepney Scholars), who rang a course of Bob Major.

**A WEDNESDAY GUILD MEETING.**

A very happy and successful meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Guild of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on February 2nd, when members were present from North Shields, South Shields, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, Fenham, Benwell and All Saints', Newcastle. During the afternoon and evening Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Doubles and Triples were rung.

Tea was prepared in the Institute by the ladies, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Wilkinson, for the use of the bells and the Institute. The Rector, in replying, welcomed all visitors, as, he said, he was very keen on having the bells rung. He was pleased to see so many young men taking up the art.

The next meeting is to be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, April 20th.

## NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS ENJOYABLE VISIT TO NOTTINGHAM.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Nottingham on Saturday, February 5th, when members were present from the following forces: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Liverpool City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Cardiff City, Bolton Borough, Grantham Borough, Reigate Borough, Northants County, Leicester County, Hertford County and Nottingham County.

Visitors began to arrive in Nottingham before 9 a.m. and assembled outside the Council House, whence they travelled by special omnibuses to the factory of Messrs. Player and Sons, where a party of 70 were shown over the cigarette-making department. They were delighted and, indeed, amazed with some of the things they saw in the course of the tour.

The next journey was a 'Trip to Jerusalem,' and for the benefit of those who do not know, this is alleged to be the oldest licensed house in England, complete with caves and museum. Most of the visitors enjoyed seeing the relics in this famous old building and saw all the premises, bar the residential portion, whilst others—to their satisfaction—saw all bar and nothing else.

A visit was then paid to St. Mary's Church, where some of the Metropolitan members were making good use of the bells. Various methods were rung, including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

### BIG LUNCHEON PARTY.

Luncheon, to which 82 sat down, was served at the Milton Cafe, Milton Street, and the Guild here had the pleasure of welcoming Supt. G. W. Downs, M.B.E., Deputy Chief Constable of Nottingham City. Other distinguished visitors included Insp. R. Barnes (Nottingham City), Mr. R. Narborough (Nottingham), Mr. J. W. Jones (Cardiff), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrins (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dexter (Leicester).

Apologies for absence were received from Supt. W. Green (Deputy Chief Constable, Oxfordshire), Supt. A. Wiggins (Deputy Chief Constable, Berkshire), Supt. C. P. Hilton (Surrey), ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill (Metropolitan Police) and other Guild members.

After luncheon, Supt. F. R. Williams (Manchester), president of the Guild, extended a hearty welcome to Supt. G. W. Downs and other visitors, and in doing so said the Guild was breaking fresh ground in holding a meeting at Nottingham.

In replying, Supt. Downs said he had often heard the bells of St. Mary's Church and at times had not been favourably disposed towards them. Now that he had been enlightened with regard to what bell-ringing was, he felt sure he should be more in sympathy with them than had hitherto been the case.

During the afternoon Supt. Downs very kindly showed some of the visitors over the Guildhall, much to their delight. Another party visited the Council Chambers and also had a view of the quarter chiming bells and 'Little John,' the big bell, the fourth biggest and the one with the deepest tone in England. In the words of one of the party, 'the Council Chamber was simply magnificent.'

Some of the members returned to St. Mary's Church for more ringing and were delighted to see here Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester City, and Mrs. Cole. Mr. Cole has been an honorary member of the Guild since its inception and went up into the belfry to see the bells being rung. Various methods, including a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, were rung during the afternoon.

A return was then made to the Milton Cafe, where 86 sat down to tea. After tea the guild president extended a very sincere welcome to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. B. Cole. Mr. Cole, he said, had shown exceptional interest in the Guild, and from time to time had granted facilities with regard to its members. In referring to Mrs. Cole, the President said it was the first time the Guild had had the honour and pleasure of having the wife of a Chief Constable present at any of its functions.

Mr. Cole, in reply, said he had always been most interested in the Guild. One reason was because the Guild had its inception at Leicester and another was that some of the members of the Leicester City Force were in some measure responsible for the Guild being founded. He had received a copy of the report recently printed. He complimented the secretary on this excellent report and the Guild on its sound position. He said he was getting to know more and more about bell-ringing, but the names of the methods rather confused him. What with 'Grandsire Triplets' and 'Bob Martins,' he continued, it's rather difficult.

Both he and Mrs. Cole were greatly interested in a course of Grandsire Triples rung on the handbells.

### A SATISFACTORY POSITION.

At the business meeting which followed, Supt. F. R. Williams was re-elected president, ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill vice-president, Inspector H. J. Poole hon. secretary and treasurer, and Sergt. H. G. Jenney guild auditor. The committee were re-elected en bloc.

The secretary referred to the first printed report of the Guild, a copy of which was distributed to the members prior to the meeting. This covered the activities of the Guild since its inception in 1931. It also included peals rung by bands of police officers prior to the formation of the Guild and the name and address of each member. It should serve to create further interest in the Guild.

The balance sheet showed, at the end of December, 1937, a balance in hand of £12 19s. 1d., although a substantial amount of this had since been expended in printing the report.

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## NEW ASSOCIATION FOR HUDDERSFIELD DISTRICT. FORMATION AT ELLAND.

A very successful meeting of ringers was held at Elland on Saturday, February 12th. It was the outcome of a wish held by many local ringers for some time past to form a society to serve the many scattered towers in and around Halifax and Huddersfield, and out of a possible 24 towers there were 11 that were represented.

Ringings commenced early and a very gratifying number of learners took part in touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

The business meeting took place after tea, with the Rev. T. Mathieson in the chair. He explained the object of the meeting, stating that it was the aim of the organisers to form a society on the lines of the many associations that existed throughout the country, giving as an example the flourishing Leeds and District Society.

After much discussion the proposal to form a society was made, and it was carried unanimously.

Officers were then elected as follows for the year: President, the Rev. T. Mathieson (Elland); Ringing Master, Mr. F. Rhodes (Rippondon); secretary, Mr. F. Linfoot (Elland); treasurer, Mr. W. Spencer (Heptonstall).

The day's programme was brought to an end by further ringing until nine o'clock, when a very happy and most successful meeting came to a close.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

### GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 5th. Members were present from Blyton, Burton-on-Stather, Holton-le-Moor, Lea, Misterton, Surfleet, Upton and Willingham, besides some of the local company, and Mr. O. Street, of Retford.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar of Gainsborough (the Rev. Canon G. E. A. Whitworth), who also gave a short address.

Some 30 members and friends sat down to tea at the Tudor Cafe, and the business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Richardson, Master of the Guild.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc for the coming year. Mrs. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and Mr. O. Street, of Retford, a non-resident life member.

The tower was again visited and the bells were kept going in a number of methods.

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Twenty-seven peals have been rung for the Guild, including Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Cambridge Surprise Major. The Guild membership at present is two honorary members and 87 ringing members.

After the meeting ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells at St. Peter's Church, and afterwards the visitors reassembled at the Nottingham City Police Recreation Rooms, Guildhall, for a social evening, the programme including a concert by the Nottingham City Police Concert Party. The company were shown various efforts to 'Blow the candle out' by impersonation of persons with funny faces, one of whom was the cross-eyed lady who was blowing where the candle was not. It is to be hoped that the lady impersonator in this case will not forget herself if ever she is called upon to blow a policeman's whistle for assistance. Even so, this may not prove a disaster, as the violent prisoner would undoubtedly become helpless from laughter.

There was also an exhibition of Grandma getting over the stile, and after many unsuccessful efforts, the poor old toothless lady decided to 'Get up (not out) and get under.'

Another amusing incident was with the conjuror, who was assisted by P.C. Frank Perrens and P.C. Jack Fiddler. The latter was fiddling the whole of the time and thought he had fiddled the conjuror into a corner by asking him to produce a 'joker' from his pocket. P.C. Fiddler had well shuffled the cards by dropping them on the stage. To 'Fiddling Jack's' amazement, and indeed, to the amazement of all, the worthy conjuror produced, not one, but about five 'jokers.'

During the interval sandwiches and refreshment were provided by the Nottingham City Police Athletic Club and served by members of the Nottingham City Police Wives' Association.

Before the close, Supt. F. R. Williams expressed thanks, on behalf of the Guild, to all those who had assisted in any way to make the day such a success.

Supt. G. W. Downs suitably replied on behalf of the Nottingham City Police.

This is yet another 'red letter day' added to the annals of the Police Ringing Guild. Apparently by now it is its own recommendation, as it is seldom one misses this annual event having once had the pleasure.

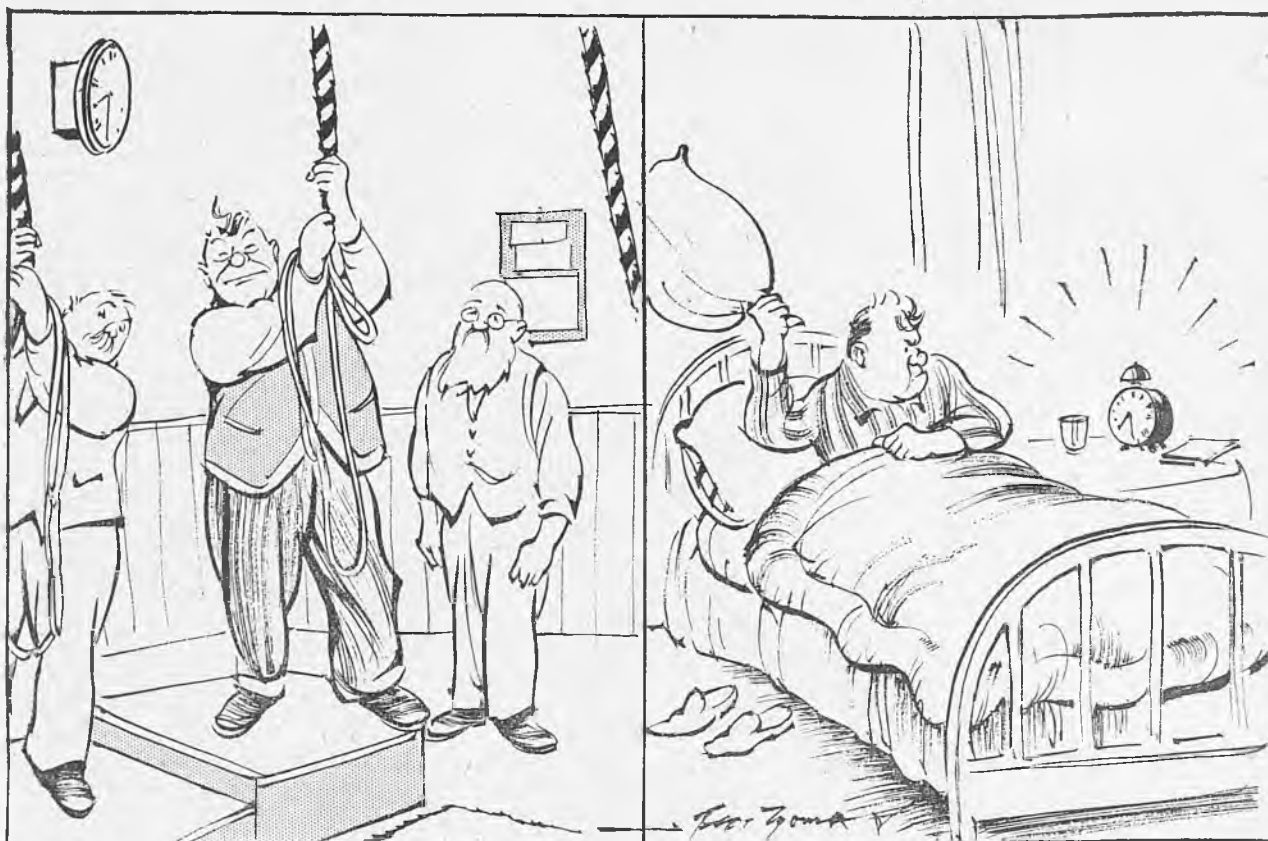
The final amusing incident was in the train returning to Leicester. Upon hearing the handbells, a stranger came along the corridor to the compartment door and said, 'You seem to be having a right time, are you Coventry supporters?' Coventry City had played Nottingham Forest that afternoon. Apparently he thought the ringers had no occasion to ring the bells on the ground, for Coventry lost, but were giving vent to their feelings in the train.



## ON DUTY ...

By Bert Thomas

## ... AND OFF



*He rings a pretty change, it's said . . . But this bell makes the man see red.*

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## DEATH OF MR. FRANK SMITH.

## A PROMINENT CUMBERLAND.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frank Smith on Saturday, February 19th, after a short illness. He had not been feeling well for some weeks and was admitted to Hampstead Hospital for observation only 10 days earlier. He succumbed to heart failure.

Born at Witney, Oxon, on January 1st, 1872, Mr. Smith was apprenticed in his native town to a coachsmith, and in his early 'teens was a member of John Monk's band at St. Mary's Church, ringing his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) there on March 30th, 1891. Much of his early ringing was done with the help of James W. Washbrook, Mark Woodcock, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

From Witney, Mr. Smith's work took him to Sleaford and Sheffield, where he rang with the local bands for a short time.

About 1897 he settled in Hampstead, and at once commenced ringing at Highgate and Star Street. He rang many peals with the late William Pye. Soon after his arrival in the London district he joined the Royal Cumberland Youths and was Master for one year. He represented the society on the Central Council from 1915.

Mr. Smith kept no record of his peals, but he had rung over 300 and conducted quite a number. Over 100 of these were Cumberland peals.

In 1914 he was employed at Warner's Bell Foundry, and, tower-bell ringing being restricted during the war, the opportunity of handbell peals was possible among the employees at the foundry. Many handbell peals were rung there after working hours by Messrs. Nudds, Wightman, White, Hunt and Smith.

Mr. Smith was one of the original band to start regular Sunday service ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in 1916, and kept up his attendance until a few weeks ago.

His last peal was Stedman Cinques at Cheltenham on August 31st, 1929. He leaves in bereavement a widow, son and daughter. The funeral took place yesterday, the service being at Gospel Oak, and the interment at Highgate Cemetery.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## INTRODUCTION OF 'CANNED BELLS' DEPLORED.

The annual meeting of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 12th, at St. Michael's Parish Church, Macclesfield. Various methods were practised on the bells prior to and after the meeting, ranging from Bob Minor to Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters.

At the meeting the chair was taken by the president of the branch (the Rev. N. Vesey, Vicar of Macclesfield).

The report for 1937 spoke of the poor attendances at ringing meetings held throughout the year, and the loss of Chelford from the Guild was regretted. The year had not been altogether successful.

The Chairman deplored the use in certain districts of gramophone records of change ringing, through amplifiers, to call people to worship, and hoped sincerely that the practice would not spread throughout the country.

This wish was endorsed by the meeting in general. A cutting from the 'Times' of a week or so ago was quoted to the effect that a deputation of Dorset ringers were to protest against this sort of thing, specially against the use in one of their own churches, which had adopted this scheme during the last few months.

The Chairman stressed the importance of combating this unfair competition with one of the oldest arts in the country.

The Rev. N. A. Vesey was re-elected president, Mr. J. Worth Ringing Master, and Mr. T. Taylor's name was put forward for election on the Council. Although Mr. J. Norbury was proposed as secretary and treasurer, a position he has held for many years, he stated that he wished to retire and that a younger man should be elected to this office.—It was then proposed that Mr. J. Tipper be elected, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. Tipper accepted the position of secretary, but moved that Mr. Norbury be elected treasurer, so that his name should not be lost after so many years' faithful service.—This proposition was carried with cordiality.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****FOURTEEN MEMBERS ELECTED AT CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEETING.**

A meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Faversham on February 12th. Good use was made of the ring of eight bells during the afternoon and evening, and the usual service was held in St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke (Rural Dean), who also gave a short address. The members were entertained to tea by the Vicar, who, with members of the local band, waited upon those present.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar. Fourteen new members were elected from Faversham, Throwley, Eythorne, Birchington, Ospringe, Wickhambreaux, St. Alphage (Canterbury) and St. Dunstan's (Canterbury). Two towers were proposed for the next by-meeting, Goodnestone and Whitstable, the former tower eventually being selected.

The Vicar was cordially thanked for his kindness in allowing the members the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for generously entertaining them to tea. Mrs. Birley was also thanked for presiding at the organ at short notice.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Faversham and thanked them on Mrs. Birley's behalf.

Following handbell ringing in the hall, the members returned to the tower. Among the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The attendance was good in spite of the weather, twenty-one towers and four districts of the association being represented.

**YORKSHIRE VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. George Halksworth, a Doncaster stalwart, has just celebrated his 72nd birthday. He commenced his ringing at the Parish Church there in 1890 and still regularly climbs the 137 steps to the belfry to take his part in the service and practice ringing.

Yorkshire is proud of this veteran. He has held various offices, and is still serving on the Management Committee of the Yorkshire Association, as well as being vice-president of the Doncaster and District Society.

To celebrate his birthday a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Sunday, February 20th, before morning service: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, E. Stacey 4, W. E. Lloyd 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, R. Thompson 7, P. Dowe 8.

**TWO METHODS—OR ONE ?**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the peal in 12 Minor methods rung at Hallaton, Leics., on Saturday, February 5th, I notice one 720 includes three 'methods,' Oxford Bob, Single Court and College Reverse.

In the C.C. Collection of Minor Methods, a plain lead of College Reverse is identical with a bobbed lead of Oxford Bob. This being the case, is College Reverse a method, or have these gentlemen rung a peal in only 11 instead of 12 methods?

Congratulations to them on attempting something above the usual seven.

VERNON TAYLOR.

Melton Mowbray.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****TWINS RECEIVE PEAL CERTIFICATES.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Longton on Saturday, February 5th. Thirty-nine members were present from Burslem, Brown Edge, Burton-on-Trent, Crewe, Cheadle, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Wistaston.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. T. H. Brookes (Rector of Longton) officiated. He extended a hearty welcome to Longton, and hoped that all present would return to their towers and serve the church as faithfully as his own ringers at Longton did.

After tea at the Dorothy Cafe, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. D. Steel to the Rector and the ringers for the excellent arrangements made in connection with the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon.

Mr. Edward Steele, leader of Longton band, expressed his gratitude in having four more members present than last year, and hoped Longton would become a very popular tower for meetings. It is 123 years since the bells were hung in the tower. Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, records having rung a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lane End, Staffs, on April 15th, 1816. It consisted of 5,012 changes, and the peal came round 'owing to an error of the conductor,' who was W. Jaegar. Lane End has since had its name changed to Longton.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend another meeting in North Staffordshire, as he always enjoyed the good fellowship which existed and was glad to see the number of young ringers that are coming along.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon congratulated the band who rang the recent peal of Bob Royal at Leek, this being the first peal of Bob Royal rung by the association.

Two peal certificates were presented, viz., to W. J. Carter and H. Carter, both of Longton, who are twins.

One new member, Mr. R. Pounds, from Stoke-on-Trent, was elected.

**NOTICES.**

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NOTICES must be received NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Wooburn (8 bells) on Saturday, February 26th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Royston, Saturday, February 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea, given by the Vicar. If you wish for tea to be provided, drop card to the Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. We want a better meeting than we had last year, so book the date and don't be late! and please send a card; if you don't, and there isn't enough tea, don't blame me.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, February 26th. Members and non-members cordially invited. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower, 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Watlington on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A committee meeting will be held in the Church Hall at 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, at 1s. 3d. per person, in the Church Hall.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**SEE THE COUNTRY** and have minor changes. Langley Bury (Hunton Bridge), February 26th. Bells (6) open from 3.30. Tea, Church Institute, 5.30. Excellent bus and train service from all parts. (Herts Association).—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A combined meeting with the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at St. John's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 4.30, St. Peter's 6 to 7.45. Tea 5 o'clock at Voysey's.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 1st and 29th; St. Magnus', 3rd and 17th; Southwark Cathedral, 8th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 120th anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, March 5th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Victory (near the L.N.E. Railway Station) at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 5th. Tickets, 3s., to be applied for not later than March 2nd. Ringing at Belgrave St. Peter's (8 bells) from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and St. John's (10 bells) from 4 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Elstow on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, District Secretary, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at the Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.45. Meeting 6.30. The bells of St. John's, Redhill (8), will also be available during the afternoon. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Walter Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, March 2nd.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A hearty welcome awaits our usual and all other visitors to this meeting. A postcard to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex, for tea, would be appreciated.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The North and East Branches combine at Blofield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. The Standing Committee meets at the Rectory at 6 p.m. (approximately). Numbers for tea (1s. 3d.) by March 2nd to Nolan Golden, general secretary and treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.—John G. W. Harwood and Henry Tooke, Branch Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea free. As the committee of the Lancashire Association also meet at Poolstock on the above date, it would be appreciated if all ringers who intend to be present would notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, by Wednesday, March 2nd.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45 (1s. 3d. per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and strike 'um. Will those wishing for tea kindly let me know in time to arrange?—E. C. Gobey, Trowell, Notts.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thornby (5 bells) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Owing to difficulties of catering, please notify me by Tuesday if requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Other arrangements as usual. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olney on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea in good time. A good attendance will be welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., near church. Buses: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford. Northaw bells (6) may be available for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who notify me by Wednesday, March 2nd.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Jubilee 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner will be held at the White Horse Restaurant, Congreve Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 p.m. prompt, the

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**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Chester Guild ringers heartily invited. Special method, Cambridge Royal. Those who require tea will you kindly notify me before March 2nd?—Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Stoulton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells, recently recast and increased to six by Mears and Stainbank, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Swansea on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by February 28th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, Kent, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those advising me not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on March 12th. Tea and meeting at Red Triangle Club, 5 p.m. Please send postcard to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, for tea. Ringing during afternoon from 2.30 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) about 5 o'clock. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. E. Watson, 56, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, not later than March 10th.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Boxley (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND DON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting is on Saturday, March 12th, at St. Mary's, Ealing. It is hoped to have ringing at three towers. Details next week.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, W.13.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. It will be esteemed a favour if all those coming to tea will kindly notify Mr. Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. All ringers cordially invited.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**FORNCETT ST. PETER, NEAR NORWICH.**—The ring of five bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., in a new oak bell frame, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, March 13th, at 3 p.m.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler and N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Diamond Jubilee meeting (60 years). This will be held in Bristol on Easter Monday, April 18th. Full details will be given in these columns shortly. Management Committee meeting will be held at Gloucester on Saturday, March 26th, at 3.15 p.m., Spreadeagle Hotel. (Gloucester dinner same evening, same place.)—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.**—The Parish Church.—The ringers at this church have now been reorganised. Ringing every Tuesday evening, 7.45-9 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. only.—W. Barrett, Hon. Sec., 22, Firdene, Tolworth, Surrey.

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A Consistory Court at York has had before it an application for the disposal of a peal of six bells, which formerly hung in a church in that city, but which has now been demolished. At Chester it is sought to dispose of another ring of bells which have never been hung for ringing in the present tower. In London, the bells of All Hallows', Lombard Street, will have to find another home. Ringers will watch the ultimate fate of these bells with interest, and will be gratified with the attitude taken by the Chancellor of the diocese of York. In the case before him permission was sought to remove the bells to a church in Middlesbrough when the tower is completed, and this application will ultimately be given effect to if no evidence is forthcoming that the public object to having the bells set up among them. The Chancellor is anxious not to have them transferred to a place where they will not be used. Moreover, his opinion that the bells should be moved as a complete ring and not dispersed as single bells to different churches is one which we hope will be accepted everywhere where peals are, for any reason, to change their abode.

In the case at Chester, the proposal is to sell the bells for the benefit of the endowment fund. As four of them have stood silent on the window sills of the belfry for fifty years, and there is no likelihood of their being hung for ringing where they are, we hope they will find a parish ready to purchase them and use them for the purpose for which they originally found their way to Chester. That, indeed, we think, should be a condition upon which the church is permitted to dispose of them. It would be a great pity if they were merely sold as 'scrap,' and we hope the resolution of the Chester Guild on this matter will be given due weight. The future of All Hallows' bells is not yet settled, as far as we are aware. The hope is that, like those of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, they may be taken intact to some other tower where they can be made full use of.

Perhaps it would be a good thing if some of the other peals about the country, which have been allowed to become derelict, could be moved to other churches where they would be better appreciated. It is curious that bells, although sometimes the most expensive furniture of the church, are often the most neglected. There was never a time when so many new bells were being placed in churches, and yet there are a very large number of instances, particularly in cities and large towns, where peals hang uncared for and unring. In these churches one bell would suffice to comply with the rubric, and, although it may seem heresy to suggest it, it might be a

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WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. Treble	*DR. F. S. POOLE ... .. 7
*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... .. 2	*SIDNEY CHENEY ... .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 9
*HERBERT W. PERKINS ... .. 4	*A. JAMES HARRIS ... .. 10
†HARRY WAYNE ... .. 5	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 11
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cinques. † First peal. Ring as a farewell to the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt, M.A., late Provost of the Cathedral, who left Leicester the preceding day for Canterbury Cathedral.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 7
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*HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	*CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
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*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 3	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 9
*JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4	BERTRAM W. KYNASTON ... .. 10
*CHARLES BUTCHER ... .. 5	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 11
*THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6	*GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. Tenor

Arranged by C. F. ANDREWS.

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells, in the county and by the Guild.



**TEN BELL PEALS.**

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Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

CLIFFORD BIRD ... ..	Treble	STANLEY W. GALL ... ..	6
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	2	ARTHUR G. KING ... ..	7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	HENRY TOOKE ... ..	8
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... ..	4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..	9
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THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... ..	2	*NORMAN H. MANNING ... ..	7
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... ..	3	HENRY T. WILSON ... ..	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... ..	9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... ..	5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... ..	Tenor

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CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	2	*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... ..	7
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... ..	8
JAMES BENNETT ... ..	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... ..	9
HERBERT W. LIDBETTER ... ..	5	HARRY BROOKS ... ..	Tenor

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

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TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK BELSEY ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... ..	5
*BERT W. MAY ... ..	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... ..	6
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... ..	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... ..	7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... ..	4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. A. Cooke, secretary of the local band.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... ..	Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... ..	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... ..	2	ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	6
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... ..	7
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... ..	4	F. GEORGE BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

A birthday compliment to W. H. CURSON.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FIRSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..	Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... ..	5
*LESLIE TREMBER ... ..	2	HAROLD P. REED ... ..	6
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... ..	3	REGINALD A. REED ... ..	7
FRANK BENNETT ... ..	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Triples.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AND ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK SHERATON ... ..	5
STEPHEN THOMPSON ... ..	2	ADAM DEAS ... ..	6
WILLIAM SHERATON ... ..	3	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... ..	7
JOHN A. BROWN ... ..	4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. RICHARDSON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK ... ..	Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... ..	5
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	2	GEORGE TALBOT ... ..	6
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... ..	3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... ..	7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... ..	4	ROBERT SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD ... ..	Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN ... ..	5
FRED LACEY ... ..	2	JACK BRAY ... ..	6
*PHILIP BARNES ... ..	3	HAROLD JUDD ... ..	7
*FRED JEFFERY ... ..	4	C. BERT CHESTER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Triples.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD F. WOOD ... ..	Treble	JOHN COOK ... ..	5
WALTER CHARMAN ... ..	2	CECIL H. WOOD ... ..	6
WILLIAM STANFORD ... ..	3	RAYMOND WOOD ... ..	7
PETER CHARMAN ... ..	4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Major.

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. Treble	JAMES BETTS... .. 5
BERTIE CHILVERS ... .. 2	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... .. 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

\* 300th peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 3	CECIL NICE ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 4	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

The first peal in the method, which is No. 22 in G. Lindoff's collection.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 5
HAROLD KILBY ... .. 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 3	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first attempt for a peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER ... 2	ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY ... .. 6
HANBURY F. CARTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. 7
JACK A. HINDRY ... .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... .. Treble	RONALD A. SALTER ... .. 5
GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6
JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Lady Robinson, Kirklington Hall, Notts.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF SPICED SUPERLATIVE AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

First peal of Spiced Surprise in the county and by the Guild. This peal contains 2,752 Superlative and 2,304 Cambridge, with 114 changes of method, and is believed to be the first peal in these two methods rung on this plan, arranged by John Topp, of Portsmouth.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 20 cwt.

BERTRAM H. HEAD ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 5
WILLIAM HEAD ... .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 6
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... .. 7
HAROLD G. THOMAS ... .. 4	WALTER FOUKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

A birthday compliment to H. G. Thomas and Mr. John Overton, the esteemed foreman ringer at St. Leonards.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM BARTON... .. Treble	*WILFRED HALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. SCRIMSHAW ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM STANHOPE ... .. 3	*CHARLIE SCOTT ... .. 7
ROWLAND S. MYERS ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal and first attempt.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	*ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	FRED PRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

\* First peal in the method. First peal of London Surprise as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

One extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

WICKHAMBLEAUX, KENT.—On Sunday morning, February 13th, for service, 720 Plain Bob: Winnie Tucker 1, H. Smith 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, S. White (conductor) 5, E. Wood 6. The ringer of the treble is 13 years old. Rung as a compliment to Sidney Walter on his birthday.

## CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

WALTER LYCETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Clive, the Rev. H. S. Scott.

## DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.

J. BAILEY ... .. Treble	LEONARD P. WARD ... .. 4
*FRANK BAILESS ... .. 2	CHARLES GEARY ... .. 5
*JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. DRAGE.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. Geary, mother of the ringer of the 5th.

## COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, one each of Double Court and St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 2	ROBERT C. LYON ... .. 5
ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

ALBERT SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 5
RALPH BIRD ... .. 3	RONALD SICKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by R. SICKLING.

## HUISHCHAMFLOWER, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

ALBERT TOUT ... .. Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 4
*WILLIAM G. HARTNELL ... 2	*GEORGE SPARKES ... .. 5
*CLIFFORD W. PARKMAN ... 3	†WILLIAM J. NURCOMBE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: One each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, two of Plain Bob and one each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	LIONEL A. LESTER ... .. 4
LESLIE H. JERMY ... .. 2	*REGINALD H. DRANE ... 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in six methods by the ringer of the fourth.

## BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MRS. LESLIE WRIGHT ... Treble	†LESLIE WRIGHT ... .. 4
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal away from treble. A wedding compliment to Mr. H. A. Wright, uncle of the treble and 4th ringers.

## COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 18, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*LESLIE HENSON ... .. Treble	*FRED RICHARDS ... .. 4
†HARDY FURMIDGE ... .. 2	*GEORGE PAYNE ... .. 5
WALTER WHITE ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CREASEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

*HERBERT KENYON ... .. Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN ... .. 4
JAMES MAWDESLEY ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 5
ALAN CARPENTER ... .. 3	ERIC W. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERIC W. YATES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 4
HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 5
*RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Minor.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 7560 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and 360 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

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## HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, February 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 18 in C.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2 | ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6  
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4 | ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 7-8

Conducted by C. H. DOBBIE.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 20, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At 31, VINE STREET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

\*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 1-2 | \*KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3-4  
†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5-6

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal of Bob Minor and first peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGERS CONDUCT SERVICE.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild had a representative attendance at the annual meeting at Chertsey on Saturday. The district is not strong numerically, but the 25 district ringers who put in an appearance covered something like 75 per cent. of the membership in the area. This part of Surrey has never shown any real general interest in any ringing organisation, so that the attendance at Chertsey was a pleasing response.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening covered most of the common ground between rounds and Cambridge Surprise, but no one wanted long touches, for visitors found that the back bells needed a considerable expenditure of energy to 'place' them.

Through some misunderstanding neither of the parochial clergy was present to conduct the usual service, but the organist was in attendance, and the members, therefore, sang two hymns, a lesson was read by Mr. C. Hazelden and the special prayers in the Guild's service form were read by the general secretary.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the general secretary presided over the business meeting and declared the following district officers duly elected (there having been no other nominations for the respective posts): Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Hessey; hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; hon. member on Executive Committee, the Rev. F. A. Woodard (Horsell). Messrs. W. Massey and E. Morey were elected by ballot to serve on the Executive Committee.

Mr. W. Simmons, retiring Ringing Master, presented a report, in the course of which he said interest was spreading in the district, there being signs of life at Horsell and Otlands. Speaking generally, he said he would like to see a greater improvement in striking before pushing on to higher methods.

The hon. secretary reported a slight increase in the attendance at district meetings. If it was maintained in the coming year he would consider his work well worth while, but, if not, he was afraid some drastic measures would have to be taken. The number of paid up members showed a slight decrease, but they would have the pleasure of welcoming the Horsell band into the Guild this year. He urged the members to come to the meetings and so advance themselves, at the same time helping weaker brothers over the stile.

Mr. Hawthorne expressed regret at the coming retirement of the general secretary. They would be sorry to lose his services, but the Guild would be fortunate to secure the services of Mr. G. L. Grover.

The balance sheet, which was adopted, showed £3 17s. received from subscriptions and a balance carried forward of £1 18s. 7d., a reduction of 8s. 6d. on the year.

It was resolved to hold district meetings at Ottershaw, East Molesey, Weybridge, Esher and Chertsey, and joint meetings at Kingston, with the Surrey and Middlesex Associations, and at Egham, with the Surrey and Middlesex Associations and Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Messrs. W. Tucker and H. Kingston, of Ottershaw, were elected members, and one member from Weybridge was re-elected.

Mr. G. L. Grover was nominated as general hon. secretary of the Guild, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith as a vice-president. The other retiring officers were renominated en bloc.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, to Mr. Hessey for making the arrangements, and to the Chertsey ringers was carried by acclamation, on the motion of Mr. Hawthorne, seconded by Mr. H. J. Chaffey, the latter paying a tribute to the services rendered to the Guild from its formation by the retiring general secretary.

After discussion, a sum of 10s. was voted to the restoration of Walton tower, and 3s. 9d. was collected for the Northampton Fund.

## PEAL NOTES.

A GOOD RECORD.

A band of Sunday service ringers rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, on February 17th, as a farewell to the Provost (the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt), looked upon as 'Father' of the bells, who has gone to Canterbury Cathedral.

The strength of the company at Leicester Cathedral can be gauged from the fact that this peal band included eight members who could not be found a rope in the first peal on the bells on Coronation Day, in which, also, the ringers were regular Sunday service men. Twelve and eight are twenty—Sunday service ringers in one tower who have rung a peal of Stedman Cinques. That, by any reckoning, is a good record.

A ringer who had never previously been into a twelve-bell tower came at short notice on February 19th to ring the tenor to a peal of Stedman Cinques at West Bromwich. Not many peals are rung in these days at West Bromwich. The bells are packed closely in the tower and the ringers have little elbow room.

The first peal of Maximus at Trowbridge, the first in Wiltshire and by the Salisbury Guild, was rung on February 23rd. There were nine 'first peals of Maximus' among the band, and special mention should be made of Harold Smith, who, 18 years of age, had previously only rung two peals of Minor. Great credit is due to him for the admirable way in which he rang and struck his bell.

Peals of Double Norwich Maximus are not frequently rung, but another was scored on February 19th at Ipswich, where the majority of the peals in the method have been rung. Four of the band, including Miss Sylvia Bowyer, rang their first in the method.

Miss Olive Ashbrook, of Isleworth, is the first lady to ring a peal at West Ham, where peal ringing has been done for something like 200 years. She took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on February 19th, on the 42nd anniversary of Mr. George Hayden's first peal in the tower.

When a peal of Bob Minor was rung at Coppull, Lancashire, on February 19th, four local ringers rang the front four bells, and the other two came from Worsley. One of the latter, Mr. Eric Yates, who called his first peal, was formerly a ringer at Coppull.

The president of the Middlesex County Association, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, has been installed a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, and on February 19th members of the association rang a peal of Stedman Caters in his honour at Isleworth.

## A QUESTION FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Bedfordshire ringers scored the longest 'finished touch' by their association when they rang 7,560 of Minor at Biddenham in 4 hours 2 minutes on February 19th. It consisted of ten 720's in ten methods and a 360 of Plain Bob added at the end.

Now here is a reminder that the Central Council has got to do something about these 'odd bits.' Until last meeting they were permissible at the end of a peal of Doubles or Minor; then, for no very apparent reason, except that Mr. J. A. Trollope asked them to do so, they decided that these odd lengths should not be admitted in future peals of Doubles.

We have heard no logical reason why they should not be admitted, except that no one rings odd lengths of Triples, but what is sauce for the Doubles goose should be sauce for the Minor gander.

A peal in three Minor methods rung half-muffled at Desford, Leicestershire, in memory of Mrs. H. Geary, mother of one of the ringers, was the one hundredth peal together by Messrs. J. Bailey and W. R. Drage.

A new method, No. 22 in Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's collection, has been rung by the Helmingham, Suffolk, men, and named Clacton. The peal was rung at the first attempt, and was conducted by Leslie Brett on February 16th. The method belongs to the Bristol group.

Some people's enthusiasm knows no bounds—they will even go without dinner to ring a peal. Alan Andrews, of Thorington, Essex, did this on February 6th, and that after having ridden a push bike about 25 miles to Ashbocking! And after the peal he went to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, to ring for evening service—still without his dinner.

The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal at Bushey Heath on February 12th should have been given as Frederick W. Alloway.

Mr. George Wightman rang his 300th peal when he called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Framsdon, Suffolk, on February 14th.

To welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. H. S. Scott, to Clive, Shropshire, on February 12th, a peal of Minor in six methods was rung on the heavy ring of six. The tenor turns the scale at 25 cwt. and the peal took 3 hours 31 minutes.

By ringing the treble to the peal of Stedman Triples at Measham on Saturday, February 12th, Mr. J. W. Cotton 'completed the circle' at the second tower within the Burton District of the M.C.A. The peal was also a noteworthy performance for Mr. A. Ballard and Mr. F. K. Measures, who rang their 150th peal and 25th peal respectively.

Mr. Harold Judd 'completed the circle' at Scunthorpe, Lines, when he rang the 7th to a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 15th.

Mr. Walter P. Whitehead rang his 150th peal as conductor at South Wigston, Leicestershire, on February 17th, when he called a peal of Stedman Triples, in which Mr. Harold Kilby made his first attempt for a peal.

The first peal in six Minor methods on the bells at Bergh Apton, Norfolk, was rung on February 17th.

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**AN INTERESTING SPLICED PEAL.**

(Continued from previous column.)

In interesting peal of Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Privett, Hants, on February 19th. It was not only the first peal of Spliced Surprise in the county and by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, but it is arranged on a new plan, by Mr. J. Topp, of Portsmouth.

There are long and short courses in the peal, and the only bobs are at Before and Home. This omission of calls at Middle and Wrong cuts out the necessity of changing methods at a bob. Another advantage of the arrangement of the methods is that any peal of Superlative not having course ends with the bells reversed in 5-6 can be rung:—

23456	B	H	24536	B	H
42356	—	—	52436	—	—
34256	—	—	45236	—	—
34562	—	—	45362	—	—
34625	—	—	45623	—	—
63425	—	—	64523	—	—
46325	—	—	56423	—	—
62453	—	—	56234	—	—
62534	—	—	25634	—	—
62345	—	—	25346	—	—
24653	—	—	These 9 courses repeated.		
24536	—	—			

Courses containing bobs Before must be rung S.C.C.S.; the other courses S.C.S.C.S.C.S. The peal, with 114 changes of methods, contains 2,752 Superlative and 2,304 Cambridge.

Handbell peal ringing is spreading in Lincolnshire. We have recently published peals showing that quite a number of members of the Lincoln Guild have been devoting a good deal of attention to it. Now we print a record of a peal of Minor showing that the 'fever' has caught others.

Three ladies rang in a peal of Bob Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on February 18th. Mrs. Leslie Wright, ringing the treble, scored her first peal at the first attempt and her husband his first peal away from the treble. The peal was a wedding compliment to their uncle, Mr. H. A. Wright.

Members of the Sunday service band at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on February 19th in honour of the birthday of Mr. H. G. Thomas, who took part, and to Mr. John Overton, the esteemed foreman ringer at St. Leonard's tower, who reached the advanced age of 87 years on February 15th.

Four members of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, band rang their first peal of Stedman, when they took part in 42 six-scores of Doubles at Huishchamflower on February 17th. The band was made up by two ringers from Milverton. It was the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

**PROPOSED SALE OF CHURCH BELLS.****ACTION OF A CHESTER PARISH.**

The parochial meeting of Holy Trinity Church, Chester, decided to apply for a faculty to sell the six bells in the church tower.

The Rev. J. R. Beresford (Rector), who presided, said there were six fine bells in the church tower, which had never been hung, and were never likely to be hung in the tower, because it had not been built to carry the vibration of such heavy bells. They could not sell them without a faculty, and that would not be readily given. The Church Council, however, has passed a resolution that the question of the disposal of the bells should be referred to that meeting, and recommended that they apply for a faculty for their sale. If it was the desire of the meeting to do that, he suggested that the money obtained from the sale should be put to the Endowment Fund.

The meeting decided that the faculty should be applied for.

**RINGERS WANT THEM PUT TO PROPER USE.**

The matter came up for discussion at the meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday week.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, the branch secretary, said the bells were cast by the famous firm of Abram Rudhall, of Gloucester, about the middle of the eighteenth century, and formerly hung, presumably as a ringing peal, in the old church. When this building was demolished they were preserved and hoisted to the tower of the present church. Only two of them, however, were hung, the other four being placed on the sills of the louvre openings, where they still remain. The weight of the tenor bell was about 9 cwt.

The meeting expressed the hope that if these bells, which had been within the City Walls for two centuries, must be sold, they would not be disposed of as scrap metal, but a purchaser could be found for them, who would put them to their proper use in a church tower.

The meeting was attended by some fifty members, who, after ringing on the Cathedral bells during the afternoon, attended evensong. Tea was served in the Refectory and the business meeting was afterwards held in the Parlour. Mr. H. A. Heywood presided.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Richards) presented the accounts for the past year, showing that the financial affairs of the branch were in a sound condition. In his report, the hon. treasurer said it was gratifying to note that eight young ringers from the tower of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls had become junior members, thus setting a fine example for others to emulate. The recruiting of young members was necessary if the art was to be kept alive and flourishing.

It was decided that, subject to the agreement of the incumbents of the parishes concerned, the branch should hold meetings during the year at Tattenhall, Farndon and Christleton, in May, July and September respectively.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Tuesday evening the Ancient Society of College Youths did further honour to their late hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, when they presented him with a suitably inscribed gold watch.

To-morrow's meeting of the Southern District of the Worcestershire Association has been transferred to Hinton.

The Rev. Arthur Scott, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, will be inducted as Rector of St. Luke's, Miles Platting, Manchester, on Saturday, March 26th, at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. William Keeble much appreciates the letters he has received from ringing friends. His address is Ward 1, Severalls, Colchester, Essex.

The bells of Burton-on-Stather in North Lincs have been increased to eight. They were dedicated on Sunday, and on May 9th there will be a ringers' opening.

A band ringing at Willesden had a bit of terribly bad luck the other day. They went for a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in nine methods, London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, Rutland, Yorkshire, Ealing, Watford and Wembley, and rang what they thought was a really good peal. The composition was true, but in the calling the conductor transposed Cambridge and Yorkshire in one place, which made the peal false. He discovered this afterwards.

Something of the same kind happened when William Pye was calling a peal in many methods. He made a slip in the method, but when it was afterwards submitted to the composer it was found that in that case it did not affect the truth of the peal.

## PEAL RINGING BY NON-SERVICE RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. F. W. Housden's letter, 'Should bells be rung by non-service ringers?' in your issue of Feb. 25th reminds me strongly of the political situation as it is to-day.

Like one of our late Ministers, Mr. Housden is an idealist, and on paper his theory is admirable, but we must view it from the realist point and ask ourselves, 'Would it, if carried out, tend to raise the standard and good feeling now existing among ringers?'

The present state of the League of Nations is an example of trying to force ideals, and should a ringing association attempt to enforce Mr. Housden's policy the result would be, not progress, but stagnation.

Let us, therefore, continue to 'work together for good,' and in the end right will surely triumph.

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

## ONLY SERVICE RINGERS SHOULD BE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse what Mr. F. W. Housden has said. I would also suggest that such ringers ought not to be members of any association, unless they are members of a service ringing company within a five miles' radius of where they reside, ruling out, of course, places where bells are unringable.

G. S. LEE.

Eastwood, Rotherham.

Mr. Housden's letter was quite clear that he referred to peal ringing by 'free lances.' Through an error the word 'bells' was printed in the heading instead of 'peals'.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.'

## DEATH OF MR. W. T. PEGLER.

FORMER MASTER OF NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William T. Pegler at the Bangor Infirmary on February 19th.

Mr. Pegler, who was 70 years of age, started his ringing career at his native village, Hempstead, Gloucestershire, in the year 1886. In 1895 he joined the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, and made rapid strides, taking part in nearly all the peals rung at that time. In 1900 and 1901 he held the office as Master.

While at Gloucester he took part in the first peals of Bob and Treble Bob Maximus by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, at Cirencester, as well as in what at the time was believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung at Cheltenham in 1898. He also rang in the first peal of Gloucester Surprise Major, rung by St. Michael's Juniors, and in the first peal (Treble Ten) on the bells at Hereford Cathedral.

In 1902 he went to Bangor and was appointed conductor of the band at St. David's Church. When the North Wales Association was founded in 1903 he was elected Master, a position he held for many years. He took part in the first peals of Double Norwich and Superlative rung by a local band in North Wales.

Mr. Pegler had rung about 250 peals and had conducted over 100. During the last few years, however, ill-health had kept him away from the tower.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, February 23rd. The Rev. R. C. Jones (Vicar) officiated, and the first portion of the service was held at St. David's Church. At the graveside handbells were rung by A. E. Pegler, sen. (brother), T. Jones, S. Turnbull and A. E. Pegler, jun. (nephew).

After the funeral the church bells were rung muffled, including the 'whole pull and stand' 70 times.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—8.

### SIDNEY T. HOLT.

The Worcestershire Association has an able and enterprising conductor in Mr. Sidney T. Holt, of Crowle, and is fortunate in the fact that he is one of the 'post war' men who have reached eminence in the art, and has, therefore, we hope, many years before him in which to advance the interests and performances of the association.

Mr. Holt was born at Crowle, a village five miles east of Worcester, and has lived there all his life. He learnt to handle a bell at his Parish Church towards the end of 1919, and, but for the enterprise to which we have already referred, might still have been a 'stoney' ringer. At the time he began his ringing career, there had never been a change ringing band at Crowle nor any individual who had practised the art there.

Not content with call changes, however, Mr. Holt's keenness to make progress led him to travel regularly to Worcester for practice in change ringing, and within a year, namely, on October 10th, 1920, he rang his first peal—Double Norwich at Hanbury. His first peal as conductor was rung at Upton-on-Severn, where he called Grandsire Triples on April 18th, 1922.

Since then he has conducted 224 peals for the Worcestershire Association, including the association's first in the following methods: Little Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Major and Royal, Double Norwich Caters and Royal, Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Erin Cinques, New Cambridge Surprise Royal, Pudsey, Rutland and Whitbourne Surprise Major and Spliced Surprise in four and five methods. He has conducted peals of Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus. He took part in the first peal at Buckfast Abbey, when the ringing was done from the narrow gallery round the tower, and in that great performance, Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at Exeter Cathedral. Indeed, his first peal of Maximus was Cambridge at Winchester Cathedral in 1929. He took part, also, in the non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus at Birmingham.

Altogether he has rung 436 peals and conducted 241. Of this number 385 have been rung for the Worcestershire Association. His peal ringing has been spread over 13 counties and under the auspices of 12 associations.

Mr. Holt was Ringing Master of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association from 1923 to 1928. He has been auditor of the association since 1932, and in 1936 was elected a representative of the association on the Central Council.

Next week: Mr. Alfred H. Pulling.

### FUNERAL OF MR. F. SMITH.

The funeral of Mr. Frank Smith, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place at Highgate Cemetery on February 24th. The mourners were the widow, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews (son-in-law and daughter), Mr. A. Smith (son), Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. W. Elsley, and Miss H. Smith (sisters). A service was held in St. Martin's Church, Gospel Oak, attended by many ringers and friends. After the committal service four members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang handbells over the grave.

Among the numerous wreaths were tokens from the St. Martin-in-the-Fields ringers, the Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton) and Mr. W. Upton (Newport, Isle of Wight).

About 30 ringers took part in half-muffled ringing at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, and St. Anne's, Highgate, in the evening, and among the touches were the following:—

At St. Anne's, Highgate, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Hardy 1, F. A. Barker 2, H. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. Newman 4, T. Bevan 5, R. Charge 6, G. Charge 7, C. J. Matthews 8.

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Hardy 1, F. Symonds 2, F. A. Barker 3, C. J. Matthews 4, C. Martin 5, W. Nudds (conductor) 6.



MR. SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## DISPOSAL OF A YORK PEAL.

### MAY GO TO MIDDLESBROUGH.

#### Chancellor and Possible Objections.

An interesting pronouncement by the Chancellor of the Diocese of York (Mr. H. V. Vaisey, K.C.) was made at a Consistory Court on February 24th, when he heard an application to transfer the peal of six bells which formerly hung in the tower of Christ Church, King's Square, York, to a tower to be built at St. Barnabas', Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. Christ Church was demolished a few months ago.

In the petition the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Barnabas' stated that the estimated cost of the tower was £3,000, towards which £1,100 had been received.

The scheme had been held up in order not to clash with the Archbishop's appeal. That appeal was closed, so far as the first part was concerned, and it was intended to push forward with the scheme for building the tower, which they hoped to complete by 1942, which would be the jubilee of building the church.

The Rev. G. F. Townley, Vicar of St. Barnabas', told the Chancellor they had now raised £400 more for the Tower Fund.

The Chancellor asked if there had been any objections to the proposals to have bells in the parish. 'In these days, when every offensive noise that can be devised by human ingenuity surrounds us, there are still to be found people so misguided as to dislike the sound of church bells; they object to the beautiful cadence of church bells. Have you received any objections, such as, "Do not ring the bells at night time"?' "

#### MIDDLESBROUGH BADLY OFF FOR BELLS.

The Vicar said he had not. Middlesbrough was very badly off for bells. He added that there was no suggestion for installing 'synthetic bells' through a gramophone.

The Chancellor: That is something which only takes place in the South so far.

Mr. Price, churchwarden, said the tower was to be a memorial to their first Vicar and founder, and they thought a peal of bells, on which the old Vicar had set his heart, would be the best form of memorial.

The Chancellor said he thought that the peal must be kept together, and not one bell given to this place and another bell elsewhere. Middlesbrough was a very modern borough compared with the ancient city of York, and if he were to permit the transfer he would be very disappointed if the people of Middlesbrough did not appreciate the sound of these bells which had, in years gone by, rung out in the ears of the citizens of York.

The Chancellor said he could not at this stage decree a faculty, but he would decree a citation calling on people to show cause why a faculty should not be granted.

If the church tower was built, free from debt, say up to £500, by St. Barnabas' Day, 1941, then the faculty would issue. But if those conditions were not fulfilled, then the matter could be mentioned to him again.

If the reason for the delay was a good one he might grant an extension of time, but if the failure to complete the tower was due to lack of interest, he should treat that as an indication that the parishioners were tired of the project and did not seriously want the bells.

## BELL BROADCASTS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I only know of one solution to secure only the best ringing for broadcasts, and that is to have an audition before the responsible section of the B.B.C., for surely they are musical enough to know the desires of the general public.

If they themselves think not, then I suggest that the different associations should appoint an unbiased member to co-operate with the B.B.C. for these broadcasts. This would at least lessen the responsibility.

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friesland.

### NO HELP FOR INEFFICIENT RINGERS.

Sir,—I fully agree with the remarks of Mr. Pink on the Bedale broadcast, but I have no doubt that the ringers gave of their best. There is very little hope of any assistance being rendered to them by ringing associations, as Bedale is a remote country village.

My experience is that ringing associations do not exist to benefit inefficient bands, *except to collect their contributions.*

I reside in a town where there are two eight-bell towers and one six-bell tower, also in the town reside the general secretary, the treasurer, a member of the sub-committee and, till quite recently, a district secretary of the County Association. The two eight-bell towers have a total membership in the association of five members, while the six-bell tower boasts nine members.

As a member of the association, I appealed to the officials for combined practices in the town in order to assist learners and the inefficient, definitely promising at least six more members to the association if these practices were brought about, but it was of no avail. One of the excuses was that those making the appeal were not sufficiently expert to warrant these practices.

Your leading article last week correctly describes the disease from which the world of ringing is suffering. 'Too much jealousy and far too little co-operation,' and, may I add, *too much selfishness.*

Darlington.

A. COATES.



## RECTOR DENOUNCES 'CANNED' BELLS

'BIG STICK' WAITING IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

Comments at Ombersley Meeting.

'Impotent, potted music from steeples and towers,' 'feeble' tubular bells, and 'canned' bells were denounced in no mincing terms by the Rector of Ombersley, the Rev. G. W. Gillingham, in a memorable address to 70 members of the Worcestershire Association, who met at Ombersley on Saturday, February 19th, for the first Western Branch meeting of the year.

The village of Ombersley straddles the main Worcester-Kidderminster road some five and a half miles from Worcester, and is held in esteem by Midland tourists as a beauty spot. The church is modern as churches go, being little over a century old, and forms a contrast to the half-timbered houses nearby. The remains of a previous church can still be seen in the churchyard and serve as a mausoleum for the ancient family of Sandys, whose seat is in spacious grounds nearby, the present occupier being Lord Sandys.

The tower, surmounted by a graceful spire, contains six bells with a tenor of a ton. For years they had been in a bad condition, especially the fifth, so that the tuning and rehanging carried out in 1936 by Taylor and Co. was long overdue. Ringing began soon after 3 o'clock under somewhat awkward conditions, for the ringing chamber is small; so the door leading into the gallery was opened to accommodate the overflow.

The usual short service was held, with an outspoken address by the Rector. In it he traced the origin of bells before the Christian era until the present time. The purpose of bells in early times was, he said, to frighten away demons and devils, as the ancients thought that the clash of metal upon metal had this desired effect. Even late in the Christian era it was still thought that the ringing of the 'passing bell' prevented lurking evil spirits from stealing away the soul as it left the body at death. Those were the days of superstition—to-day they are those of the superhet (referring to the Weymouth controversy and the efforts of the Dorchester ringers to suppress 'canned' bells). Continuing, the Rector said they were living in a mechanised age in which moving coils, loud speakers and the like played a large part, until now they were threatened with the amplification of gramophone records from their towers. They did not want this 'impotent, potted music.' They, as change ringers, would resent intrusion into the ringing chamber of any instrument of amplification, for 'tubular bells are feeble enough, "canned" bells are the limit!' Concluding his address, the Rector said that the physical strength and skill of change ringing was to the glory of God, and constituted the super-excellence of praise.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall by the wives of the local ringers, after which tunes on handbells were played by Messrs. P. Richards, W. Short and J. Bass. Following upon this, the Rector introduced an item of his own in the form of two conjuring tricks—producing coloured handkerchiefs from a member's hat—and turning a penny into half-a-crown, or vice versa! After an unsuccessful attempt for Caters, a good course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. J. Bass, W. Short, C. H. Woodberry and T. W. Lewis, and then followed the record of 'Spliced' Surprise Major in five methods by the Bushey band, very kindly provided by Mr. G. J. Lewis, of Powick.

This entertainment finished, the business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair and supported by the Master (Mr. W. Short), the Western Branch officers: Messrs. C. Camm (Ringing Master), S. T. Holt (auditor and Central Council representative), W. Ranford (Central Committee), R. G. Knowles (lay vice-president) and G. E. Large (hon. secretary). Many Northern Branch towers were represented, among them being C. H. Woodberry (Central Council representative), J. Bass (Central Committee) and J. S. Mason (hon. secretary), while visitors included that 'globe-trotter', Mr. W. A. Stote (Coventry), and Mr. A. Jones, jun. (Colwell, Hereford).

The Chairman in a witty speech, welcomed the branch to Ombersley, and said it was the first time he had had the pleasure of meeting such a large company of ringers. He had been told that it was 14 years since a meeting had been held in his parish, and he hoped it would be no more than four or five years before they came again. Referring to the hon. secretary (Mr. G. E. Large), the Chairman said he himself and the Ombersley ringers had been grateful for the help that gentleman had given during the past year, and as a token of their appreciation had made him a member of their band. He (Mr. Large) was almost a foreigner now, because he had left Ombersley parish and had gone to live in that 'horrid parish of Claines' (laughter).

### TWENTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

Mr. W. Lewis reported the failure of the quarterly peal after two hours' ringing at St. John's, the method being Cambridge Major. Letters from the relatives of the late Mr. A. Hill (Cathedral) and Mr. C. J. Green (Claines) were read, expressing their appreciation of the branch's sympathy in their respective bereavements.

Mr. S. T. Holt proposed that the hon. secretary conduct the quarterly peal to be attempted at Ombersley, this to be a peal of Minor and to include as many of the local band as were capable of taking part. It was agreed that the summer meeting be held at Ripple, from which place strong invitations had been received. One hon. member and 21 performing members were elected, among the

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## DEATH OF MR. W. A. COOKE.

RINGER AND CHURCHWARDEN AT RAINHAM, KENT.

As briefly mentioned in our last issue, the death has occurred at Rainham, Kent, of Mr. William Austin Cooke, Lieutenant, R.N., retired. He passed away after a prolonged illness at the age of 67 years, and leaves a widow and daughter in bereavement.

He joined the Navy at the age of 23 and saw service in several of His Majesty's ships during the war, including H.M.S. 'Brilliant,' on which he was a warrant officer. Afterwards he was stationed at Chatham and retired 12 years ago.



MR. W. A. COOKE.

Before entering the Navy Mr. Cooke was a member of the band at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Gillingham, in the days when Gabriel Lindoff was leader there, and took part in 1893 in the first peals of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major rung for the Kent County Association. He was also a very keen handbell ringer. His service in the Navy naturally considerably curtailed his opportunities for ringing, but he never lost his interest in it, and on settling down at Rainham ten years ago became actively identified with the band at St. Margaret's Church, and was secretary of the tower. For seven years, also, he had been churchwarden and had done much unobtrusive church work in other directions. He was a prominent Freemason and an enthusiastic member of Toc H.

Mr. Cooke had rung many peals, but he had kept no record. In addition to being a member of the Kent Association, whose meetings he attended whenever possible, he was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral took place at Rainham, and was attended by the following ringers: Messrs. W. Spice (Tunstall), W. G. Easter (Gillingham), W. J. Walker (Upchurch), V. A. Jarrett (Chatham), C. Belsey, F. J. Cheal, J. Morris and the Misses J. Naylor and K. Cheal (Rainham). Half-muffled touches were rung after the funeral service, and on February 12th a half-muffled peal was rung.

We are indebted to the 'Kent Messenger' for the photograph of the late Mr. Cooke.

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latter being one lady, Miss B. M. Boyle, formerly of Combe Martin (North Devon), and now residing in Malvern Wells. The elections of Messrs. J. A. Waugh and R. G. Cousins, both of London, were ratified, as their elections had taken place in the tower at Worcester Cathedral on Boxing Day prior to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. G. Hinton appealed for better support at the Cathedral practices, as they had had many disappointments by meeting short. These practices take place every other Thursday from 7.30 until 9 p.m., and for the convenience of anyone interested the next one is on March 17th.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, as well as to the organist and the ladies who had so ably catered, was proposed by the hon. secretary. In seconding this, Mr. Holt said their meeting was one of the best he had been to, quite unlike some they had had, which resembled lawyers' meetings! He was pleased to see many of the Northern Branch members present.

Mr. Short added a few words of thanks to the chairman for his encouraging address, and remarked that if ever 'canned' bells were contemplated in any tower in their diocese the association would be there with a 'big stick' (applause).

In his reply, the Rev. G. W. Gillingham thanked the members heartily for the vote of thanks. He asked them to remember the Bishop's appeal for funds towards new churches; to support their own Vicars by keeping their respective parish bells rung for Sunday services, and, lastly, to support the Worcestershire Cricket Club. (It must be remembered that the Rector himself is a keen cricketer and has played for Worcestershire Gentlemen in their matches against the Players.)

Ringling was resumed until 9 o'clock.

### NORTHERN BRANCH ELECTS TWENTY NEW MEMBERS.

At the last meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association at Stourbridge, a peal board was unveiled recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in St. Thomas' belfry in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties.

The meeting, which was attended by about 100 ringers, coincided with Mr. William Short's jubilee as a member of the association. Mr. Short is now Master of the association and he was the recipient of many congratulations.

No fewer than 20 new members were elected.

Mr. W. A. Horse (churchwarden of St. Thomas') was recommended for election as a vice-president at the annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

#### Suggested Financial Changes.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Heston on February 12th. After ringing at St. Paul's, Hounslow, and at Heston, about 40 members and friends enjoyed a substantial tea in the Church Room. The vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) was in the chair for the business meeting and was supported by all the district officers and by Mr. A. E. Gurney (churchwarden). Welcome visitors included Messrs. G. T. and A. W. Coles, from the North and East District, and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The presence of the president of the association (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) was greatly appreciated, though he would not take the chair, as he could not stay for the whole meeting. Mr. Trollope's announcement that the Bishop of London had honoured the president by appointing him a Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral was received with acclamation. Later in the meeting the president thanked the company for their welcome and congratulations.

#### SMALLER ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

In his report for 1937, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) stated that four members had died during the year (Mr. J. H. Lucas, of Uxbridge, Mr. H. A. Folkard, of Ealing, the Rev. E. Cornwall-Jones, Vicar of Ruislip, and Mr. W. H. Hollier, of Chiswick). Eight district meetings were held with an average attendance of 29—considerably lower than in 1936. On the other hand, the two joint meetings held (Guildford, Oxford, Surrey and Middlesex Associations at Staines in August, and Ladies' Guild and Oxford and Middlesex Associations at Hillingdon in October) were very successful, the attendances being 89 and 98 respectively. With a few exceptions, tower representation at district meetings was poor, and tower officials were urged to encourage a more active interest in the meetings. Sunday service ringing had generally improved, although in a few towers little is done apart from a casual visit by neighbouring ringers. All the rings of bells in going order were rung on Coronation Day. The total number of peals rung in the district was 14, three less than in 1936. Thirty-nine members were elected, as compared with 10 in 1936, but the number of subscriptions outstanding was still large. A new treble bell had been installed at Stanwell, which now possesses a fine ring of six. The report concluded with thanks to the district officers for their support.

The Chairman thanked the secretary for his instructive report, and expressed the hope that an improvement might be effected at the less flourishing towers.

The treasurer announced a balance of £2 17s. 9d. on the district accounts for 1937 and a balance of £15 18s. 10d. in the Bell Restoration Fund.

Mr. H. Chandler presented the account of the Supper Committee, showing a small balance, and the Supper Committee were re-elected (Messrs. Chandler, Goodfellow and Gladman, with the addition of the secretary). Three new members were elected (Mr. H. Hofton, Kensington, unattached, Mr. H. Joint, Hillingdon, and Miss F. M. Gutteridge, Iver Heath, life member), and the belfry election of Mr. R. A. Reid, North Stoneham, before a peal, was ratified.

It is the custom of the district when possible to elect a different Ringing Master each year, and Mr. J. Herbert was elected to succeed Mr. E. C. S. Turner. After a vote, Mr. Ellingham was elected Deputy Master. The treasurer, Mr. T. Collins, was re-elected.

As Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was unable to stand for re-election as hon. secretary, Mr. Bird proposed that Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey be elected in his place. He pointed out that Mr. Cockey had had previous experience of the work, having been secretary of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association and of the Sheffield and District Society, and he had confidence that Mr. Cockey would fill the position admirably.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellingham and carried, and Mr. Cockey, in promising to do his best for the district, pointed out that he depended upon the support of all the members.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Goodfellow for his services during the past six years was carried on the proposition of Mr. Hunnisett, who expressed the regret of the members at his decision and their gratitude for all he had done for the association.

The assistant secretary (Mr. W. G. Wilson), the Central Committee (Messrs. Chandler, Corke and G. Kilby), and the auditors (Messrs. Liddbetter and W. Coles) were all re-elected. Mr. Hunnisett and Mr. Cockey were appointed trustees.

#### THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF RULES.

On the motion of Mr. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. Bird, it was resolved that, in the event of the revised rules being adopted by the annual general meeting, the funds of the district shall be transferred to the Central Fund of the association as from January 1st, 1939.

The Chairman explained that this was an enabling resolution only and would only apply if the revised rules, copies of which had been circulated to towers, were adopted in April.

At the request of the chairman, Mr. G. T. Coles explained the reasons for the revision of the rules, which were originally framed in 1897 and were out of date. He pointed out that while one district was financially in a good position, the other district was not, and neither was the Central Fund of the association. It was proposed that after

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## ANOTHER SOMERSET PEAL RESTORED.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT CROWCOMBE.

The picturesque Church of Crowcombe, tucked away under the Quantock Hills between Taunton and Williton, was crowded on Sunday, February 20th, at 3 p.m. for a special service of thanksgiving in connection with the recent restoration of the bells.

Before the service commenced, one could not but help admiring the beautiful carved oak screen and bench ends, so familiar in many Somerset churches, and the narrowness of the seats was also commented upon by many who were visiting Crowcombe for the first time.

The Rector (the Rev. H. C. Young) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Vicar of Carhampton) and Preb. H. C. Harman (a former Vicar of Bicknoller).

Special prayers were offered by Bishop de Salis (Archdeacon of Taunton), who also gave one of the best addresses ever heard by the writer in connection with bells and bell restorations.

The Bishop, who can still ring a bell if required, stated that the bells had been rehung on modern ball bearings, and new fittings throughout had been provided. The old wooden frame still remained, it being in good order and required only strengthening and securely fixing to the walls of the tower.

He stated that the work had been done by Taylors, of Loughborough, who carried out similar work for him when he first came to Somerset as Vicar in charge of a parish 50 years ago. That work still stood the test of time, and he was sure that the work done at Crowcombe would do likewise.

The Bishop went on to say that it was a great effort on the part of the parish to raise the necessary money (£146) to carry out the work in such a short space of time, and it showed that the people of Crowcombe were fond of their bells.

He was very pleased to note that so many peals of bells were being restored in Somerset, and this was all the more gratifying as there were so many fine churches and peals of bells in the county. 'May the day be long distant before mechanical bells or gramophone records come to our fine old churches,' he said.

The Bishop considered that the Guild of Ringers did a lot of good, especially with the scientific change ringers, but there were many towers and ringers outside the Guild who only rang the familiar West Country call changes. These ringers were, however, doing very useful church work, and they were to be encouraged just as much as the more experienced ringers.

At the conclusion of the service the bells (a heavy ring of six) were kept going in various methods, but some of the ringers found difficulty in handling the ropes, which were very low.

The absence of a Sunday train service on the Minehead Branch and the infrequent bus service to the village probably kept many ringers away, but there were eight from Carhampton (brought by the Vicar), five from Nether Stowey (brought by Capt. Cann, who was on week-end leave), and others from Chipstable, Milverton and Taunton.

### ATTLEBOROUGH RINGERS' DEATH.

The death occurred at Attleborough, Norfolk, on Tuesday, February 8th, of Mr. William Benjamin Wiseman, aged 66. Up to the time of his death he was an active and well-respected ringer of the St. Mary's band, Attleborough, and a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The funeral service took place in St. Mary's Church, and, following the interment, 720 changes of Bob Minor were rung on St. Mary's bells: W. N. Banham 1, C. E. G. Banham 2, W. Chandler 3, H. Allen 4, C. H. Cooke 5, L. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

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deducting working expenses each district should pay the balance into the Central Fund, which would then be better able to pay its way. The two districts were not separate associations, but parts of the one association, and it was appropriate that the Central Fund should reflect the position of the association.

In answer to Mr. Bird as to what had happened to the suggestion that resident members should cease to pay an annual subscription on reaching 65 years of age if more than 15s. had been paid in subscriptions, Mr. Coles explained that the sub-committee which revised the rules had decided against the proposal, largely on the ground of loss of revenue. If a member really could not afford his subscription, the association could always make him a free member.

It was agreed that if the new rules came into force, the money in the Bell Restoration Fund should be merged with the Central Fund and that the charge of 3d. a rope for each peal rung in the district should cease.

It was decided to invite the London County Association to a joint meeting at Chiswick in May or June and to invite the Ladies' and Oxford Guilds to the usual meeting at Hillingdon at the end of the year.

Mr. Hawthorne extended invitations on behalf of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Guild to joint meetings at Kingston and Egham, on dates to be arranged, and these were accepted with thanks.

Isleworth was chosen for the place of the 1939 annual meeting of the district. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Heston and St. Paul's, Hounslow, to the local ringers and to the ladies who served tea.—Mr. Gurney replied and expressed the Vicar of Heston's regret at not being present. Further ringing then took place at Heston tower.

## NORTH STAFFORD ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL DINNER.

There was an excellent gathering at the North Staffordshire Association's dinner on Saturday, February 12th, a company of 118 spending a very enjoyable evening at the George Hotel, Burslem. During the afternoon, Hanley, Tunstall and Burslem towers were open for ringing, and the bells were fully employed.

Supporting the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Harthill, of Stoke-on-Trent) were Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary), Miss Ada Bourne, Messrs. Sidney Churton, Thomas Hurd (vice-chairman), Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary), Miss Betty Thacker, Mr. G. W. Walker, the Rev. S. F. Linsley, and ringers and friends from Hanley, Brown Edge, Draycott, Stone, Lawton, Tunstall, Kingsley, Biddulph, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Wistaston, Leek, Burslem, Norton, Newcastle and Fenton.

After the toast of 'The King,' the National Anthem was sung, and a pianoforte duet was rendered by Mrs. E. Thonger, A.T.C.L., and Miss H. Barry, A.T.C.L.

Mr. F. A. Forster proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He spoke of the influence of the Church on the lives of the people, and said his introduction to ringing was through attending a church at Silverdale. To give service to the Church in this direction had been a great pleasure.

The Archdeacon, who replied, congratulated the association on the splendid gathering at the first 'annual' dinner. It was the third time a dinner had been held, but that was the first 'annual' dinner and he suggested it would not be the last. The association they belonged to was something to be proud of. The Archdeacon went on to emphasise that the Church was made up of all classes of people, and said that church work was any kind of work done for the Church and the service of God. The art of bellringing in this country had always been closely connected with the Church, and the greatest association it had with the Church was that of calling men to the worship of God. He appealed to them all to be more thorough in their religion and to make a much bigger effort.

A course of Grandsire Caters was next rung on handbells by ringers from Leek tower.

The Rev. S. F. Linsley proposed the toast of 'The North Staffordshire Association.' Speaking first in lighter vein, he told the story of a parson he knew who was extremely deaf and whose custom it was to ring the bell before a service. Whilst doing this he always used to read a book. One night he was tugging away at the bell as usual and reading his book when the curate came in and asked him what he was doing. He replied that he was 'Ringing the bell, of course.' 'Oh no you're not,' said the curate, 'the clapper has broken off.'

Ringing, said the speaker, was really a dangerous art. He once had a curate who was learning to ring at the same time as himself. The stay on the curate's bell broke and he was carried almost up to the ceiling. Since then he had been most careful.

There was something wonderful, said Mr. Linsley, in the thought that in ringing the bells they were calling people to worship to turn their thoughts to higher things, and the bellringer was doing a great work in ringing out the greatest message that could be issued to the world. He hoped ringers would continue this work Sunday by Sunday and that the association would continue to hold its annual dinner.

### EARLY DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

Mr. Andrew Thompson should have responded to the toast, but as Mr. G. W. Walker, one of the oldest members, desired to speak, the secretary requested him to take his place. Mr. Walker said he was privileged to attend the inaugural meeting of the association in 1882, but his membership card was dated January, 1883, and he had spent some very happy times among the members.

'It was not all beer and skittles forming the association,' he said. 'Courage was needed to overcome difficulties which faced the ringers, but eventually they succeeded. I am glad to have lived to see the association in such a flourishing condition as it is now. I hope it will continue to improve. Indeed, the sight of so many young men taking an interest in change ringing leads me to believe it will. But that is not all. I have found another very important factor in connection with the association—the friendship created between ringers. Another very pleasing fact is that the Archdeacon of Stoke is taking as great an interest in the association as did his predecessor, Sir Lovelace Stamer, who was one of the leaders in forming the association.'

Letters of regret of absence were received from Mr. H. Parker and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

Mr. S. Churton proposed 'The Visitors,' who, he said, they were all delighted to welcome. He said he was very pleased to see so many ladies present.

Mr. G. W. Biddulph replied. Some of them, he said, had been coming to the North Staffordshire meetings for a good many years and enjoyed the very good fellowship that prevailed in the North Staffs territory. He thanked the Leek ringers for their very enjoyable displays, and hoped the association would carry on in the future as it had done in the past.

Mr. T. Hurd submitted the toast of 'The Press' and thanked the 'Evening Sentinel' for its interest in the association. Referring to 'The Ringing World,' he said it had done more to foster good fellowship among ringers and to bring ringing associations together than anything else he knew of. Where, he asked, would ringing have been

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## NOTICES.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern branch.—The meeting which was to have been held at Stoulton to-morrow has been transferred to Hinton. Bells from 5 p.m. (no service or tea).—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Elstow on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, District Secretary, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A hearty welcome awaits our usual and all other visitors to this meeting. A postcard to Mr. P. Webb, Ickleton, Great Chesterford, Essex, for tea, would be appreciated.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea free.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and strike 'um. Will those wishing for tea kindly let me know in time to arrange?—E. C. Gobey, Trowell, Notts.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., near church. Buses: St. Albans-Hertford or Barnet-Hertford. Northaw bells (6) will be available for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The Jubilee 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner will be held at the White Horse Restaurant, Congreve Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 p.m. prompt, the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's (12), Aston Parish Church (12), and the Cathedral Church (10), will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Tickets will be issued to fully-paid ringing members at 2s. each; to other members and friends at 6s. 6d. each.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Olney on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea in good time. A good attendance will be welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

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to-day without it? Ringing would have been much poorer than it is now. It kept them all in touch with what was going on and with one another, not only in this country, but with ringers overseas. It must mean a great deal to the ringers in Australia and New Zealand to receive their copy and read what was going on in the old country.

Selections were given on handbells by the Leek ringers, and songs were sung by Mr. W. Corfield and Mr. G. E. Plant, while community singing was much enjoyed. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, March 6th, at 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, March 14th and 28th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral, 8th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, Kent, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 8th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for those advising me not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on March 12th. Tea and meeting at Red Triangle Club, 5 p.m. Please send postcard to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, for tea. Ringing during afternoon from 2.30 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) about 5 o'clock. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. E. Watson, 56, Bradford Road, East Ardsley, not later than March 10th.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Boxley (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. It will be esteemed a favour if all those coming to tea will kindly notify Mr. Fred Rigby, 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. All ringers cordially invited.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Sherington, on Saturday, March 12th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. A postcard will be much appreciated if received by Wednesday, the 9th. It is hoped to have a good attendance.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at Everton on March 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.15 p.m. Please send a card for tea to me before March 10th.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. A meeting in the tower at 7. A good meeting is assured if you turn up. Reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on March 12th, and it is hoped as many as possible will make good use of this octave, which will be available from 3 p.m.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dunn-Birch, 15, Northfield Grove, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, by Wednesday, March 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Fairford on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Please send card if you require tea to Mr. J. Hope, London Street, Fairford, Glos, by March 9th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Cirencester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Aldwinle on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's (R.C.) Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Green Schools 5 p.m. Important: Please notify Mr. T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness, for tea not later than Wednesday, March 9th, and oblige.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, March 12th. The bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but tea can only be arranged for those who notify their intention of needing same. All ringers and friends welcome. We can oblige all capabilities from rounds upwards.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome. Please notify by the 9th re tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next meeting of the South and West District will be at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the new Church Hall, The Park. Please notify me by March 9th if you require tea. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., and after tea; St. Stephen's, 3 to 4 p.m.; Christ Church, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on Saturday, March 12th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. Frequent bus service from Swindon Town Hall and station.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 12th. Please let Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, know how many to expect for tea. Look up your Minor methods and let us have a good meeting.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton on March 12th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells at Stourton and Zeals also available. Visitors cordially invited.—W. M. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea for 1s. each. Notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street every few minutes. Fare 1½d.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. H. H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, Liverpool, 4.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me before Tuesday, March 8th. Business meeting afterwards, at which a presentation will be made to the secretary. Please let us having a good muster.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Helier Street, Dudley.

**FORNCETT ST. PETER, NEAR NORWICH.**—The ring of five bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., in a new oak bell frame, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, March 13th, at 3 p.m.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler and N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, 9, by Thursday, the 17th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, and a good attendance would be appreciated. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1937-8 are due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**EPWORTH, Nr. DONCASTER.**—The new ring of 8 bells (tenor 17 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Grimsby on Sat., March 19th, at 3.30 p.m.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. The next Wednesday meeting will be at Henfield on June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Please send me all numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, March 15th. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

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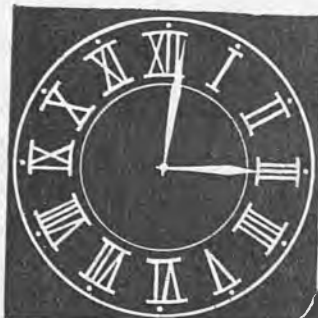
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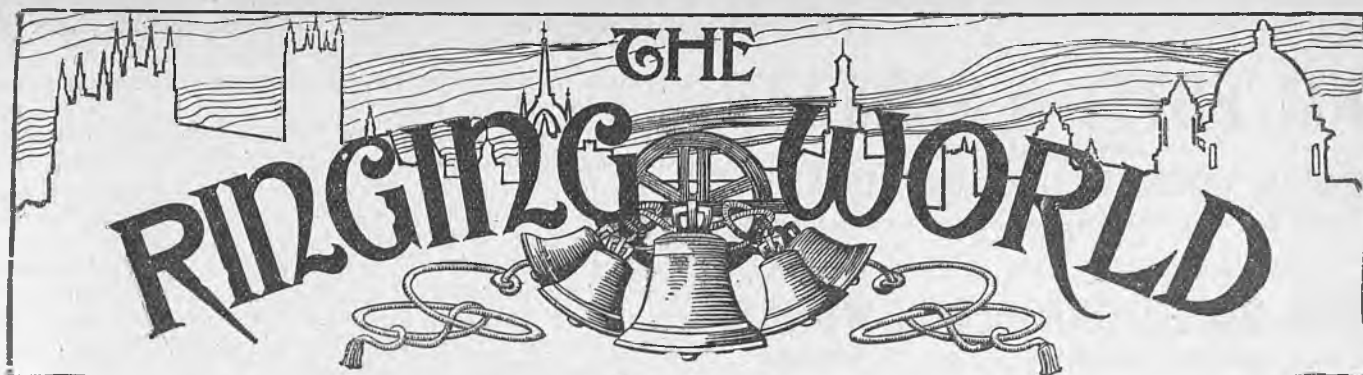
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MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
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## TEN BELL PEALS.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MISS A. BROWN ... Treble	ALFRED E. PEARCE ... 6
*ALBERT TYLER ... 2	CECIL F. MOGFORD ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	GILBERT PEARCE ... 8
JACK SPILLER ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
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WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. 2	GEORGE WALTERS ... .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	FRANK WAITE ... .. 8
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*HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	HENRY S. WILSON ... .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 8
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WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... .. 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. E. G. Benson on his election to the secretaryship of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

BERT CORNELL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. MORTLOCK ... 5
LEONARD PRYKE ... .. 2	MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 3	LAWRENCE POULSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 4	EDWARD CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by M. T. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor and the conductor himself, which occurred on the 19th and 20th respectively.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FLETCHER ... .. 5
GEORGE SPERRING ... .. 2	HARRY PYE ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	FRED HARTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 6
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 4	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 78). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Treble	JACK CLEGG ... .. 5
WILLIE AARON ... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 6
JOSEPH WOODS ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PROCTOR ... .. 7
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

R. EDWARD JONES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 5
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 2	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 6
*FRANK TWIGG ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a 28th birthday compliment to the conductor.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
CYRIL DOBNEY ... .. 2	JOHN W. CARTER... .. 6
*ERNEST T. KING ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 4	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ALBERT GORRINGE ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	†ERNEST F. BENNETT... .. 6
*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, on his 72nd birthday.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, February 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... .. 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 7
EDWARD B. SMITH ... .. 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVE.

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. H. G. Cashmore's 100th peal as conductor, S. H. Hoare's 150th peal, and the 200th peal on the bells.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. J. H. CRAMPION ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
ALBERT G. PETTY ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
*FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... .. 3	†JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 7
*STANLEY F. WEBB ... .. 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

\* First peal of Major. † 100th peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
†DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 2	ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST BREIT ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal on eight bells and of Surprise inside.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	HAROLD HAMER ... .. 6
VERNON SYKES ... .. 3	IVAN KAY ... .. 7
*JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. 4	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. M. G. Greenhalgh, who is leaving the district, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of H. Hamer.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. H. JONES... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE LEE ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 6
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss G. Atkinson and Mr. W. T. Griffin.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

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

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 7
GEORGE PACKER ... .. 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. Treble	HARRY HALL ... .. 5
†HAROLD ROSE ... .. 2	NEVILL HOLLAND ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BLOOR ... .. 3	EDWARD STEELE ... .. 7
ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
Rung in honour of the 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL, STREATHAM,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN L. MILES ... .. Treble	ALBERT DISERENS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
*CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\* First attempt for a peal of Surprise.

ANSTEE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY CHENEY ... .. Treble	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 5
KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
*HARRY WAYNE ... .. 3	JAMES HARRIS ... .. 7
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples and first attempt.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILLBY ... Treble	ROBERT MARSH ... .. 5
JACK A. HINDRY ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. 6
BERTIE W. MARSH ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. 7
*VICTOR ROBINSON ... .. 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

\* First peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES ... .. Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 5
ALBERT RICHES ... .. 2	GEORGE FILBY ... .. 6
THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD ... 3	EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 7
S. W. ARBON ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHES.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE SLACK ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 5
†JOHN BAGNALL ... .. 2	JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 6
†MICHAEL G. WHEAT ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7
JAMES E. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	ARTHUR STEDMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

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

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... .. 5
RONALD A. TUFFIN ... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6
†ERIC J. COE ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
†LEONARD LOBB ... .. 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. CLAYDON.

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

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	HAROLD WORRAL ... .. 5
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ERNEST W. FULFORD ... Treble	*THOMAS J. THURLEY ... .. 5
†FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 7
†MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	HARRY BROOKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

BERT GRIMSHAW ... .. Treble	TOM ISHERWOOD ... .. 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

\* First 'touch' of London.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY S. WILSON ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKES ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

A 62nd birthday compliment to ex-Insp. G. M. Mitchell, of Hove, an honorary member of the association.

MITCHAM, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT ... .. Treble	*GEORGE A. WEST ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 6
REUBEN CHARGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	WHITTET SPARKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

\* First peal with a bob bell. A birthday compliment to Messrs. O. W. R. Grimwood and G. A. West, also a farewell to David Wright, who is leaving the county.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	†HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Treble	JOHN HALL ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2	*JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 6
FRANK SADLER ... .. 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 7
RALPH HARRIS ... .. 4	GEORGE MOISEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Moisey, on completing 40 years as ringer and 30 years' service as clerk and sexton at Badsey.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

REGINALD W. REX ... Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 5
*JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
*ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 4	REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*PETER SMALL ... Treble	EDWARD TRENDALL ... .. 5
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 2	GEORGE SIMPSON ... .. 6
FREDERICK BRETT ... .. 3	BERTRAM LUCK ... .. 7
JOHN SPICE ... .. 4	RANDALL PORT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDALL.

\* First peal.

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## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD M. GIBBS ... Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4
GEORGE MASKELL ... .. 2	ALBERT KEMP ... .. 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GILBERT R. GWAITHIN ... Treble	†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 4
GORDON C. LEACH ... .. 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 5
WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob 'inside.'

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE P. BIGGS ... Treble	MISS BERTHA REEVE ... .. 4
GORDON C. LEACH ... .. 2	REGINALD J. ARBON ... .. 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	CECIL H. ALDOUS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL H. ALDOUS.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Robert Sinker.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different 720's, with all 5-6's at backstroke.

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
RALPH BIRD ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

The first peal on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the county.

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... .. 5
FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Quickest peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss E. B. Millhouse, sister of the conductor.

WARMLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD MILES ... Treble	*ALBERT SAUNDERS ... .. 4
†RAYMOND BREWER ... .. 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... .. 5
*GREYHAM BUSH ... .. 3	GILBERT DREW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble.



**BENTLEY, YORKS.**  
**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
 (DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

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

Being 480 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and St. Bartholomew's, four different callings, and ten six-scores and four twelve-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY GOODALE ... .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 3
*HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 2	ERNEST COOPER ... .. 4

\*JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

\* First peal of Doubles.

**GREAT BARFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of All Saints,*

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

Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3
HUGH E. HARDING ... .. 2	TOM BARTRAM ... .. 4

BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, February 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

In seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

**BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Oswald,*

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

*V. CARLILE ... .. Treble	†D. WATSON, JUN. ... .. 3
†G. CLOUGH ... .. 2	†E. GILBERT ... .. 4

JAMES F. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES F. SMITH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

**WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, February 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Hilary,*

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

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... .. Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... .. 4
*WILLIAM STRONG ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
DAVID HUGHES ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Robert Webster, a ringer at the above church.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

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

Being 21 different 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALLAN COLCUMBE ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR H. OAKLEY ... .. 4
JAMES P. HVEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITSON ... .. 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG ... .. 3	*HORACE D. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVEY.

\* First peal.

**ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

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

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford Treble, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

TOM J. MARRIOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO ... .. 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. Webb, M.A., who is shortly leaving the parish.

**CORBY, NORTHANTS.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

F. TOWELL ... .. Treble	J. G. GEARY ... .. 4
A. L. WARD ... .. 2	J. H. BLUFF ... .. 5
R. RUSSELL ... .. 3	*P. D. BALDOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal in five methods.

**GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church,*

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

Being seven extents in 32 methods:—

- (1) Hanley, Milton, Allendale, Westminster.
- (2) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet.
- (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourn.
- (4) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Netherseale.
- (5) London, Cuneastre, Wells.
- (6) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre.
- (7) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDON ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 32 Surprise methods by all; first for the Guild and first in the county.

**FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Leonard,*

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

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) York and Durham; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOE HOBBS ... .. Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First attempt at Treble Bob on the treble. First peal in 16 methods by the association, in the county and by all the band. Eighty-nine changes of method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Russell, D.D., as Vicar of this parish.

**HITCHAM, BUCKS.**

**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

*On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary.*

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

Being 720 each of Reverse College Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*EDWARD T. BARRETT ... .. Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 4
*PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. GILBERT.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Bunce (mother of two previous members of the Hitcham band).

# BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

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

Being seven extents in 35 methods:—

- (1) Ohepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 4
*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 35 methods. Fifty-three changes of method.

## PENISTONE, YORKS.

### THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Kent and Oxford; (2) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel; (3) St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (4) Neasden and Wragby Delight; (5) College Exercise and Ockley; (6) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (7) Sandal and Kingston.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4
J. THOMAS WHITE ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in 14 methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. C. Wright, late curate at Felkirk.

## BROUGHTON, LANCs.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble Bob, all different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM PATCHELL ... .. Treble	JAMES ASHCROFT ... .. 4
JOHN JACKSON ... .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... .. 5
KENNETH HALL ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor.

## COUN, SHROPSHIRE.

### THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court; (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER L'ABETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in eight methods in the county, by all the band and for the association.

## WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF CRANOSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALRC HOWELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD RISBY ... .. 4
†FRANK GARLAND ... .. 2	GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 5
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3	*LANCE CORDWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LATHAM.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

## BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
JOHN W. COLLINGWOOD ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

## BINFIELD, BERKS.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CECIL W. BAILEY ... .. Treble	RONALD C. FOWLER ... .. 4
*MISS JOAN A. BLACKMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE ... .. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT

\* First peal in more than three methods. Specially rung for the wedding of Mr. Henry Wallcroft (one of the Binfeld ringers) and Miss J. Smith, which took place that day in the Rhondda Valley.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

### ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, February 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 39, FAIRFORD ROAD.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 17 in A.

RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6
*ALLAN SHORT ... .. 3-4	FRED PRICE ... .. 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Witness—Mrs. R. C. Ingram.

\* First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair.

## NOTTINGHAM.

### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 24, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Seven 720's.

*THOMAS BARLOW BROWN ... .. 1-2	†ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT ... .. 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Witness—A. T. Bartlett.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor.

## BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINC'S.

### THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

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

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 13 in G.

*F. DAVID GODDARD ... .. 1	WALTER GODDARD ... .. 3-4
ALISON M. GODDARD ... .. 2	JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 5-6

Conducted by J. W. GODDARD.

\* Aged 11 years and first attempt for a peal.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

### THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, March 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINE'S CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 1-2	*CYRIL BRET-SMITH ... .. 7-8
DERRICK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 9-10
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 5-6	†JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 11-12

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

\* First peal on twelve. † First peal 'in hand' and first on twelve. First peal of Maximus as conductor. G. V. Murphy's 75th peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**WINDSOR RINGER'S DEATH.**

Many ringers will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Walter Cross, of Windsor, at the age of 51. He had not been in good health for some time and neuritis had prevented him from ringing for about a year.

He was connected with a firm of stockbrokers in London and continued business with them until nine days before his death. He caught influenza, which was followed by pneumonia, and the end came with tragic suddenness on Sunday, February 27th.

He was taught to ring at Farnham Royal, while still at school, by the late Mr. J. J. Parker, and, though he had rung only about a dozen peals, he was always delighted with a well-struck touch or quarter-peal. Besides being a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he also belonged to the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Middlesex Association.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 2nd, at Clewer, and half-muffled touches were rung the same evening at Windsor Parish Church, and on Thursday evening, at Clewer, 720 Plain Bob by T. Smith, W. Birmingham, G. H. Gutteridge, W. Henley, E. S. T. Farr and L. Stilwell (conductor).

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****TWO LADIES AMONG NEW MEMBERS.**

The February meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bramley on February 26th. The opening ringing gave a start to the new venture of an unknown couple, who were married in the church at the time the meeting commenced.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. S. Helliwell at Brookes' Cafe, and the business meeting was held in the Church Schools. Mr. Senior (president) was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Lindley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

The following new members were elected: Miss D. Lister, of Shipley, Miss K. Marsh and Mr. J. Thorn, of Bramley.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bramley and to the local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. Fred Davison.—Mr. S. Helliwell replied.

The next meeting will be on March 26th at Armley, when it is hoped last year's experiment of a ringers' Communion service will be repeated. This will be a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild (Northern Section). Members were specially asked to send in their names in order to allow for tea arrangements to be made.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER BELLS AUGMENTED.****LINCOLNSHIRE GETS ANOTHER EIGHT.**

Two new trebles have been installed at the Parish Church, Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, and were dedicated on Sunday, February 27th, at the morning service.

The Ven. Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was prevented by illness from performing the ceremony, and all concerned were grateful to Canon Rust, Vicar of Frodingham and Rural Dean, for stepping into the breach at a moment's notice.

A very impressive service had been arranged with appropriate hymns and prayers. When the eight bells were heard for the first time, rung in rounds by eight members of the local band, all present were impressed by their beauty of tone.

After the service touches were rung in various methods, the local band being joined by ringers from Scunthorpe.

A set of rope guides have made the bells much better to handle.

A district meeting has been arranged for May 7th, when it is hoped that all interested will come and try the augmented ring. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are once more to be congratulated upon completing an excellent job.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A MEETING WELL WORTH WHILE.**

The meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 5th, was in every way a great success. Soon after 3 p.m. the bells were set going in rounds by the younger members, who turned up in good numbers. There was a good attendance at the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Penney, who gave an interesting address. Mr. L. Lilley, one of the local band, was the organist.

Following tea, arranged as usual by Mr. P. Webb, the local captain, routine business was quickly disposed of.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Linton, a five-bell tower.

A collection towards the appeal for the restoration of the bells of St. George-in-the-East Church, London, realised the sum of 10s. 6d.

On returning to the tower various methods were rung to suit all, from beginners upwards. Two or three valiant attempts for a course of Ickleton Surprise, the first peal of which was rung in this tower a month ago by the Hertfordshire band, failed to materialise.

The good attendance of members of the district, with members from the Central Branch and the splendid support of the local band, made the meeting well worth while.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Recently the Ancient Society of College Youths received payment of 3s. 6d. in respect to the election of a member which took place 60 years ago. The member is now over 90 years of age. The letter had been lost among the pages of a book for all that time.

There was the customary reunion in Birmingham on Sunday morning, after the Johnson Dinner. Sandwiches and handbell ringing were enjoyed at midday at headquarters.

Earlier St. Martin's had had nearly a double quota of ringers for the service ringing, but the Cathedral, well patronised on Saturday afternoon, had a job to muster eight, which was a pity.

One well-known London ringer, who was present at the dinner, brought with him a label, ready printed with instructions, for his safe delivery to his wife, in case he was unable, for any reason, to make his way home by himself. His finder was given precise directions as to what to do in the event of the wife answering the door.

Which reminds us of another well-known ringer, who, making a belated return after a handbell practice and doubtful of his reception from his better half, said to his companion, who had inquired what he was going 'to do about it,' 'I shall open the front door and throw my overcoat in. If it's thrown out again, I'm coming home with you.'

## PEAL RINGING BY NON-SERVICE RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I trust you will find space for a reply to Mr. Macey, who, I presume, is a service ringer, although he is listed as 'unattached' in the Kent County report of 1937.

The old principle that 'what has been done in the past is good enough for the future' cannot, for one minute, be accepted.

For a considerable time 'free lances' have been able to continue their peal activities unchecked, possibly owing to the fact that the clergy are unaware of the true state of affairs.

There is no doubt that in order to keep church bells ringing and in perfect order a Sunday service band is an essential factor. It is, therefore, the duty of all ringers who are members of service ringing companies to ensure that their bells are not rung by irresponsible persons, who render no regular service to the Church. The associations, too, should see that their members are not abusing the principles for which the associations stand.

Let us not sit back comfortably and hope for the best, but make a determined effort to obtain this much-needed reform.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN.

## BROADCAST RINGING.

**A BOUQUET FOR BACKWELL.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A few 'bricks' have been thrown in your columns recently in regard to broadcast ringing, Mr. A. R. Pink especially aiming a well-deserved one, but I think those who tuned in to the West Regional on Sunday evening will agree that the time has arrived to substitute bouquets for bricks.

I had the company of a non-ringer who has no time for the 'music of the bells,' usually describing it as a meaningless jangle, but on this occasion, when the bells of Backwell Church, Somerset, were 'faded in' after the announcement, remarked 'how well those bells sound, such regular striking and not the usual jangle.' As a practical ringer and, I hope, a passable striker, I should like to congratulate the band who broadcast that evening on their *perfect* striking, but, to my mind, the fact of having made a non-ringer sit up and take notice is a greater achievement than earning the congratulations of a brother ringer.

If, in addition, and there is no reason why it should not be so, they have caused some ringers who may some day also broadcast to 'sit up and take notice' and see that their striking comes up to that on the air on Sunday evening, we may have an easier task in convincing our non-ringing friends that change ringing is something more than a mere jangle. In any case, I would like to see a little appreciation recorded of a splendid effort to put change ringing in a respectable category after the unfortunate exhibition recently broadcast from Bedale.

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

## AN EXAMPLE.

Dear Sir,—The protests made by your correspondents about the disgraceful exhibition of ringing broadcast from Bedale a fortnight ago are quite justified. Mr. Pink was fortunate to be able to distinguish call changes; so far as I am concerned, I could not make out what it was—it sounded like bad firing!

As a contrast we heard on Sunday evening a fine example of ringing from Backwell, Somerset; almost perfect throughout.

If something on the lines suggested by Mr. Burgess could be done by the B.B.C., this broadcast might be held up as an example of what should be the standard.

Walthamstow.

C. T. COLES.

## BROADCAST RINGING AS IT SHOULD BE.

Dear Sir,—With a friend, I heard Stedman Doubles on Sunday evening from Backwell, Somerset, a good old peal, on which I have rung (about 50 years ago). I would like to congratulate the ringers on their excellent striking.

Reading, Berks.

R. T. HIBBERT.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—9.****ALFRED H. PULLING.**

There has been no greater ringing enthusiast than Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, of Guildford, who is one of the few ringers who have conducted more than a thousand peals. Born at Petworth, Sussex, his whole career as a ringer has been associated with Holy Trinity, now the Cathedral, Guildford, where he learned to ring and where in October, 1899, he scored his first peal and, three years later, rang his first peal as conductor.

Throughout this forty years or so his chief interest has been centred in the ringing in Holy Trinity tower, where he has seen the Sunday service band rise from call changes to the highest degree of efficiency.

Of that original band only Mr. Henry Hutton remains. Despite one of those setbacks which nearly all bands at some time suffer, and which has led to the Holy Trinity Society fading for a time somewhat out of the picture, Mr. Pulling is now building up another company of considerable promise.

Under Mr. Pulling's conductorship the society formerly not only reached the ordinary Surprise stage, but were the first to ring a number of new Surprise methods, at a time when first peals of this kind were not the common occurrence they are to-day. Those who shared in the achievements of that period will be the first to admit that their success was largely due to Mr. Pulling's brilliant qualities as a conductor.

There was a period before the war, too, when handbell ringing at Guildford reached a high standard, a large number of peals were rung and some new records set up. At one time they rang six peals of Stedman Caters on six consecutive evenings on six different sets of handbells and in six different places. These were all conducted by Mr. Pulling. In 1912 two records were made. On June 1st Mr. Pulling called 14,031 Stedman Caters in 7 hours 3 minutes, the longest peal on handbells. On August 31st the band started for a peal of 22,222, but at 11.27 p.m. the bells were brought round after 19,738 changes—which is still the handbell record, and at that time the greatest number of changes rung by one set of men.

Mr. Pulling has conducted several long lengths on tower bells in a number of methods, and he was the first to conduct a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the four basic methods. This was on June 11th, 1927, when the full extent of the Rev. H. Law James' peal, 5,408 changes, was rung at Warnham, Sussex. That was an epoch-making peal.

Among the performances upon which Mr. Pulling looks back with particular pride are some conducted in his own tower at Guildford, among them a peal of Stedman Triples for the funeral of King Edward VII., the only peal of London Surprise rung on the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary (this was rung before 8 a.m. by the Sunday band), a peal of Stedman Triples for King George's Silver Jubilee and another for His Majesty's funeral, and a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Coronation of the present King and Queen. Altogether Mr. Pulling has rung more peals on handbells than any other ringer. He has rung 452 'in hand,' of which he has conducted 435. Altogether he has rung 1,159 peals, of which he has conducted 1,051.

He represented the old Winchester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1914 until the severance of the Guildford Diocesan Guild area at the end of 1927, and he has represented the new Guild since 1930.

**Next week: Mr. George E. Symonds.****THREE GENERATIONS.**

Three generations of the family celebrated the 75th birthday of Mr. Charles Belton, of Barwell, Leicestershire, the event being honoured with a quarter-peal of Bob Major. Mr. Belton has been a ringer at Barwell for nearly half a century. Also taking part in the quarter-peal were his son, Richard, who has been a ringer for 25 years, and his grandson, Tom.

**MR. ALFRED H. PULLING.****PRESENTATION TO MR. W. T. COCKERILL.  
GOLD WATCH GIVEN TO COLLEGE YOUTHS'  
LATE SECRETARY.**

The retirement of Mr. W. T. Cockerill from the secretaryship of the Ancient Society of College Youths took effect, with many regrets, at the annual meeting last November. He had served the society faithfully for 46 years. On the occasion of the tercentenary dinner a few days before, the members presented him with a gift of £50, and on Tuesday week at headquarters there was a further presentation to mark the members' appreciation of and gratitude for his long services. The gift was a gold watch inscribed, 'W.T.C., honorary secretary, A.S.C.Y., 1891-1937.'

At the outset, the Master, who presided, recalled the gift on November 6th, and added that he did not propose to say very much on that occasion, as he had already said what he thought about Mr. Cockerill. He would, however, like to read one or two extracts from many letters he had received. Mr. R. T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, who had been a member of the society since September, 1885, sent his donation as an 'admirer of our late scribe,' and hoped his old friend, Mr. Cockerill, would have the 'bumper' he thoroughly deserved. Other extracts were from one member, who said, 'having known Mr. Cockerill for 40 years, I appreciate the exceptionally fine work he has done in a great many ways'; and another, 'a bricklayer in the North Country,' who referred to Mr. Cockerill as a fine old English gentleman, who had ever shown courtesy and kindness to all.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Reading) said the first peal he rang with Mr. Cockerill was at Fulham in 1889. He had known him, therefore, for nearly 50 years and had never had cause to grumble at him (laughter), but he (Mr. Cockerill) had had many causes to grumble at him, although he was gentleman enough not to express his feelings (laughter). He hoped Mr. Cockerill would live many more years and be able to meet his friends of the College Youths on a great many occasions (applause).

Major J. H. B. Hesse said he had known Mr. Cockerill for 35 years, and he remembered that when he first came up to London as a youngster to meet the society Mr. Cockerill always treated him with the utmost courtesy, kindness and encouragement. In all his years of ringing he had never met a man he had a greater respect for (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer) said he remembered Mr. Cockerill almost as long as he remembered anyone. It used to be said that among the College Youths a youngster did not get much chance, but Mr. Cockerill was always a great help to him. He never forgot the tips Mr. Cockerill gave him to make his path in method ringing easy. Having since come to work with him in the society, he could appreciate his wonderful services more than anyone else (applause).

Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary) said as 'one of the boys' they all learned to love Mr. Cockerill and they loved him still. He thanked Mr. Cockerill for the great help he had given him in taking over the secretaryship, and said that the perfect order in which Mr. Cockerill had left the affairs made it plain sailing to take over where he had left off (applause).

Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward) said the younger members always regarded Mr. Cockerill with admiration, respect and affection. Mr. Waugh recalled some of Mr. Cockerill's feats in ringing, such as turning-in St. Paul's Cathedral tenor for peals. These things gave them a great opinion of Mr. Cockerill's ability as a ringer, he said. He hoped they would see him among them for a long time yet (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, as a visitor, added an expression of the admiration which members of other societies throughout the country felt for the services rendered by Mr. Cockerill. His example of loyalty and devotion to duty was one which might well be emulated, and those who successfully emulated it would leave the Exercise better than they found it (applause).

Mr. Lewis, in making the presentation, said many of them had recently been studying the history of the society, and they had noticed that the society during the last 46 years had been going steadily up. One man was mainly responsible for that, and that man was Mr. Cockerill (applause).

Mr. Cockerill, who received the gift amid renewed applause, thanked the speakers for the very kind things that had been said about him. He recalled that in the year 1900 he was presented with a roll top desk by the members, and that had been of very great service to him ever since. It had on it a silver plate stating that it was presented to him in appreciation of his services, which then had extended only over a period of eight years. Now they had given him this beautiful present of a gold watch, which was a thing he wanted, for, said Mr. Cockerill, 'my old ticker was getting a bit rocky' (laughter). He asked those present and all the subscribers, as well as those who had engineered the scheme, to accept his most grateful thanks.

The 'loving cup' was then passed round and everyone present drank to Mr. Cockerill's good health.

The Master stated that later on it was proposed to give Mr. Cockerill a list of the subscribers, who numbered somewhere near two hundred.

## THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

### JUBILEE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

#### A Suggested Change in Character of Reunion.

Fifty years ago a gathering of representative ringers of England met in Birmingham to honour the then 'grand old man' of the Exercise—Henry Johnson—on his 80th birthday. Ever since his death his memory has been annually commemorated on some date near his birthday, February 28th. Last Saturday there was another large and representative gathering in Birmingham for the 'jubilee' dinner and many visitors spent an enjoyable time. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Martin's Church and St. Philip's Cathedral, and dinner was served at the White Horse Restaurant. The chair was taken by the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and among the company, numbering nearly one hundred and fifty, were the Provost of Birmingham (the Very Rev. J. H. Richards), the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers) and Mrs. Rogers, Canon H. McGowan (Archdeacon-Designate of Aston) and Mrs. McGowan, Canon and Mrs. Blofeld (Edgbaston), the Rev. W. T. Power (Vicar of Erdington), the Rev. E. A. Fraser (Rector of Solihull), Messrs. F. W. Stevens and E. B. Tomlinson (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Mr. F. B. Yates, Mr. W. A. Clark, Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Reeves, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, J. George and J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), Mrs. and Miss Guise, Mrs. E. Wilkins, Messrs. P. C. Williams, H. Birt and H. Howell (Bristol), T. F. King and J. F. Smallwood (Bath), H. Knight (hon. secretary, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society), S. F. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallater and Mr. B. Horton (Willenhall), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickering (Wolverhampton), Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall) and representatives of many bands in the diocese. After an excellent repast, the loyal toast was given by the chairman, and the secretary then announced apologies from the Lord Mayor and Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. L. G. W. Morris (Leeds) and Mrs. F. B. Yates. Special regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Walker through the indisposition of the former and hope was expressed for his speedy recovery.

#### A CHALLENGING SPEECH.

Councillor Paddon Smith, in a challenging speech, proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' Many of them who were members of the Church of England, he said, no matter how much they loved the old Church and believed in its strength and in its power to do good, felt that it was not appealing to the people of this country, and more particularly to the younger people of this country, as it did in years gone by. Many of them had asked themselves why it was so. He thought he could advance one or two reasons. They were usually told there were so many counter-attractions in these days. He would grant them that, and these counter-attractions would grow in numbers as the years went by. If they were to let their churches become partly empty, because of counter-attractions, they would become quite empty directly. He believed it was a fact that not more than four per cent. of the people of Birmingham, and cities similar to it, were known to attend public worship. He did not believe for one moment that that was due to the fact that the feeling and respect for religion and the craving for real religion was any less to-day than it was fifty or a hundred years ago. In his opinion the cause of it was the method of presenting it. Religion, as presented by the services of the Church, was, in his opinion, as out of date as oil lamps would be in that room at that moment. He would ask the authorities of the Church to consider this from the point of view of the younger generation, and, when they considered it, he asked them to leave out the Church officials over 80 years of age, for he did not believe that men of that age could come to conclusions helpful to the growing generation, however learned they might be.

Mr. Smith went on to say that in the church services they were constantly calling themselves miserable sinners. Although they might be sinners and might be wicked, they were not consciously or deliberately so. Was it good for them, therefore, to be called upon constantly to confess their ' manifold sins and wickedness ' when they tried to live upright lives and to do unto others as they would be done by? There were a lot of dreary things in the Church of England service and many senseless repetitions. He quoted the Benedicite as an example of the latter, and added that when the Litany was said they called themselves ' miserable sinners ' eight times in as many minutes; and in the baptismal service they were told that every child, the most beautiful thing in the world, ' was conceived and born in sin. ' Sentiments of this kind might have been all right in a past age, but he appealed to the Church to make some effort to modernise their method of presenting religion. The things of to-day were more important to us than what St. Paul said to the Philippians or the Corinthians two thousand years ago. The fault did not lie with the clergy, but they might use their influence to have changes effected which would make the church services more attractive to young

people. In conclusion, Mr. Smith said he hoped Church and State would never be separated, but that the Church would continue to be linked with the Government of the country, for he was sure it would be for the country's good. He thought, however, that by some sort of reorganisation—he would not call it window-dressing—they could make the services more attractive and fill the churches as they were filled in days gone by.

#### THE CHURCH'S FREEDOM.

Canon Guy Rogers, who replied to the toast, said they had to exercise their critical faculties in regard to the various suggestions made to them, yet they would feel that there was a helpful reality in what lay behind what Mr. Smith had said. The Rector emphasised the fact that there was sometimes poetry in repetition, and some of the marvellous effects of English and Hebrew poetry were only achieved by a gracious and beautiful use of repetition. There were, he continued, some people who liked short services, others who complained that sermons were too short. It was most difficult to please everybody, but the clergy did their best. He thought Mr. Smith would make an admirable bishop (laughter), and he would be very glad to displace some of the people in the Lower House of Convocation if that would allow Mr. Smith to take their place (laughter). The Rector said that when an attempt was made to change much of the baptismal service, which he agreed might easily be changed for the better, the people who were really sticky and stodgy to an astonishing degree were not the bishops or the clergy, but the House of Laity. Canon Rogers asked Mr. Smith to do his best to improve the laity, because it was from the laity that the clergy were drawn.

Referring to the relationship of the Church and State, Canon Rogers said under the present constitution of England he hoped the happy relationships would continue. He would not hurry to break the bonds if reasonable freedom was allowed, but when the Church did speak out boldly and bravely on great moral issues there were a great many people ready to resent the freedom which the Church possessed. They could have no relationship with a State that did not provide complete freedom for the Church and the Gospel and witnessing to the value of Christian morals. Provided they enjoyed that freedom and maintained that inalienable right, he hoped the relationships would continue. In conclusion, Canon Rogers expressed his pleasure at being present on the great occasion of the jubilee of that dinner.

Mr. J. Jaggard, the only survivor of the band who rang in his last peal in 1884, proposed the toast to the memory of Henry Johnson and spoke in eulogistic terms of Johnson's ability, kindness and ready wit. Referring to Johnson's last peal, he said actually he was a lucky man to ring in it as he filled the place of ' someone who went messing off somewhere ' (laughter). The peal was rung on February 23rd, 1884, by ' nine celebrated ringers and a novice. ' The ringers were Harry Bastable, G. H. Phillott, W. R. Small, Henry Johnson, sen., Henry Johnson, jun., John Jaggard, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, John Buffery, William Wakley and Sam Reeves. ' Now you know who the novice was, ' said Mr. Jaggard. He went on to say what a splendid celebration they had at the Colonnade Hotel 50 years ago, for Johnson's eightieth birthday, and said he remembered it well.

The toast was drunk in silence, and, in response to the chairman's request, it was ascertained that there were seven ringers present who knew Henry Johnson.

#### MASTER'S REVIEW.

The Chairman proposed the toast of ' Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild, ' and began his speech with the announcement that he had an important piece of news. The eager expectancy of the party turned to laughter when he told them that Aston Villa had won by three goals to two. Continuing, he said he was very glad to be there that evening to preside over the fiftieth annual dinner in commemoration of Henry Johnson. He knew Henry Johnson personally and respected him as much as any man he had ever met. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said it was a great privilege to meet so many of his old friends in that very representative gathering of ringers, who, he was sure, notwithstanding the criticisms of Mr. Paddon Smith, were devoted adherents to the Church of England. He well remembered the worthies mentioned by Mr. Jaggard as ringing in Henry Johnson's last peal, and he was glad to know that Mr. Jaggard was one of them, although he was the last survivor of that band.

The Chairman went on to say he was happy to state that during the year they had lost none of their friends by death (hear, hear). He welcomed that night on behalf of the Guild the Rector of Birmingham, the Provost of Birmingham and the Archdeacon-designate of Aston (applause). They symbolised the interest which the Church took in church bellringing generally and in St. Martin's Guild in particular (applause). He was also glad to see there the president and the hon. secretary of the Central Council. They also had among them some of the party who had visited Australia, as representatives of church bellringing, including Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Goldsmith. He extended sympathy to the latter on the prolonged illness of his wife, who formerly it was always a pleasure to meet at those gatherings. The oldest man among them that night was, he supposed, Mr. James George, who now rejoiced in having rung 1,274 peals (applause). He hoped Mr. George would live to ring a great many more peals. They had other veterans with them in Mr. Jaggard

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## NEW CONDUCTORS NEEDED.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MASTER'S COMMENT.

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and Mr. Dawe, and they welcomed well-known ringers from many parts of the country.

Continuing, the Master said a high level of change ringing had been maintained by the Guild during the past year, and 14 peals had been rung, some of them memorable ones. In connection with the Coronation a peal of Stedman Cinquses was rung at St. Martin's and the first peal of Grandsire Cinquses on the bells at Aston. He had a feeling of intense gratitude for the peal of Stedman Cinquses rung at St. Martin's on September 14th, the day on which, under Providence, he celebrated his golden wedding (applause). He thanked the ringers who took part in that peal, especially the conductor, his old friend, Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, in whose first peal of Stedman Triples he took part at Kidderminster. He conceived a liking for Mr. Barber in those days which he had cultivated in the subsequent years. Another peal of note was the first peal on the new bells at St. Philip's Cathedral. It was Mr. Fearn's first peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Mr. Fred Price had conducted his first peal, and he hoped he would conduct many more for the Guild, for they needed to be reinforced from time to time with new conductors in order to keep the art going. A peal at St. Martin's was Mr. Matkin's first peal of Stedman Cinquses as conductor. He mentioned these achievements in order to encourage those who had not yet had the privilege of conducting peals. It was a great achievement when a young ringer conducted his first peal (hear, hear). The 14 peals by the Guild had been rung in nine towers and were called by seven conductors.

Referring to the copies of the elaborately designed dinner invitation issued 50 years ago, which were to be circulated, Alderman Pritchett said it had been suggested that, as chairman of Birmingham Reference Library, he should take a copy for that institution, where it might be preserved as a specimen of Birmingham art and bellringing (applause). In conclusion, the Chairman said the prosperity of the Guild was intimately connected with the efficient work of the officers, prominent amongst whom was their worthy secretary, Mr. Thomas Reeves. Despite the fact that, as a Birmingham trade representative, his duties took him all over the country, and he was never certain when he would be in Birmingham, he worked like a Trojan to make their Guild and that gathering a success (applause).

### TASK BEFORE THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

Mr. Reeves, in responding, said the Guild had been in existence since 1755 and had passed through many vicissitudes. It had not reached its present state of excellence without a lot of work on the part of those who had gone before. He was very pleased to hear Mr. Jaggard mention some of the names of those connected with the Guild fifty or more years ago. These were men who made great strides in the art of change ringing and in helping forward the improvement of ringers generally and of ringing chambers. The younger generation had no conception of the conditions which used to obtain in the old days, but, particularly in the last 50 years, during which diocesan guilds had been formed, successful efforts had been made to uplift the status of the ringer and ringing. It was up to the younger generation to carry on the improvements which had been effected in the last fifty years. He thought the clergy could help them very considerably in making improvements which were still necessary in many places. As far as Birmingham district was concerned, they were happy in their association with the clergy. At St. Martin's their Rector was very often up in the tower. They were always very glad to see him and appreciated his coming (applause). The clergy could, however, do a lot in improving the state of things in some of the backward towers of the country. They all knew that bells were put into the church towers primarily to be used for the honour and glory of God, and they should always be rung with that object in view. At St. Martin's, he felt, they looked upon their Sunday ringing as an act of praise (applause). They rang to the very best of their ability. That was a thing which ringers generally ought to have in mind—when they rang the bells they should ring them to the best of their ability.

Mr. Reeves concluded by thanking the members for the support they had always given him, which gave him encouragement in carrying on. Referring to the replicas of the early dinner invitation, he said these had been produced through the good offices of their friend Mr. Smallwood, and he hoped everyone present would take away a copy as a souvenir of that jubilee dinner (applause).

Mr. G. E. Fearn submitted 'The Visitors,' to whom he extended a cordial welcome. Many of them, he said, had come long distances to make that gathering a success. It was nice to see them in Birmingham year by year, and they were specially gratified to see Mr. Guise and his party from Bristol. The Birmingham men always enjoyed their visit to Bristol in January, and he hoped the Bristol ringers would equally enjoy their visit to Birmingham. He reminded the visitors that the gathering did not end that night. They looked forward to meeting many of their friends on the morrow (applause).

### B.B.C. BLAMED FOR BEDALE BELL BROADCAST.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, first thanked the Guild for the warm welcome extended to the visitors. In London, he said, they looked upon Birmingham and Ipswich as the two places where they could be sure of getting good twelve-bell ringing—Cinquses in Birmingham and Maximus in Ipswich. Generally speaking, also, they looked forward to enjoying handbell ringing when they came to Birmingham. He

was afraid that handbell ringing in London had rather dropped back. As far as the College Youths were concerned, it was very difficult to meet. London was expanding very rapidly, and the centre of London was becoming empty as far as residents were concerned. The result was that members had to travel a long way to meet for practice, and they did not meet as often as they would like to. Their handbell ringing had, therefore, been rather neglected.

Something had been said, continued Mr. Lewis, about the way the clergy could help ringers. He had once or twice recently made an appeal that more of the younger clergy should take up ringing seriously, so that, eventually, they could become leaders in the art. They appreciated very much the presence of the clergy in the belfries at all times, but they could not expect the older clergy, and those who occupied important places, to start learning to ring. It would, however, be a tremendous asset to the ringers of this country and to the Church if a larger number of the younger clergy would take up the art seriously. He did not know whether it was the result of his appeals, but steps were being taken in one or two directions. At Kelham, where young monks were training to be clergy, about fifteen were learning to ring, as well as one of the staff of the college, while at Lichfield Theological College the matter was also being taken up seriously (applause).

Referring to broadcasting, Mr. Lewis congratulated the Bridgnorth ringers upon their recent excellent broadcast for a church service. He was not going to apologise for the Bedale broadcast, but he knew the place and could assure them it was a difficult place to ring at and rather out of reach of the ringing associations. They had only a 'stone' band, and he did not blame the ringers for what was heard. He blamed the B.B.C. for ringing of that sort. The B.B.C. would never dream of broadcasting an orchestra the members of which were just beginning to learn to play the fiddle, so why should they broadcast people who were just beginning to learn to ring? What they wanted were performances as nearly perfect as possible (applause).

### CRITICISMS THAT ARE APPRECIATED.

The Rev. H. McGowan, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringing World,' said there was nothing that held ringers together and made them into the fraternity that they were better than this newspaper. The very high standard among ringers and the fact that, generally speaking, they were much more recognising their duty to the Church, was in no small measure due to the work of and the support which was given by 'The Ringing World.' He wanted, in proposing the toast, at least to acknowledge that the type of suggestion and criticism which they got in the leading articles were the type which they appreciated, because they were written with knowledge, with a sense of responsibility and with no offensiveness whatever, and that made the suggestions always welcome and helpful. That was something for which they ought to be grateful, and he desired to express appreciation of all the Editor had done for them (applause). They extended sympathy to Mr. Goldsmith in the trouble they knew he had suffered, and hoped he would be spared for many years and would have the ability and will to carry on the great work to which he had set his hand (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith, in reply, thanked Canon McGowan for his appreciation of the work which he was trying to do. As the years went on, he said, he realised more and more the opportunities which he had, and the responsibilities which accompanied them, of moulding opinion and influencing ringers for the improvement of their art, and he endeavoured to use these opportunities in the best interests of ringing. He did not expect everyone to be in agreement with all that was said in the leading articles, but if only those who read them were led to think about the subjects, the end he had in view was served. Ringing, continued Mr. Goldsmith, had received a good deal of publicity in the last three or four years. They had had a very good 'Press,' which had increased public interest in the art. Broadcasting had also given them publicity, but in this direction the effect upon the public rested with the ringers themselves, and in their own interests they should take care to put over the air nothing that would give the public cause for irritation or destroy the good opinion created by other means (hear, hear).

### A SUGGESTED CHANGE.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, who proposed the toast of 'The Chairman,' said they all knew, of course, that that commemoration was originally started in honour of one of the greatest ringers who ever lived and had been continued in his memory. The time had come, however, when to a considerable number of the younger ringers in Birmingham Henry Johnson was only a name. There were very few people who could remember him in the flesh, and he had made the suggestion that after this year they might well honour Henry Johnson's memory merely by standing and drinking the toast in silence. He had made the suggestion also for another reason, that, in his opinion, that dinner had largely lost its character as a commemoration dinner and become the annual dinner of St. Martin's Guild; in other words, the individuality of Henry Johnson had been merged in the corporate life of the Guild. The suggestion had brought more or less severe remonstrance from some of the older members of the Guild, but he did suggest the time had now come when they could, without any disrespect to Henry Johnson's memory, honour the toast in the way he had suggested. He and the secretary would be glad to hear opinions on this point on a suitable occasion. Continuing, Mr. Haynes expressed the gratification of the members that the Master's health was sufficiently

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## RINGING AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

## GRATIFYING RESPONSE TO APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter in your issue of February 4th, I am glad to say that I have already received donations to the Kelham Fund amounting to about £4 10s.

Since my letter appeared, however, two further developments have taken place. Firstly, the Kelham ringers have been presented with a set of handbells. This generous gift has been made by the famous poet, Mr. T. S. Eliot, who on a recent visit to Kelham was invited by the ringers to attend one of their practices, with which he was very impressed. I am sure that many ringers besides those at Kelham will appreciate Mr. Eliot's generous action, and applaud the words which he addressed to the Kelham band in making his gift (which I will ask you, Mr. Editor, to print in italics): *'I fully agree with the desirability of every priest having at least enough knowledge of the subject to be able to appreciate the work of bellringers, and I am glad to be able to assist in such a good cause.'*

The second development is Mr. Malcolm Melville's letter in your issue of February 11th, about Lichfield.

Under these circumstances I propose—with the consent of those who have already subscribed to the fund—to send half the money to Kelham to buy books to start a ringing library, and the other half to Lichfield to be used either for the same purpose or to help towards the purchase of the handbells they so badly need. In addition to text-books on change ringing, it is proposed to buy books of general campanological interest (e.g., Nichols' 'Bells through the Ages' and Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing'), as the purpose of the library is not only to help the ringers in their efforts, but also to encourage an interest in bells and ringing amongst all the theological students at the college.

It occurs to me that there may still be others of your readers who would like to be associated with this effort to spread the knowledge of our art amongst the younger clergy, and I am therefore keeping the fund open for another week or two to enable any who wish to do so to send me their donations—large or small—and to help to increase the amount already received.

Of course, any direct presents of books would be most welcome at both colleges.

In conclusion, I would add that the latest news from Kelham is most encouraging. There are now 15 members in the band, and these include two who are being trained by Mr. Sargent to carry on the instructional work after he has gone, several first-year students who have six more years at Kelham in front of them, and (perhaps most encouraging of all in view of the necessity of maintaining continuity) one member of the permanent staff.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

22, York Gardens, Clifton, Bristol.

## HANDBELLS FOR LICHFIELD STUDENTS.

## REV. W. C. PEARSON'S GENEROUS GIFT.

The bellringers at Lichfield Theological College are now the proud possessors of a set of fifteen handbells, the gift of the Rev. W. C. Pearson, M.A., of Henley, Ipswich.

In our issue of February 11th, we published a letter from Mr. Malcolm Melville, in which he appealed for some handbells, and within two days he received a letter from the Rev. W. C. Pearson offering to present a set of bells, in a box, to the college authorities. This generous offer was gladly accepted, and on Saturday last they were formally 'opened' by the principal of the college (the Rev. F. H. Ward, M.A.) and handed over into the custody of Mr. M. Melville for his safe keeping during his term of office as Master. Immediately afterwards some tunes were rung on the new bells by three members of the college.

The bells are a ring of twelve by Taylor's, size 18 in G, together with three other bells to allow of lighter octaves.

CHELTEMHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 6th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,301 changes): A. W. Humphries 1, W. Townsend 8, H. Halford 3, G. H. Walters 4, C. W. Martin 5, W. Dyer 6, J. J. Causon 7, T. Boreham 8, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 9, S. Hayward 10.

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restored to enable him to take the chair on that occasion. He had held the office of Master for the last 35 years, and to that position had brought great honour and distinction. They felt it a privilege to have him to preside over them.

The Chairman, in reply, said he considered it one of the greatest honours of his life that at the advanced age of 83 he should have been selected to preside over that splendid gathering. He had now very few pleasures in life, but one great pleasure that still remained to him was to meet his old friends, and especially his ringing friends. In conclusion, he thanked those who had made the evening so enjoyable, especially Mrs. Hughes for her delightful handbell music, and Mrs. Matkin and Mr. Dowding for their songs and duets. They were also indebted, he said, to Mr. Woodhall, the accompanist.

The handbell ringing during the evening included Stedman Cinques and Triples, while the handbell solos of Mrs. Hughes and the singing of the vocalists mentioned by the chairman greatly added to the pleasure of the programme, which concluded at a late hour.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## SECRETARIAL VACANCIES FILLED.

The pre-Lent meeting of the association was held at Whitley Bay, Northumberland, on Saturday, February 26th.

A short service was conducted by the curate, and tea was served in the Parish Hall, where 36 persons sat down. In the absence of the president (Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth), through a long-standing engagement, the chair was taken by Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, vice-president of the Eastern District.

The secretary (Mr. Roland Park) reported that the secretaryship of the Northern District was still vacant, and since the last meeting the secretary of the Southern District had resigned on the grounds that he did not feel competent to carry out the duties.—Mr. K. Arthur, of Fenham, the former Northern District secretary, was elected to the vacancy, and Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, stepped into the Southern District breach.

During the proceedings, Mr. Patterson asked the members to stand in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Stuart, of Gateshead, who had been a member of the association since 1902, and who had always taken an active interest in the affairs of the association. Mr. Stuart resigned from the committees on which he served at the last annual meeting owing to his failing health. His presence at the meetings would be greatly missed.

The chairman welcomed as visitors Mr. F. G. Sherwood, of Headingley, Leeds, and Mr. E. Burnett, of Kirkby Stephen, and a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, to the curate for having conducted the service, the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local men who had carried out certain arrangements, was responded to by the curate and one of the churchwardens.

During the course of the service a collection was taken on behalf of the North Shields Bell Restoration Fund.

Seven new life members, ringers at Kirkby Stephen, and one ordinary member were elected.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, a fine ring of eight with a 17½ cwt. tenor, where the Goffon family have in the past accomplished some notable performances, were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Erin and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

## READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading and was well attended. In addition to members from the branch, visitors attended from Abingdon, Bucklebury, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Kingsclere, Nether Winden, Newbury, Slough and Uxbridge. The bells of the churches of St. Laurence, St. Mary and St. Giles were rung during the afternoon to Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Service was held at St. Giles' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. H. Bonsey) conducting the service and giving the address. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 16s. 3½d. Tea at St. Mary's Church House followed, to which 63 sat down.

Dr. J. L. Joyce, the chairman of the branch, presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Coleridge (Master of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary).

The secretary submitted the balance sheet, which showed an increased balance of 2s. 4d., it being pointed out the smallness of this was due to a grant of £5 5s. being given to the Tilehurst Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master of the Guild was congratulated upon having reached his 80th birthday, as was also the chairman upon recovery from the illness which kept him away from the last annual meeting, and the sympathy of the meeting was expressed to Mr. A. Osborne, foreman of the St. Giles' tower, for his recent illness and operation, and all were pleased to know he had made a good recovery.

The election of officers resulted in all those in office being re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Dr. J. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Foster; auditors, Messrs. A. D. Cullum and A. Wiggins; representatives to General Committee, Messrs. Humphrey, Swain and Runham.

Quarterly meetings were fixed for Shiplake, Checkendon and Caversham.

Satisfactory reports were received from most of the towers in the branch, except for St. Giles', Reading, whose condition and prospects sounded very doleful.

It was agreed that in future all new members should be proposed at the annual and quarterly meetings, and, following this, six new members were proposed.

A 'whip round' taken during the meeting resulted in 12s. 6d. being collected for the St. Andrew's, Northampton, Bell Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. Bonsey for conducting the service and for his address, for the use of the bells at St. Giles', and to the Vicars of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's for the use of their bells; to the organist of St. Giles', and to Mr. and Mrs. Dyke for preparing tea and getting the room in order, and to the ladies who assisted in serving tea.

Although the bells at Tilehurst were available for evening ringing, it was thought the meeting closed too late for this kind offer to be taken advantage of.



## PEAL NOTES.

### MULTI-METHOD MINOR PEALS.

It is interesting to see how the practice of ringing more than one method in a 720 of Minor is extending in peals. At Cound, Shropshire, the first peal in eight methods in the county and by the association, as well as all the band, was rung on February 27th. Oxford and Kent were included in one extent. That, we hope, is but the first step.

A peal in 14 methods is recorded at Penistone to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. D. C. Wright, who was formerly curate at Felkirk, where, by the way, they know all about the good striking necessary in competition ringing. The peal was rung immediately after the service of induction and institution.

The first extent in the peal was H. W. Wilde's spliced Kent and Oxford, having all the 5-6's the right way and with 18 changes of method. The other extents had as many changes as methods.

The first peal in 16 methods by the Hertford County Association, as well as by all the band, was conducted by Mr. Walter Ayre, at Flamstead, Herts, on Feb. 26th. The peal was rung with 89 changes of method, although only in one 720 were there more than two methods.

The first true peal in 32 Spliced Surprise Minor methods in Northamptonshire and by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was rung at Glington, Northants, on February 26th. Five of the six ringers had previously rung seven 720's, but it was discovered that this performance contained two false leads.

Thirty-five spliced Treble Bob methods were on the 'menu' at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on February 26th. When 35 methods were rung at Norbury, Cheshire, in 1923, for the first time, 'all the (ringing) world wondered.' Now the Cheshire band (the 'lineal' descendants, as it were, of the old Norbury company) seem to take such performances in their stride.

Mr. Walter Wolstencroft, of Ashton, who was in the first 35-method peal, was in the one at Buxton, and, though the rest of the band were different, the peal must have recalled that early triumph, for the methods rung were almost the same.

Very few peals of Erin Cinques are rung, and the peal at St. Albans Cathedral on February 26th was the first by all the band, which included many old campaigners, as well as by the Hertford County Association. Mr. Maurice Hibbert has now called and Mr. C. T. Coles has rung peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques. Probably the only other ringer to have conducted Erin from Triples to Cinques is Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle.

Six of the band who took part in a peal at St. Mary's, Stockport, on February 24th, rang their first peal of Stedman Caters—but they were by no means novices in peal ringing, as the names will show. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. Norman Heaps.

Mr. John Worth, who called this peal, conducted one of Double Norwich in celebration of his own 28th birthday at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on the previous Saturday.

The 72nd birthday of Mr. E. Breeze, of Bebington, Cheshire, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the eight eight at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool. It was the 201st peal by Mr. T. W. Hammond. His 200th peal was rung at Southport on October 26th last, but, by an oversight, no mention was then made of it.

Birthday compliments were also paid at Lavenham on February 19th, when Mr. Maurice Symonds called a peal of Bob Major to celebrate the anniversary of his daughter's birthday and of his own. Mr. Symonds' birthday falls on the 20th and his daughter's on the 19th.

With this peal Mr. Leonard Pryke completed the circle of the tower.

### LADIES IN THE NEWS.

We have long been in the habit of seeing the familiar name of Mr. John Thomas cropping up in peal reports from many parts of the country, where his work as bellhanger for the Whitechapel Foundry takes him. Now the name of Mrs. John is appearing.

John called a peal of Stedman Triples at Milnrow, on February 24th, and of London Surprise at Radcliffe on February 26th, in both of which his wife took part. She was formerly Miss Amy Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, and one of a family of ringers who were taught by their father, the late Mr. Frederick Johnson. Her brother, Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, is hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association.

Mrs. R. Richardson must be the first lady to 'complete the circle' of a twelve-bell tower. She rang Surfleet tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples on February 19th, and has now rung all the bells at her Parish Church to a peal.

At St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, on February 19th, the local Sunday service ringers rang a peal of Minor in three methods as a farewell compliment to their Rector (the Rev. Robert Sinker).

He has been Rector for 8½ years, and during his stay a new treble bell was added to the peal in 1933. His novel idea of a ladies' 'second eleven' to the men resulted in three keen and capable ladies coming into the art, in Miss Sylvia Bowyer, now attached to St. Mary-le-Tower, and the Misses Eleanor and Bertha Reeve, who still ring regularly at St. Matthew's and took part in the farewell peal to the Rector.

Miss L. K. Bowling, of Leeds, vice-president of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild, rang her first peal of Stedman at Broadclyst on February 16th while visiting Devon. Four others of the band also rang their first peal in the method, which was the first peal on the bells since Messrs. Taylor and Co. completed their restoration in

December last. After the peal the party were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Allwork).

'Stars,' in these days, are little indication of a ringer's progress, unless it can be called progress to go from an 'inside' bell in London Surprise Royal to the treble in Bob Major. Mrs. Charles Kippin, of Croydon, who has rung many peals in Surprise methods on eight and ten bells, gets a 'star' this week for her first peal of Bob Major, rung at Redhill, Surrey, on February 26th.

### A VETERAN 'COMES BACK.'

After a lapse of 24 years, Mr. Albert W. Humphris has rung another peal, and his reappearance was very fittingly to help in paying a compliment to Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, on celebrating his 85th birthday. It happened, also, to be Mr. Humphris' 73rd birthday, and the peal served, too, to welcome the Rev. W. Walsley to the curacy of St. Mary's.

Mr. Humphris rang the tenor to the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888 and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 1889, both conducted by Mr. Pates. These two gentlemen and Canon Coleridge are the only survivors of these two bands.

Five members of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks, with a local man on the treble, rang a half-muffled peal of Minor in seven methods for the Royal Cumberland Youths at Hitcham, Bucks, on February 26th. The occasion was the funeral of Mrs. Bunce, mother of two previous members of the Hitcham band.

Mr. Thomas J. Thurley, of Chiswick, has been ringing for over 25 years, but until February 26th he had not rung a peal. He, certainly, could not be numbered among the members of the P.G.U. In this same peal three other local ringers took part, two ringing their first peal of Grandsire and the other his first peal.

The Archdeacon of Gloucester has been consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Tewkesbury, and to celebrate the event a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells of the fine old Abbey.

A first peal which was, after all, not a first peal, was arranged at Anstey, Leicestershire, on February 26th, for Mr. Harry Wayne, by the 'second string' at Leicester Cathedral. The peal was rung all right, but ten days before it came off the 'first eleven' stepped in and pinched the glory by putting him in a peal of Cinques at the Cathedral, which, as recorded last week, was successful. It is not often that a ringer goes off with a peal of Stedman Cinques and a peal of Stedman Triples as his first two peals at the first attempts!

The 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells at what was then Lane End, Staffordshire, but is now Longton, was celebrated by a peal of Bob Major rung on February 26th.

### IPSWICH RECORD.

The peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich on March 5th makes the fourth peal of Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower in less than ten weeks, in four different methods, viz., Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich, and Cambridge with three ladies in it.

Mr. George Moisey has completed 40 years as a ringer and 30 years' service as clerk and sexton at Badsey, Worcestershire. On February 28th a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his Parish Church as a compliment to him, and Mr. Moisey rang the tenor.

The peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' at Crayford on March 4th was an excellent performance, and an encouraging one, for the band are, for the most part at any rate, among the 'youngsters' in peal ringing. Three first peals on twelve, a first in hand, and Derek Sharp's first peal of Maximus as conductor. He called it from 3-4. In addition it was Geoffrey Murphy's 75th peal. Tom Groombridge, himself the junior, should be proud of the progress of his pupils.

After a peal had been rung at Highclere, Hants, on March 5th, when two of the band scored their first peal of Stedman, the Rector and Mrs. Dunlop entertained the ringers to tea.

The peal of Bob Minor rung on handbells at Barton-on-Humber on February 28th was entirely a family 'affair,' those taking part being father, two sons and daughter. The treble was rung by the younger son, aged 11, and the peal conducted by his elder brother, aged 17. Mr. Walter Goddard must be proud of his family.

The bells at Northiam in East Sussex were rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The first peal on them since the restoration was scored on February 19th, when seven 720's of Minor were rung.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells at St. Mary's Church, Whalley, Lancs, rung on February 19th, was arranged for a local ringer, Mr. William Proctor, who thus scored his first peal of Major.

Mr. Harold Cashmore rang his one hundredth peal as conductor when he called a peal of London Surprise at Bushey, Herts, on February 24th. This 'century,' of course, includes the only double-handed peals of Spliced Surprise Major that have been rung.

By a coincidence, this peal was also the 200th peal on the bells. These peals have been rung in 28 methods, 13 of them, including London Surprise, being the first in the method for the association.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, on February 24th, was specially arranged for the two Ipswich ringers, Miss Bowyer and Mr. R. W. Steward, and was rung as a birthday compliment to two of the band, E. E. Davey and G. E. Jennings.

With reference to the statement in this column that the peal at Stalybridge on Feb. 5th was the first peal of Surprise in Stalybridge, 'Interested' writes that a peal of Surprise was rung at Holy Trinity Church there on Sunday, September 10th, 1905, conducted by the late Mr. W. Pye.

## NOTICES.

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**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Erith, Kent, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Beccles (10 bells) on March 12th. Tea and meeting at Red Triangle Club, 5 p.m. Please send postcard to Mr. E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, for tea. Ringing during afternoon from 2.30 p.m.—H. G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) about 5 o'clock. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., afterwards.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Boxley (6 bells) on Saturday, March 12th.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church, on Saturday, March 12th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. All ringers cordially invited.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ottershaw, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome. It is hoped to have a good attendance.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at Everton on March 12th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.15 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stan-ford-on-Soar on March 12th, and it is hoped as many as possible will make good use of this octave, which will be available from 3 p.m.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. A meeting in the tower at 7. A good meeting is assured if you turn up. Reports ready.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's (R.C.) Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Green Schools 5 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, March 12th. The bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but tea can only be arranged for those who notify their intention of needing same. All ringers and friends welcome. We can oblige all capabilities from rounds upwards.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church to-morrow, Saturday, March 12th. Please do your best to attend.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 12th. Please let Mr. C. Brown, Sharnford Road, Sapcote, know how many to expect for tea. Look up your Minor methods and let us have a good meeting.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church (10 bells) on Saturday, March 12th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea for 1s. each. Notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Buses from Leopold Street every few minutes. Fare 1½d.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. H. H. Barker, 42, Ireton Street, Liverpool, 4.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next meeting of the South and West District will be at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the new Church Hall, The Park. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 4.30 p.m., and after tea; St. Stephen's, 3 to 4 p.m.; Christ Church, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**FORNCETT ST. PETER, NEAR NORWICH.**—The ring of five bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., in a new oak bell frame, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, March 13th, at 3 p.m.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, March 13th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Magnus' on the 17th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th; St. Magnus', 31st. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, 9, by Thursday, the 17th, for same. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, and a good attendance would be appreciated. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1937-8 are due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**EPWORTH, Nr. DONCASTER.**—The new ring of 8 bells (tenor 17 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Grimsby on Sat., March 19th, at 3.30 p.m.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. The next Wednesday meeting will be at Henfield on June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements.

—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.  
**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea (6d. each) 5.30. Please notify Mr. F. Buxton, 3, Goose Corner, Warfield, Bracknell, by Wednesday, March 16th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3-4; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from G. Cross, Master, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, or N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Please send me all numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, March 15th. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—Branch meeting at Daresbury on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me before the 16th if requiring tea.—John G. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please note, the annual meeting will be held at Warwick on April 9th.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Church Lawton on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a postcard on or before March 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8 bells), on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea follows. St. Paul's (8 bells) open. Monthly meetings: April 16th, Corsham, at 3.30; May 21st, at Kington St. Michael, 3 p.m. Ringers please note, a card for tea will oblige.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Meeting held at West Hartlepool on Sat., March 19th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Six, eight and ten-bell ringers all welcome. Tea at Mission Hall, Dale Street. Please support this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 5 to 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Saturday, March 19th. The bells of Great Wymondley (6) will be available at 3. Tea at the Green Man at 5. Please realise that this is a small village, and I have to make tea arrangements. The postal authorities are preparing to cope with my additional mail from the Wednesday previous. St. Ippolytt's bells (6) will also be available, but please note, meet at Wymondley. The members may split up after tea. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moor-mead Close, Hitchin.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. You are all welcome to an enjoyable afternoon.—F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m., at Five Bells Inn, Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock until 8.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is important that I should know by March 23rd if you require tea. Special method for learners, Kent Treble Bob Major. Other methods as required. A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, March 23rd. Ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. Will you please send your names to Mr. G. Hammond, Clay Pitts, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch) AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting of these societies will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. approximately (1s. per head) for all who send in their names to H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12, by March 24th. Business meetings to follow tea.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The ninth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. (The Rev. E. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, will preside.) The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 3s., now ready. Ringing friends invited. Will those requiring tickets kindly notify me, with remittance, not later than the 24th inst., if possible?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Bridgnorth Branch).**—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to respective secretaries by March 23rd.—W. A. Farmer and H. G. Thomas, Hilldon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. A. Farmer is secretary to the Shropshire Association, and now resides at 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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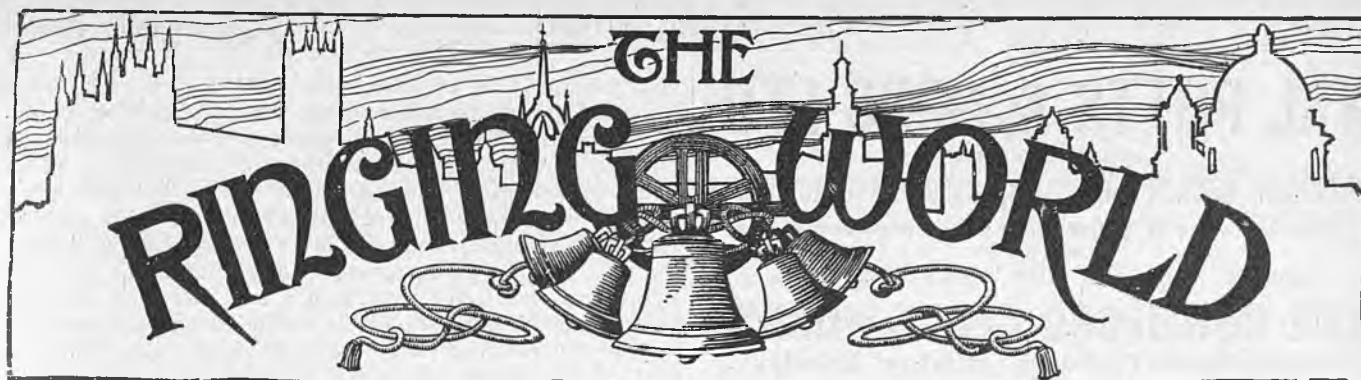
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The privilege of peal ringing keeps many a band together, not that they are uninterested in the service side of their work, but that alone would not offer them sufficient opportunities for the full development of the art as it appeals to them. It may be all wrong that such an incentive should be necessary; service to the Church should be sufficient inducement, but not all ringers are yet keen churchmen. When they are, it may be, peal ringing will sink into insignificance, but if it does the art of change ringing will assuredly sink with it. Change ringing, as such, is not essential to service ringing, but change ringing well done is the highest form in which a band of ringers can make their contribution to the service. Many ringers, however, are not in a position to ally themselves to a service band, and yet they can be of use in helping to raise the standard of others. A correspondent this week gives a striking example of service thus rendered. Where that happens it would be doing a disservice to the cause of ringing to exclude such a man altogether from peal ringing. And what of those ringers who, although willing to join the nearest band, are given no encouragement to do so by the company themselves? Their position is not of their own making, and why should they be penalised? On the other hand, it must be admitted

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that a ringer who thinks only in terms of peals, who rings on Sunday only to add another tower to his list, or depletes a service company in one tower to serve his own ends at another, is both selfish and undesirable as a ringer. Whether, however, such few of them as there are can be entirely excluded from peal ringing is another matter. It would need not only a boycott by every association, but the co-operation of the authorities in every church as well. Who is there who could draw the line between those who should be excluded and those whose circumstances make them still desirable; who is there, in fact, who could, or would, draw up the 'black list'?

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	...Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	6
HENRY G. MILES ...	2	ERNEST BRETT ...	7
HERBERT LANGDON ...	3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	8
HARRY HOSKINS ...	4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	9
EDWIN F. PIKE ...	5	ALFRED B. PECK ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.



## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN MULLINER... ..	Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... ..	6
EX-P.S. PETER CROOK ... ..	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... ..	7
*P.C. ALBERT FORD ... ..	3	*P.C. FRANK YATES ... ..	8
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... ..	4	JOHN WORTH ... ..	9
*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... ..	5	P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER HARRIS ... ..	Treble	EDWARD A. JACKSON ... ..	6
ALFRED BARNES ... ..	2	PETER LAFLIN ... ..	7
FRANK TWIGG ... ..	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... ..	8
G. LEONARD BURGESS ... ..	4	HARRY ASBTON ... ..	9
HIRAM MEAKIN ... ..	5	ALLEN F. BAILEY... ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the 71st birthday of Mr. Hiram Meakin.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF WYMONDHAM BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN GODFREY ... ..	Treble	HECTOR HALIDAY ... ..	5
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	2	HENRY TOOKE ... ..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... ..	7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... ..	4	WILLIAM CLOVER... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ERNEST E. LONG ... ..	Treble	†REGINALD H. DRANE ... ..	5
†HERBERT C. BOGGIS ... ..	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... ..	6
†LESLIE H. JERMY ... ..	3	†GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ... ..	7
ROBERT A. WARMAN... ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD WALMSLEY ... ..	Treble	STEPHEN PARRY ... ..	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	VERNON SYKES ... ..	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... ..	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ..	7
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... ..	4	RICHARD BENSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## ROTHWELL, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT WORMALD ... ..	Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL... ..	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... ..	2	PERCY MASSAM ... ..	6
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... ..	3	HAROLD L. JONES ... ..	7
THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY ... ..	4	*HARRY HOMER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

\* First peal in the method.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH H. WICKS... ..	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... ..	2	JOHN WHEADON ... ..	6
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	3	RICHARD A. MUNN ... ..	7
HORACE H. BARDEN ... ..	4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and to Kenneth English, one of the Northfleet young band.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... ..	Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... ..	5
*THOMAS W. LAMB ... ..	2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... ..	6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... ..	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... ..	7
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... ..	4	JAMES W. EDGE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Edge, son of the tenor ringer.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... ..	Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	5
EDWARD LANKESTER ... ..	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... ..	7
DEREK M. SHARP... ..	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

## ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT H. ROBINSON ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	5
HENRY JENNINGS ... ..	2	†ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... ..	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
†CHARLES E. BASSETT ... ..	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

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

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## CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOCKENHAM... .. 6
*ALFRED BACON ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 7
†ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* 180th peal. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Friday, March 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

MICHAEL ANDERSON ... .. Treble	†ERNEST WALLACE ... .. 5
*JACK ROACH ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 7
†DONALD REAY ... .. 4	†PETER WISHART... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 5
HENRY JENNINGS... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 4	REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
*CHARLES HILL ... .. 3	*LESLIE WOODHEAD ... .. 7
MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD PHILPOT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE S. MORLEY.

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

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 5
EDWARD A. J. ALLEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM COLLISHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN... .. Treble	*DUDLEY H. P. BOXTON ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## SUNDERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. 7
REV. J. P. PELLOE ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT PRYKE ... .. Treble	ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
HARRY TURNER ... .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 7
*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London.

## STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours.

AT THE NEW PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	JENNE HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, and the tenor man.

## LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 2	*FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVIES... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 4	REGINALD WESTCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. PHILLIPS.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES RICHINGS... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4
BERT JONES... .. 2	GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 5
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single Reverse, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

VICTOR MORLEY ... .. Treble	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 4
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CLARKE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on St. David's Day.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MISS KATH. M. VESSEY ... Treble	†GEORGE S. VESSEY ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 2	JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 5
FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

*WILLIAM E. J. MOUNTFORD Treble	GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... .. 4
FRANK C. PREECE ... .. 2	ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. 5
ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 3	*HAROLD J. B. JAINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. FRED. S. H. MARLE Treble	*ALBERT G. TAYLOR ... .. 4
*OSCAR JAMES SMART ... .. 2	†JAMES HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
†BERT GARRETT ... .. 3	HARRY BALAAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and eight 240's (two by Pitman, four by Morris and two by Lindoff), and 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, 24 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER L. PROSSER ... Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. 4
FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 2	ROBERT COLES ... .. 5
*HOWARD L. MORGAN ... .. 3	†HUBERT BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD L. MORGAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

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

ABRAM PARKER ... .. Treble	HERBERT HEWELL ... .. 4
DENNIS MAUDE ... .. 2	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
MISS MARY H. WHITE ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Dennis Maude and Kenneth Simpson.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

ORSTON, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... .. 5
JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (3) Marple Delight; (4) Braintree Delight; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*CYRIL BOWDEN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 4
ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... .. 2	WILFRED WILDE ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 19 methods. Nineteen changes of method.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... .. 4
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. 5
MISS VIOLET FROST ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*LEONARD BILLS ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 4
†JOHN W. KETTERINGHAM ... .. 2	THOMAS BUSH ... .. 5
†JOHN SMITH ... .. 3	LEWIS BUSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... .. 2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor and in three methods.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four 120's of April Day, Plain Bob, Clifford Pleasure and Percy's Pleasure, eight 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and nine 240's of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 4
*G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 3	†RICHARD J. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

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

PLYMSTOCK, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, March 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*EILEEN V. WESTCOTT ... .. Treble	†CECIL L. GUY ... .. 4
*JOHN P. SIMS ... .. 2	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 5
*ALBERT E. PERKIN ... .. 3	*HENRY N. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. T. WESTCOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells after rehanging.

TICHBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1938 in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of seven extents, one of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY NEWMHAM ... .. Treble	REGINALD A. NEED ... .. 4
*LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HAROLD P. RYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Sir Anthony and Lady Doughty Tichborne, of Tichborne House.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

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

Being four extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	*ROY PHILLIPS ... .. 4
ERIC ELLISON ... .. 2	GEORGE A. HMORE ... .. 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal and rung at first attempt.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 98, EVESHAM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**PEAL NOTES.**

**RINGING PARSON'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The Rev. Frank Bonner is proving himself one of the most accomplished of the clerical ringers. He began his peal ringing career only twelve months ago, and on March 5th, in celebration of the anniversary of his first peal, he rang a peal of Bristol Surprise. In the year he has rung 19 peals, of which six have been Bristol Surprise.

The peal was rung at Cheadle and was the first on the bells since rehanging. It was also the first peal of Bristol in the tower.

The peal of Minor rung at Tichborne, Hants, on March 9th, was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Sir Anthony and Lady Doughty Tichborne. The Tichborne family was well established in Hampshire long before the Conqueror. What the public knows best about them is the legend of Lady Mabella, and the claim of a butcher from Australia to the estates, on the fictitious ground that he was the eldest son of the tenth Baronet. The claimant lost his case and went to penal servitude.

Lady Mabella, as she lay dying, pleaded with a miserly husband for alms for the poor. He promised to give the poor the produce of the land she could 'encircle.' Since she could not walk, she managed to 'crawl' on her knees round two acres. Hence the origin of 'The Tichborne Dole,' which has been given yearly for six centuries.

Ronald Steward, of Sproughston, Ipswich, did not ring his first peal until August 2nd, 1937, but on March 5th he made his total up to 25, of which 22 have been rung with Urban Wildney. Ronald Steward is only 17 years of age, and is one of a party of young enthusiasts who, we hope, will go on and do great things in the years to come.

Clifford Pleasure and Percy's Pleasure were two methods rung in a six-method Doubles peal at Clifford, Herefordshire, on March 6th.

Mr. Hyett, who called the peal, informs us that he worked out these methods some years ago, but had not rung them until now.

Clifford Pleasure is Canterbury Pleasure, with a Grandsire single used as a bob. Percy's Pleasure has a Grandsire start and Grandsire single for the plain lead, with a Canterbury plain lead used as a bob.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews took part on March 5th in a peal of Stedman Caters rung half-muffled at Shoreditch as a token of respect to her late father, Mr. Frank Smith, who was for many years an officer of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

St. David's Day was celebrated with a peal in seven Minor methods at Tilston, Cheshire.

**GOSPORT'S 'CHIMNEY STACK.'**

The peal of Bob Major rung at Gosport, Hants, on March 12th, was not only the first peal of Major on the bells, but also only the second peal rung on them. The previous one (Stedman Triples) was rung over 41 years ago, on January 12th, 1897. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson attempted Stedman Triples there with G. Williams and others many years ago, but the bells were allowed to run home at the half-way owing to the 'go.'

The tower is a tall red-bricked campanile, dubbed by some as the 'chimney stack,' and at times the oscillation of the building causes the front four bells to drop if not carefully handled. In fact, peal ringing there is far from a pleasure, and the one rung on Saturday would probably not have been attempted had it not been for a bit of leg-pulling.

There was a coincidence about the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on March 5th, for the birthday of the Vicar (Canon G. D. Oakley) and Mr. E. E. Holman (one of the ringers). After the peal it was discovered that the odd changes in the peal of 5,067 corresponded with the Vicar's age.

Kenneth Simpson, of Shipley, Yorks, rang his 17th peal on March 5th for his 17th birthday. It was a peal in three Minor methods at Haworth. Kenneth is a promising young ringer. He was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association when only 12 years of age, and his peals already included Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Two sisters and two brothers of the Vessey family took part in a peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on March 3rd. It was Miss Kathleen Vessey's first peal. The band wish to thank her for standing in at the last moment in place of Thomas Vessey, another member of this wonderful ringing family, who was indisposed. The peal was the 25th which Miss Dorothy Vessey and Mr. Frank Vernon have rung together.

Four 'first peals' and a 'first as conductor' were scored when the first peal on the bells at Plymstock, Devon, since the bells were rehanging, was rung on March 7th.

Nineteen Treble Bob methods were rung in a peal at Marple on March 5th, but it was not technically a 'spliced' peal, as there was only one change into each method.

When Mr. H. L. Morgan, of Whitchurch, called a peal for the first time—it was rung at Bonvilston, Glam., on March 5th—he used 24 different callings in ringing 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, 10 six-scores of Grandsire, with six of the conglomerations by Pitman and Morris, and two of Lindoff's spliced 240's. As an initial effort at conducting it was a good performance. After the peal Mrs. R. Coles and her mother entertained the band to tea.

There are many interesting plain Major methods among the Central Council collection which deserve much more attention than they receive. One of them, Wymondham Bob, was rung at the church from which it gets its name on February 26th, the first peal in the method in Norfolk, by the Norwich Diocesan Association and by all the band.

(Continued in next column.)



**A DIFFERENT 5,040 OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The peal of Treble Ten rung at Poplar on March 5th contained some unusual features. The composition was by Mr. G. W. Debenham, who called the peal, and it contains all the 567089's, 468079's, 658790's and 567890's. A call is made in every possible dodging position of the tenor. The 468079's and 658790's correspond to the Middle and Home positions respectively of 5478 and 6578 in Major.

The composition is as follows:—

	M	B	W	H
234567890				
342567089		x		2
532467089			1	
523468079	A			
263458790	B			
234658790			1	2
542376890		4th's & In		1
324657890	C			
64235		1 In & 5th's		2
25346		1	1	2
234567890			1	2

A is produced by bobs at 7, 9, 11, 13, 14.

B is produced by bobs at 2, 6, 7, 13, 14.

C is produced by bobs at 2, 4, 7, 12, 13.

Mr. Hiram Meakin has completed 40 years' service as a ringer at St. George's Church, Stockport, and in honour of his 71st birthday a peal of Bob Royal, in which he took part, was rung on March 12th.

Police-Sergt. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, has retired from the Bolton Police Force—at least that is what the report of a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral indicates, for the 'Ex' appears in front of his name for the first time. Four other members of the Force took part.

Ernest W. Pye rang his first peal of London Surprise at Brentwood on March 12th. He is the only son of the late Mr. William Pye.

Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles are a favourite combination among some ringers in Gloucestershire. Another peal was rung at Haresfield on February 5th, a delayed report of which has just come to hand. Bert Jones is the first ringer to ring every bell in Haresfield tower to a peal.

When the first peal was rung on the bells of Goodworth Clatford bells, Hants, on Saturday, five of the six ringers gained 'stars'—one first peal, three first in the method, and one first of Bob Minor away from the treble. The Rev. F. S. H. Marle was one who rang his 'first in the method.' He is hon. secretary of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and is Rector of Deane, where the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was incumbent for a number of years.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM RETIRES FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.**

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Bodmin on Saturday, March 5th, and presided over by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Canon Williamson. Others present included Canon Windsor (vice-president), the Rev. F. Gilbert (hon. secretary, Mid-Cornwall Association), Messrs. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), H. Dunstan (treasurer), C. Lanxon (peal secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (retiring Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (hon. secretary), Messrs. P. Williams (secretary of Truro Branch), E. H. Ransom (secretary of Launceston Branch), H. J. Clark (secretary of South-East Branch), H. Lander (Mid-Cornwall Association).

The hon. secretary reported that five towers had joined the Guild during the year 1937, viz., Bodmin, Lanivet, Lanteglos-by-Camelford, Lawhitton and Mawgan-in-Meneage. Each branch and the Mid-Cornwall Association had held two minor festivals, while the Diocesan Festival had been held at Truro on August Bank Holiday. The new Guild badge of membership had proved very popular, and had cost up to the present £16, which had been obtained from the deposit account. The current account showed a balance of £4 12s. 9d., and each branch secretary had a balance in his account except the Truro Branch, which has no fund.

The peal secretary reported that six peals had been rung for the Guild in 1937. He also produced a book he had compiled recording in illuminated lettering all the peals rung for the Guild since its formation, the number being 111. The book was much admired and is of great value to the Guild.

The Secretary said that only 29 towers had sent in reports of their Coronation ringing in response to the request made. It was a pity that the others had not done so.

The following elections were made: President, Dr. Symons; vice-presidents, the Archdeacons of Cornwall and Bodmin (ex-officio), the Rev. R. Hocking. Messrs. Southeard, Treffry and Wood.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram stated that he did not seek re-election as Ringing Master, and Mr. W. H. Southeard was elected to this office, Col. Jerram being appointed Deputy Ringing Master. The general secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella), the peal secretary (Mr. C. Lanxon) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Dunstan) were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the Diocesan Festival at Liskeard, subject to permission from the Vicar, and the Archdeacon was thanked for presiding.

Members then adjourned to Bodmin tower, where ringing took place on the eight bells, consisting of 'rising and falling,' 'rounds,' 'call changes' and Grandsire Triples, the new Ringing Master being in charge.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's ringing machine grows more wonderful than ever. His latest development is the provision of a double panel, by which the mechanism for one method can be set, while another is being rung.

As a result the machine can produce spliced method ringing, and we have received from Mr. Woodhouse the diagram of a touch of nine leads, made up of Bristol, Ealing, Cambridge, Bristol, Ealing, London, Bristol, Superlative and London Surprise.

The diagram, of course, is made by the machine, as the changes are rung, and it is perfectly distinct and definite. It is 2½ inches wide, and the nine leads (covering 288 changes) take up a strip 29½ inches long.

The Backwell band would like to thank all the ringers who sent them congratulations on their recent broadcast.

It may not be generally known that the band is more or less new to change ringing. When it was organised 18 months ago they could ring Grandsire Doubles fairly well. Now they can ring four methods of Doubles and six Minor methods.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. J. PARKER.

### FARNHAM ROYAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

As intimated in 'The Ringing World' recently, a scheme has been inaugurated at Farnham Royal, Bucks, to restore the bells of the Parish Church in memory of the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker, the composer, who died at the end of last year.

Mr. Parker's contribution to the art of ringing need not be enlarged upon here, but thousands of ringers have benefited by his work and should desire to mark their appreciation of what he did.

The bells are to be retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of something over £200, and a suitable tablet is to be placed in the tower to the effect that the restoration was carried out in Mr. Parker's memory.

The Parochial Church Council have approved of the scheme and have appointed the Rev. R. Crawley-Boevey, The Rectory, Farnham Royal, as local treasurer. Contributions may be sent direct to him or through the hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Every ringer who has had the pleasure of ringing one of Mr. Parker's compositions will, we hope, send a contribution to this memorial fund.

## COMPLYING WITH THE RUBRIC.

### THE SERVICE BELL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your excellent article on derelict bells, you say that one bell would suffice to comply with the rubric. No doubt you are referring to the General Rubric, entitled 'Concerning the Service of the Church,' where at the end we read: 'The curate . . . shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come, etc.'

What is usually done is to chime a single bell for two or more minutes before the service begins, only stopping when the minister enters.

This does not seem to meet the requirements of the rubric. Here, we reckon five minutes to be the convenient time mentioned in the rubric; and before all services (except the two chief Sunday ones) we stop the bell five minutes *before* the time for the service to begin; the bell having by then been chimed for just over twenty strokes.

On Sundays the bells are rung in changes, beginning three quarters of an hour before the service. At five minutes before, in the morning, the tenor is lowered, taking about three minutes, followed by the treble for the remaining two minutes. The other bells, not being needed till the evening, are left up. At five minutes before the evening service, change ringing having ended, all the bells but the treble are lowered in peal: this takes five minutes, leaving one minute in which to lower the treble.

Since our bells have been rehung, we have never been without change ringers twice on Sundays. Previously they did very occasionally go elsewhere. Then we chimed twenty or so strokes on one bell at half an hour, at a quarter of an hour, and at five minutes before the service.

It is a strict rule of this church that under no circumstances whatever must more than thirty strokes be chimed continuously on a single bell at any one time. If only this were a universal rule in every church (and especially where there is only one bell) there would not be anyone to complain of the noise of church bells. Can we not all talk about it and urge it on every church as a matter of good taste?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the Peal Notes of March 4th the statement is made in regard to the peal of Double Norwich Maximus at Ipswich that 'the majority of peals have been rung there.' As a matter of fact, all the peals rung in that method have been rung there, except for an unauthenticated one rung at Norwich in 1817. It is somewhat surprising that this beautiful and interesting method has never been practised elsewhere.

Ipswich.

CHARLES J. SEDGLBY.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—10.****GEORGE E. SYMONDS.**

Although in these days, perhaps, Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, is generally regarded as one of the foremost conductors on twelve bells, he is, nevertheless, among the most versatile of bob callers, for his conducting has ranged all the way up from seven 720's of Bob Minor to the most advanced methods of Maximus. As secretary of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, he has worthily fostered the spirit of enterprise which has marked the ringing at this famous belfry and has conducted peals in no fewer than 13 Maximus methods.

Born at Oakley, a remote parish in North Suffolk, on July 11th, 1875, Mr. Symonds learned to ring in December, 1886, on the light peal of five bells in the adjoining parish of Brome, where he rang for Queen Victoria's first Jubilee in 1887. In 1895 he removed to London and rang his first peal at St. Giles', Camberwell, Kent Treble Bob Royal, on February 13th, 1897. His first peal as conductor was rung on February 5th, 1898, at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, where he called Holt's Original. He took part in the same composition rung silent at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 4th in the same year. Whilst in London he frequently rang the ninth at St. Paul's Cathedral, deputising for the late Mr. Ezra Carter, and before returning to his native Suffolk in 1900 he had rung in 30 different steeples in London.

In 1919 he succeeded the late Mr. James Motts as secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society and also became assistant district secretary of Ipswich District of the Suffolk Guild.

Altogether, Mr. Symonds has rung 328 peals and conducted 212. Thirty-four of the peals have been on handbells, of which he has conducted 27, and 294 on tower bells, of which he has conducted 185. No fewer than 98 have been rung on twelve bells and 106 on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower.

Mr. Symonds conducted 24 of his 'first peals' on tower bells, viz.: In one, two, three and six methods of Minor, Bob Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, New Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Forward Maximus, Duffield Maximus, Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus, Superlative Surprise Maximus, Pudsey Surprise Maximus, Rochester Surprise Maximus and Royal. He also called 13 of his 'first peals' on handbells, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Stedman Caters.

These peals included the first ever rung of Superlative, New Cambridge, Pudsey and Rochester Maximus, and Royal, and the only peal of Little Albion Treble Bob.

He has called Holt's Original three times from each working bell, twice from the treble and once from the tenor. Peals of Maximus have not usually many bobs, but in 1926 Mr. Symonds called 448 bobs and six singles in three peals of Maximus alone, viz., Forward, Duffield and a short course peal of Plain Bob. Among the other peals he has conducted have been the only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus rung in five courses, peals of all lengths of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Major up to 5,184, and of Maximus, with a Treble Bob Hunt, up to 5,280, including the first peal of Surprise Maximus (New Cambridge) containing only 5,040 changes. He has conducted a 'George' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and rung a peal with a band all named 'Symonds.'

**Next week: Mr. R. Sperring.**

**4th SUFFOLK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

At St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, on March 13th, on half-muffled bells, for a memorial service in memory of the men of the 4th Suffolk Regiment who fell at Neuve Chapelle, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. R. Finch 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Berry 3, F. W. Corney 4, J. M. Bailey 5, H. Hall 6, H. Vince 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8. For even-song, 1,024 in the same method by E. S. Bailey 1, J. Berry 2, J. G. Rumsey 3, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 4, G. R. Finch 5, H. Hall 6, H. Vince 7, F. W. Corney 8.



**MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS.**

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CUP-TIES REDUCE ATTENDANCE AT WESTERN MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, when about 50 members were present from a wide area. This attendance was rather disappointing in view of the excellent weather, but was no doubt affected by the numerous cup-ties which were being fought out in the neighbouring towns.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. Dan Walters gave a most interesting address. He reminded his hearers of the importance of their work in ringing the bells, and urged everyone to see that the belfries were always fully manned.

Tea was served in the schools by the local company and upwards of 30 members sat down. The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and supported by the Rev. D. Walters.

The three retiring members of the committee and the hon. secretary were re-elected for a further period of three years, and the Chairman spoke appreciatively of their work during their period of office, which had just expired.

Mr. Johnson, in a characteristic speech, thanked the Vicar and wardens for granting the association the use of the bells and their hospitality, and spoke of the unique history of the East Ardsley peal.—This was supported by Mr. W. Barton.

The Vicar, in replying, spoke of the pleasure they had in welcoming the association. He himself was taking an interest in ringing and was already learning the art, and he hoped that the association would visit them again in the near future; there would always be a ready welcome.

Mr. W. Barton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company and ladies for their splendid arrangements, and expressed the hope that they would be able to take full advantage of their kind invitation on some future occasion. This was seconded by Mr. Senior, and Mr. E. Watson replied for the local company.—The Chairman pointed out that some of the members were extremely fortunate in obtaining tea, seeing that only half the number sent in their names. He urged all to see that this act of discourtesy was remedied in future.

It was decided to hold the summer meeting at Giggleswick in June, and a special appeal is made to all members in that area to give their fullest support to the effort.

Five new members were elected as follows: E. W. Brown, C. Rawsthorne and C. Harrison, of Giggleswick, Richard Roberts, of Silsden, and D. Thorpe, of Pudsey.

Ringling continued throughout the day in a wide variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative. The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hunslet, Keighley, Kirkburton, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Ripponden, Rothwell, Shipley, Silsden and the local company.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN BRANCH VICE-PRESIDENT LEAVING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, March 5th. It was originally intended to be held at Stoulton, but the arrangements had to be altered only a few days before the meeting, owing to the illness of the Vicar of Stoulton's sister at the Vicarage, which is very close to the church. Consequently the meeting was a small one. Those present included Mr. J. W. Heath (Master), Mr. J. E. Newman (hon. secretary), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and, amongst the visitors, the Rev. H. Benson, of Quinton.

Ringling began at 5 p.m., and the business meeting was held later in the church, the Rector (the Rev. V. C. Blyth) presiding. Having opened the meeting with prayer, he said how sorry he was to be leaving Hinton. During his 14 years there he had presided at several ringing meetings and made friends with many ringers. He regretted that the Parish Church at Weymouth (to which place he was going to retire) had no bells and he would be summoned to church by a gramophone record.

It was reported that the last quarterly peal had not yet been rung. Mr. Johnson proposed that the next quarterly peal should be rung at Hinton and the arrangements left in the hands of Mr. J. E. Newman.

It was proposed that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Stoulton, if possible, or at Bishampton.

One life member (the Rev. H. Benson), one honorary member (the Rev. J. Cathcart Davies, of Cropthorne) and 19 performing members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. V. C. Blyth for allowing the meeting to be held at such short notice, for presiding at the meeting, and also for his kindness to ringers during the time he had been in the district.

Mr. J. D. Johnson reminded the meeting that the branch would have to nominate a new vice-president in the Rev. V. C. Blyth's place.

The secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy from the branch to the Vicar of Stoulton.

Ringling was resumed until 8.30 p.m., the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### NO COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS.

#### Service Ringing at Southwark Cathedral Discontinued.

Nearly 80 members attended the Surrey Association's annual general meeting, held on Saturday, March 5th, at Reigate, one of the oldest boroughs in the county. The Rev. R. Talbot (Vicar) conducted shortened evensong and took for his text Psalm 119, part of verse 160, 'Thy word is true from the beginning.' In again welcoming the members to Reigate, he said he had purposely avoided the subject of bells, and intended saying a few words about the Bible. He said that few people knew the origin of the word 'Bible,' which meant 'the' Book, and there was no other to be compared with it. He stressed the importance of the verse he had taken (believed to have been written by Ezra, the Scribe), which implied that every word of the Bible was true from the beginning. The worst crime a man could do was to rob a person of his belief in the Bible. The Bible should be installed in everybody's home, and children should be persuaded to read it.

Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master of the association) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. E. G. Talbot (hon. secretary), Mr. C. H. Kippin (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. H. F. Wallis (hon. treasurer) and the curate at Reigate Parish Church. The Vicar, before leaving, expressed his regret at his inability to stay to the meeting.

Arising from a recommendation by the annual meeting last year that the committee should consider compulsory retirement of officers every three years, the secretary stated that the committee did not consider this course practicable, but they were fully alive to the desirability of adding new blood to the committee, and expressed the hope that recommendations would be made of the names of promising junior members to fill the posts on the District Committees.

#### THE YEAR'S RECORD.

The annual report expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the association played its part on the occasion of the Coronation. Two peals were rung on the day, and four others were rung during the month. Ringing took place at nearly all the affiliated towers, two quarter-peals were rung and four unsuccessful attempts were made for peals.

During the year 23 peals were rung, viz., Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, London Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Superlative Major 1, Cambridge 1, Double Norwich 1, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire 1, Minor in four methods 4. Five members rang their first peal, eight their first on 12 bells, three their first on 10 bells, and 32 their first in the method.

In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 60, probably a record during the life of the association. At the meeting at Mitcham, a peal board was unveiled to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, a former Master of the association. All Saints', Kingston, tower showed great promise, eight ringing and three honorary members having been elected at the last annual district meeting. Unfortunately, in the Southern District it had been necessary to delete an affiliated tower, as there were now no members. Steps are being taken to remedy this deficiency. Four members passed away during the year, viz., A. Gower, Col. T. F. Parkinson, J. Batters and T. Whitmore.

The association still progressed financially, balances in the bank being £50 18s. 11d., an increase of £5 over last year. Membership showed a decrease of 10, all in the Southern District, and it was hoped this would be remedied during the coming year.

There had been no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on the first Sunday in the month since August, and the committee recommended, owing to the adverse effect on Sunday service ringing in the county, that further ringing at Southwark Cathedral be discontinued.

Mr. C. Parks (Croydon) said it was a great pity the ringing at Southwark was to be discontinued. He thought it raised the prestige of the association by ringing at the Cathedral. Ringing in the past seemed to have gone very well, and he could not see any adverse effect on Sunday service ringing.

Mr. G. F. Hoad (Reigate) said the ringing at Reigate had been affected, and they could not afford to send members to Southwark.

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he would not take part in any further ringing there.

After some discussion, it was decided to endorse the committee's action to suspend further ringing at the Cathedral for the present.

Mr. T. Bulgin (Croydon), Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming), Miss A. Fountain, Messrs. C. Goulding, T. Petchey and J. Pink (Beddington) were elected ringing members.

Croydon, Southwark Cathedral and Epsom were proposed for the next annual meeting. The assistant secretary explained that it was usual to visit Southwark once every three years, and upon a vote being taken, this venue was selected by a large majority.

The Secretary stated that owing to the departure of the president, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Croydon, for Lichfield, the Lord Bishop of Southwark and the new Bishop of Croydon had kindly consented to allow their names to be submitted for the offices of president and vice-president respectively, and they had written expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting.

The following officers were duly declared elected, no other nominations having been received: President, the Lord Bishop of Southwark; vice-president, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis; hon. secretary, Mr. E. G. Talbot; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden; auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Mr. D. Cooper said the present Bishop of Croydon was very interested in ringing and hoped to find time to learn ringing himself.

The Master said he was pleased to welcome Mr. Hobden as assistant secretary, owing to the retirement of Mr. Kippin. The latter he regarded as a 'father' of the association and did many years of wonderful work for it. He did not wish him to slip out of work for the association as he was no longer an officer, and expressed the hope that before long he would be in harness again.

#### ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

The committee recommended the following amendments to the rules:

(1) That the second sentence of Rule 8 be altered to read as follows: 'The subscription of a ringing member resident in the county of Surrey (or not so resident if elected before 1938) shall be two shillings annually.'

(2) That the following rule be added after Rule 8:— 9. A ringer not resident within the county may be elected a member of the association. He shall be a 'compounding member' and shall pay a donation of five shillings.

(3) That Rule 9 shall be renumbered 10, and the words 'elected before 1938' shall be added in that rule after the words 'a non-resident ringing member.'

(4) That the present Rule 10 be deleted altogether.

The Master pointed out that at the present time ringers outside the county were accepted on the same terms as those in it. Ringers had been known to join to ring a peal, and after a lapse of time rejoin, paying only the current subscriptions. To prevent that happening a 2s. 6d. re-election fee had been introduced. In many cases the arrangement was thoroughly justified, but there were other cases where it told against the ringer.

Mr. C. E. Smith asked whether the association covered the whole of the county of Surrey. Members in the Guildford area refused to pay two subscriptions.

Mr. Birt, in replying, pointed out that the question of overlapping boundaries had been considered by the committee at various times, and they were unable to provide a solution owing to similar complications that would arise in another part of the county if alterations were made. It must be assumed, therefore, that the association covered the same area as when it was founded, i.e., the county of Surrey.

Mr. F. E. Collins formally moved adoption of the amendments to the rules. Mr. H. V. Young seconded and the motion was carried without dissent.

It was agreed to hold a dinner again at the Greyhound, Croydon, if possible in early October.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss proposed that a donation of £2 2s. be made towards the memorial peal board erected in Mitcham Parish Church to Mr. J. D. Drewett. This was agreed to, Mr. J. Beams pointing out that Mr. Drewett was elected Master of the association in that room in 1914.

It was resolved that the peal books should remain in Reigate belfry for another 12 months.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Reigate and Redhill and the towerkeepers for the use of the bells, the organist and Mr. G. F. Hoad for his assistance in making arrangements, to the caterers (Messrs. Claydon, Claydon, Willett and Claydon), the chairman for his services, and the retiring officers.—Mr. Talbot briefly replied.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening on the ten bells of Reigate Parish Church and at Redhill (8) in the afternoon. Members attended from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Bletchingley, Buckland, Burstow, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Godstone, Horley, Kingston, Linsfield, Limpsfield, Chart, Mersham, Merton, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church), Redhill, Reigate, and visiting members from Uckfield, Lindfield, Brighton and Shoreham.

#### FIFTY YEARS AS CHURCHWORKER.

##### DEATH OF VETERAN FRENESHAM RINGER.

On Saturday week there was laid to rest under the shadow of the 700 years old church at Frensham, Surrey, Mr. Henry Mills, who passed away at the age of 83, after 50 years' service to the Church in various capacities.

For nearly 40 years Mr. Mills was a ringer at Frensham Church and for many years he acted as captain of the local band.

Sunday by Sunday he was at his post, and, despite the difficulties which are to be found in a country parish, he kept a band together. Never a great ringer, he took part in one peal of Minor in 1912 for the old Winchester Guild, ringing the treble. Shortly after his retirement from the belfry, he was appointed churchwarden, an office which he held for five years, and till his death he acted as a sidesman.

For 15 years he was in charge of the churchyard as hon. superintendent, doing much of the work himself after his work as a gardener had come to an end.

After the funeral a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following service ringers, all of whom are members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild: T. A. Stroud 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss D. Aslett 3, D. Dadson 4, L. Heath (conductor) 5, E. Case 6.



## SIR HENRY TULSE'S FONT.

### COLLEGE YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN CEREMONY.

Next Wednesday evening a ceremony, in which ringers will be interested, is to take place at St. Dionis' Church, Parsons Green, London. The Bishop of Kensington is to dedicate a new font cover in memory of the late Rev. W. S. Carter and Mrs. Carter, and the Ancient Society of College Youths is to be officially represented.

Ringers' interest in the proceedings arises from the fact that the font itself was originally given to the Church of St. Dionis Backchurch, in the City, by Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the College Youths in 1684. The font was removed to the new church, when the old one was demolished.



The Font Presented by Sir Henry Tulse.

It will be remembered that Sir Henry Tulse's tomb was restored and a memorial tablet attached as part of the society's tercentenary commemoration last November.

The new font cover has been designed by Mr. Martin Travers, A.R.C.A. It is in the form of a sort of miniature of the old St. Dionis' Church, with the tower as the centre of the composition and the church as a Greek cross.

At the dedication service, which is to commence at 8 p.m., the Master of the College Youths will read the lesson, and a course of Stedman Triples will be rung on handbells round the font. A framed photograph of the ceremony at Sir Henry Tulse's tomb on November 6th is to be presented by the Society.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION NECESSARY.

The St. Albans District made a new departure on Saturday, March 5th, by combining Essendon and Northaw towers for a meeting. The attendance at both was very encouraging.

At the business meeting, Mr. G. E. Debenham, the hon. treasurer, sounded a warning note by informing the members that the association could not pay its way on the present subscription of one shilling without drawing on the reserve fund, and that they would hear a proposal of raising it to one shilling and sixpence at the annual meeting at Easter.

This statement was remarked on by the chairman, Mr. D. Ellingham (Hatfield), who said that shillings do not go as far to-day as they did 50 years ago, and that if their association was to go forward they would not have to grumble at the extra sixpence.

The next meeting of St. Albans District will be at Wheathampstead and Sandridge if available on April 30th. Ringers and secretaries are asked to note.

## 'FREE LANCE' PEAL RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When replying to Mr. Housden's letter re non-service ringers, it was with no intention of starting a lengthy discussion.

Much could be written upon this subject, but for the sake of unity, the least said of this small minority of so-called 'free lances' the better.

Rather, let us take heed 'lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.'

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence.

## INFLUENCE OF A 'FREE LANCE' IN CHESHIRE.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that it is very unwise to discourage the activities of the so-called free lance ringer? Some years ago a very highly talented ringer came to reside in Cheshire. He showed no desire to become a service ringer with us, but attended our practices regularly. I gave him every encouragement to do this, realising that under his instruction we had a splendid opportunity of making real progress. In quite a short time, from a very ordinary band, we were ringing peals in quite a few Surprise Major methods. In addition our standard of ringing greatly improved, and two of our members became good conductors.

I soon realised that the interest of a ringer of his class could not be confined to one tower. In a short time he made his influence felt over the greater part of two counties. There are many ringers in this area to-day who would readily admit that their success in ringing the higher methods was due entirely to Mr. Edward Jenkins. Having been a regular service ringer at one church for 50 years, I consider I know what a service ringer should be. Even so, I have no regrets for the encouragement I gave to this particular 'free lance,' and would welcome the opportunity of repeating it.

W. BIBBY.

Frodsham.

## A 'FREE LANCE' EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—I agree with Mr. Housden that a reform is needed amongst ringers, but that reform should commence amongst the so-called 'service ringers.' Some years ago, on coming to reside in this district, I went to the nearest tower for both Sunday service ringing and practices. Although I attended whenever possible, I was never asked to become a member of the band at this church, presumably because they were paid ringers and another member would mean so much the less for each ringer.

Removing to a different neighbourhood, I frequently cycled four miles each way to make up a band at another church for service ringing, and also on practice nights to assist the beginners. Again I was not asked to become a member of this paid band, presumably for the above reason.

Latterly I have been in the habit of attending at another church (there is no ring of bells in my neighbourhood) for service ringing and also the week-night practices, again with no invitation to become a member of this paid band, although I am able to ring methods much in advance of those practised there.

If Mr. Housden and Mr. Lee had had wider experience they would not talk of debarring 'free lances' from peal ringing or membership of associations. They would know what the result would be. I may add that the majority of the 'service' ringers at the above-mentioned churches seldom attend a guild meeting, unless at their own particular towers; it would cost them a few pence to go elsewhere. For the above reasons and others I am still

'A FREE LANCE.'

## WHERE THE 'TOWER GRABBER' DOES GOOD.

Dear Sir,—I have read with considerable interest Mr. Housden's two letters in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' I, for one, and no doubt many others, support his view of the primary importance of regular service ringing.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of taking part in a number of peals and a certain amount of 'tower snatching,' but I do realise bells are not hung for these purposes alone. I believe the great majority of ringers, including many of our leading peal ringers, share this view.

Undoubtedly there are exceptions, but how are we to check the activities of such individuals as Mr. Housden suggests? Some incumbents have little or no interest in their bells and ringers, and would not be likely to care if 'free lances' were occasionally helping to ring their bells, and, in so doing, grab a tower. Incidentally, often a 'tower grabber' makes just that one more which is a help when he visits a tower on a Sunday, and is in this way doing a little good, although he may be adding one more to his list.

One other factor should be considered, when a ringer visits another tower he or she expects a welcome, whether an unattached peal and 'tower grabber' or not. A warm welcome is freely given nearly everywhere; is not this as it should be? Ringers of the type just referred to are not likely to get a good reception at Mr. Housden's tower. They may be undesirable, but they are our fellow-ringers, and, out of common courtesy alone, they should be given a welcome.

I hope Mr. Housden and his fellow-ringers will conscientiously practise what they preach, as indeed we all ought to. Service ringing can be raised to a higher standard in many towers, and St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, is probably no exception.

A. W. DURHAM.

Lamberhurst.

**DEVON GUILD.****EXETER BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Crediton, when, favoured by a fine afternoon, some 60 members from neighbouring towers attended. The grand ring of eight bells in the central tower of the Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross came into constant use before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Holmes-Gore, assisted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild.

In the Church Hall members subsequently reassembled for tea and the business meeting under Mr. C. R. Lilley, chairman of the branch.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Thorverton on Saturday, May 14th. Two new members were elected and four certificates presented by the president.

Mr. E. W. Biffin asked the chairman if he could state when the Cathedral bells might be available for practice.—The secretary of the Cathedral band, Mr. T. Laver, replied that the Dean and Chapter could only allow the bells to be rung on certain conditions, while the work to the tower was in progress.

Mr. Biffin said he understood that the Chapter had given Mr. F. E. Dave, of Woking, permission to attempt a peal on the bells on Easter Monday, which was causing a bit of uneasiness among some of the local ringers, as they had been refused an attempt quite recently.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. A. Holmes-Gore and the organist, to which the former replied, apologising for the absence of the Vicar owing to another engagement. To give all the members present an opportunity to have a pull, the methods rung were mainly Triples, with a course of Plain Bob and Kent Major. Newton St. Cyres and Bramford Speke towers were also visited.

**MID-DEVON RINGERS AGAINST BRANCH PARTITION.**

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild, which was to have been held at Kingskerswell on February 12th and had to be postponed, was held in the Parish Hall, Collaton St. Mary, Paignton, on Thursday, March 3rd, in the evening, when there was a large number of members present, as well as visitors from the Exeter and South-West Branches. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton, chairman of the branch.

The Chairman announced that the branch secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) had withdrawn his decision to resign and had consented to continue in office.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. It showed that three meetings had been held during the year. A large number of non-resident members had been elected, and out of 26 peals rung for the Guild during 1937, ten had been rung in the Mid-Devon District. These comprised a variety of methods, including the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Guild by a band resident in the county of Devon.

The treasurer's report, also unanimously adopted, showed that the branch commenced the year with a balance in hand of 2s. and had ended with a balance in hand of £1 19s. 8d.

Mrs. A. M. Gover, of Torquay, wrote resigning her membership of the branch owing to ill-health, and this was received with great regret.

A letter was read from the general secretary regarding the partitioning of the branch, but it was proposed by Mr. C. R. Walker and seconded by Mr. R. Whiting that the branch be continued.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; three representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. H. C. Collyer, C. R. Walker and R. Whiting. The following were proposed and seconded as members of the branch: Messrs. L. Pollard and Hoopell, of Collaton band, and Mr. Roberts, of Cockington band.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Saturday, April 23rd, and that it be held at Kingskerswell, if the necessary permission can be obtained.

The question of providing assistance to the Cockington band came up for discussion, it being suggested that some combined practices there would be helpful to the members, and the matter was left to the secretary to deal with.

The president of the Guild, in addressing the meeting, touched on the importance of advertising meetings in 'The Ringing World,' remarking that it was the only ringing newspaper in existence, and he suggested that the towers should take 'The Ringing World' if possible. In a few well-chosen remarks he wished the branch every success in the future.

On the proposition of Mr. B. H. Cooper, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the branch officers for their past services, this being carried with acclamation.

When the business had been completed, some of the members adjourned to the tower for ringing. The more experienced members visited Paignton Parish Church, where the ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

**LATE NOTICE.****HOLLESLEY, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.**

—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 26th, the Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co.

**LEICESTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.****ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.**

The annual dinner of the Leicester District Societies was held at Leicester on Saturday, March 5th. During the afternoon the bells of St. John the Divine (10) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), were rung to various methods.

The company assembled at the Hotel Victory for the dinner, to which 110 sat down. Visitors were present from Coventry, Kirkby Mallory, Lincoln, Loughborough, Melton, Nottingham, Oakham, Rugby, Sheffield, Stoke Golding and nearly all the local towers were represented. The Very Rev. C. L. Matthews, M.A., Archdeacon of Leicester, and the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees, Vicar of Ellistown, were present.

After an excellent repast, Mr. H. G. Jenney, chairman of the Leicester District, extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors. In welcoming the Archdeacon, Mr. Jenney referred to the importance of goodwill between the clergy and the ringers, and said that, generally speaking, excellent relations existed, but this was not so in all cases. He thought more might be done by the clergy to get amongst the ringers and by this means see the conditions under which the ringing was carried out.

In replying, the Archdeacon said how pleased he was to be present at the gathering. He thought he might be considered the 'baby' of the party, as only half an hour before had he been made a member of the ringing association. He wished the ringers and their association every success and was delighted to see such enthusiasm existed amongst the bellringers, who did a splendid work for the Church.

The entertainment opened with a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and later a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

Other items included violin solos by Mr. A. Sampson, accompanied at the piano by his wife, and songs by Mr. Smith and Mr. A. Chiswell. Handbell selections were given by Messrs. S. Harrison, C. Hammswley and J. Hill, comedy numbers by P. C. Mowl and Mr. W. Bromley, and last but not least a very fine conjuring performance by Mr. A. Riddington, a member of Leicester's Magic Circle. Some of his tricks were really amazing and held the audience spellbound. In one case hen eggs were produced through the mysterious handkerchief from nowhere and rolled into a hat. These eggs, by the way, had no connection with the 'Dexter chicken,' which, as is only too well known in Leicester, has a very large breast of the latest streamline design.

The last item, of course, was the barman's song, 'Time, Gentlemen, please,' which came all too quickly and so put an end to another very enjoyable evening.

**GOOD START AT KELHAM.****THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

An excellent start has been made with the handbells at Kelham Theological College. On a recent Sunday, at the House of the Sacred Mission, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung by four students: A. Robson 1-2, T. B. Brown 3-4, A. F. Sargent (conductor) 5-6, A. T. Bartlett 7-8. Witnesses: P. Boulsover and J. Trainer. It was the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and A. F. Sargent's first quarter-peal as conductor.

The first peal on the handbells recently presented to the College was rung on February 24th, two members of the College, with Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham, as conductor, taking part in seven 720's of Bob Minor.

**WEDDING BELLS AT AMERSHAM.**

Another ringing romance has recently resulted in a wedding. On Saturday, January 29th, 'Bill' Redrup was married to Miss Beryl L. M. Audley, the bridegroom being the foreman of the tower at Amersham and the bride one of the recruits.

The bride, charmingly dressed in white satin and carrying a shower bouquet of red roses, was attended by the Misses Ethel and Mary Redrup as bridesmaids, in mauve and pink respectively.

In the unavoidable absence of relatives, the bride was given away by Mr. A. D. Barker. Mr. Donald Boreham acted as best man.

Many relations of the bridegroom and friends of both the happy pair were present, and after the ceremony they left the church to the tune of London Surprise Minor and under an arch of cricket bats, 'Bill' being wicketkeeper for Amersham.

Over 50 persons sat down to 'breakfast,' and afterwards the 'party' spirit prevailed. Some tune ringing on handbells by the 'usual three' was enjoyed, and a good course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was also rung during the evening.

A peal of London Minor was attempted by the local band, with some assistance, but it came to grief in the fifth 720. Afterwards 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by C. Chalwin 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, E. C. Ayres (conductor) 3, F. J. Bolton 4, W. Edwards 5, H. Wingrove 6.

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## NOTICES.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, and a good attendance would be appreciated. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1937-8 are due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**EPWORTH, Nr. DONCASTER.**—The new ring of 8 bells (tenor 17 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Grimsby on Sat., March 19th, at 3.30 p.m.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please note, the annual meeting will be held at Warwick on April 9th.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 5 to 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Saturday, March 19th. The bells of Great Wymondley (6) will be available at 3. Tea at the Green Man at 5. St. Ippolytt's bells (6) will also be available, but please note, meet at Wymondley. The members may split up after tea. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsforth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. You are all welcome to an enjoyable afternoon.—F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Empingham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, to-morrow, Saturday, March 19th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 3-4 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th; St. Magnus', 31st. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m., at Five Bells Inn, Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock until 8.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is important that I should know by March 23rd if you require tea. Special method for learners, Kent Treble Bob Major. Other methods as required. A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, March 23rd. Ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkwood 1959.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. Will you please send your names to Mr. G. Hammond, Clay Pitts, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The ninth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. (The Rev. E. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, will preside.) The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 3s., now ready. Ringing friends invited. Will those requiring tickets kindly notify me, with remittance, not later than the 24th inst., if possible?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to respective secretaries by March 23rd.—W. A. Farmer and H. G. Thomas, Hilldon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District) **AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 26th. Nos. 14 and 15 tramway cars from Leeds, fare 2d., alight Moorfield Road. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send in names by Thursday next. Business meeting to follow tea.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Godalming on Saturday, March 26th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Childs, Hethersett, Queen Street, Godalming, by March 23rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingsford Grey on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (six bells) on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, March 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by March 23rd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A special business meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 26th. Ringing, 3 till 5. All Guild members are asked to attend. Those requiring tea must notify me by the 22nd.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Hilgay on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry (6 bells), on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6d. per head provided for those who notify me not later than the 23rd. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea can be had close to the church. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, March 30th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 41.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District calling.—Measham is the tower chosen for meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, and a hearty welcome awaits Loughborough District members and Birmingham friends to try this octave again. Tower open at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be arranged before tea and meeting. Please inform me by Wednesday, March 30th, how many to expect for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 18th, at Bristol. Full details will be given later. Any proposals concerning rules, etc., must be given in by March 21st.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 23rd. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. A. Farmer is secretary to the Shropshire Association, and now resides at 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

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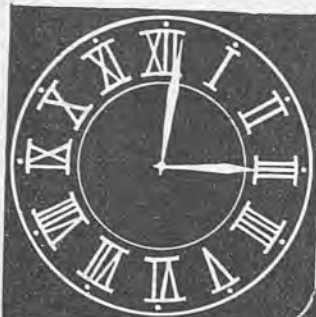
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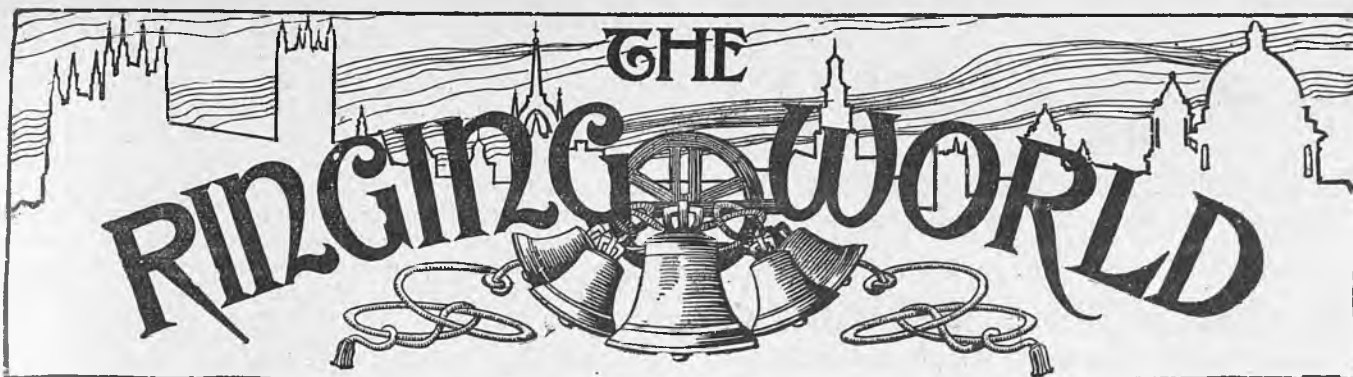
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A close investigation of the state of ringing in the metropolis can only result in a feeling of disappointment to those who would like to see it occupying a position commensurate with the importance of London as a centre of our art, and a great city of bells. London could provide inexhaustible opportunities if even one-half of the silent peals were to be regularly heard again. It is a reflection upon the Church authorities and upon the ringing organisations that in only about twenty, out of seventy churches with rings of bells, is there any semblance of regular Sunday service ringing, and in not all of these is there ringing every Sunday. Many factors have led to this state of affairs, but we feel sure that some of the churches are losing their congregations in part from the fact that they fail to signify their existence by the best means at their disposal, the ringing of the bells. The very presence of the church, in some areas, must be unknown to a great many of whatever 'resident' population is left, for the bells are the best if not the only advertisement for the church's services, and these they never hear.

There is a tremendous problem before those who would rehabilitate the bells of London, even in a comparatively modest way. Individual efforts there have been to restore their use in two or three churches, and these are wholly commendable, but to make any real impression some more organised effort is necessary and the interest of the clergy must be awakened. We hope that something may come of the round-table conference suggested and approved by some of Saturday's speakers. It is only by a thorough discussion that any concerted action can eventuate, and the parties to it must be ready, not to talk for the purpose of putting up obstacles, but determined to find a way, if possible, to surmount the difficulties, and to pool their energies and resources for the ultimate general good. The conference must be entered

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FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
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Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Yorkshire Royal as conductor, on the bells and by the Guild.

## STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lambert.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	SHELLFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 7
*WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... .. 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 8
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 4	*URBAN W. WILDNEY... .. 9
JAMES BETTS ... .. 5	*EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 35).

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

\* First peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST RUNTER ... .. Treble	LESLIE J. CLARKE ... .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 6
*MISS ANNIE WHITE ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*HENRY SHADRACK ... .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.	
E. JOHN RELFE ... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE ... .. 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM F. MOON ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4	LESLIE EVEREST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

\* First peal and first attempt.

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## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... .. 3	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 6
MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 3	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 7
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER JAGUARD ... Treble	HENRY WARN ... .. 5
NORMAN GRINHAM ... .. 2	PERCY GREEN ... .. 6
HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 3	*WALTER DORKING ... .. 7
ARTHUR EVERETT ... .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ARTHUR EVERETT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 5
*HERBERT SHEMMING ... .. 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 4	CHARLES SHEMMING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CHAPLIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 5
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 2	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... .. 7
JAMES R. WILSON ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

## TADCASTER, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY CLAYTON ... .. Treble	ALAN DENNISON ... .. 5
ROBERT LANCASTER ... .. 2	NORMAN BARTON ... .. 6
ERNEST LINDLEY ... .. 3	FRED E. ADDISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM FAY ... .. 4	ALFRED BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Hall.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE ... .. 1	Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 5
*RICHARD NEWMAN ... .. 2		CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
FREDERICK BARKER ... .. 3		GEORGE CHARGE ... .. 7
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 4		ALBERT TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. TURNER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## LONDON.

## THE ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN, CITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. DENNIS ... .. 1	Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 2		ERNEST BRETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. 3		URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4		RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

Bung as a welcome to the Rev. J. R. Howden, B.D., to the living of St. Andrew's, Holborn.

## EGHAM, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 1	Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING ... .. 5
*WATKINS MASSEY ... .. 2		JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3		WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
†WALTER A. PECK ... .. 4		†JOHN GREENOUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

\* First peal on eight bells and first peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman.

## WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BROTHWELL ... .. 1	Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2		SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 6
GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 3		HERBERT CHADDOCK ... .. 7
COLIN RYDER ... .. 4		NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rung to celebrate the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chaddock.

## LONDON.

## THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 17, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*P.C. FRANK AKERS ... .. 1	Treble	Ex-P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
P.C. JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 2		P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 6
Ex-P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 3		Ex-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
P.S. CHARLES WILLMINGTON ... 4		*Ex-P.C. WILLIAM WINTER Tenor

Conducted by Ex-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, in A flat.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 1	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 2		ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3		CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First attempt for a peal of London.

## COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 1	Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
*ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. 2		JOHN EVANS ... .. 6
†HOWARD L. MORGAN ... .. 3		GEORGE TALBOT ... .. 7
ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 4		†LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal and first attempt.

## NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 1	Treble	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2		ALFRED G. PANKHURST ... .. 6
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... 3		WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4		FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of All Saints', St. Mary Bay, by the Bishop of Dover.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 1	Treble	REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 5
*RICHARD SMITH ... .. 2		WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER ... 3		WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4		HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*LEONARD HARMER ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5
CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. 2		WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
DANIEL T. HILLS ... .. 3		WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 7
JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4		ALFRED H. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. J. KNIGHT.

\* First peal and a member of the local tower.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THORINGTON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

GEORGE A. BUTTON ... .. Treble	VICTOR D. KERRIDGE ... .. 4
HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERTIE W. MARSH ... .. Treble	*JACK R. HINDRY ... .. 4
FREDERICK R. WILLBY ... .. 2	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 5
*ROBERT MARSH ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

\* First peal of three methods.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. 5
STANLEY G. DAVEY ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HAMPTON-BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4
WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 5
†GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A compliment to Mr. George Griffiths, who has retired after having served 47 years as parish clerk.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

*S. COUSINS ... .. Treble	V. MERRETT ... .. 4
†R. GOULD ... .. 2	W. A. AVERY ... .. 5
H. BLANCHARD ... .. 3	H. TROLLOPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to H. Blanchard.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(West Dorset Branch.)

On Tuesday, March 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents of St Dunstan's, four of Reverse Canterbury, six of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 20 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

*ROBERT J. LATHRY ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 4
†CHARLES H. LATHRY ... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 5
*JOSEPH L. GLYDE ... .. 3	*WAITER C. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thursday, March 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, STOKE DAMAREL,

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

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F (approx.).

JOHN HENRY GLUYAS ... .. Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 4
A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 2	*CECIL L. GUY ... .. 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 3	HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which were cast by T. Bilbie in 1787. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Comprising an extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 4
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. V. EBBERSON.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (4) Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (5) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Capel and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 2	*WILFRED WILDE ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 25 methods. Eighty changes of method.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

*EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5-6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. FLEMING. Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL,

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

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 7-8
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 3-4	†GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 9-10
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Umpire—Edwin Jennings

\* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' First peal of Cinques 'in hand' as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT EALING.**

A successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Ealing on March 12th, about 40 members and friends being present from Chalfont St. Giles, Denham, Duffield, Derby, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Harrow, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Kensington, Kingsbury, Northwood, Ruislip, Twickenham and Uxbridge.

Ringling took place at all three of the eight-bell towers at Ealing, St. Stephen's (3 to 4 p.m.), Christ Church (7.30 to 9 p.m.) and the Parish Church (before and after the meeting), the two first mentioned being under the control of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master, being in charge at the Parish Church. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, many good touches being brought round.

A short service was held at the Parish Church (St. Mary's), conducted by the Vicar of Ealing, the Rev. H. Greatbatch, assisted by the curate, the Rev. P. M. Roberts, and was well attended. A striking and eloquent address was given by the Vicar from the text, 'I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,' Extending a warm welcome to those present, the Vicar expressed his pleasure that the meeting was held on an Ember Day, a day of prayer for the ministers of the Church and very appropriate for the occasion, and of great importance in the life of the Church. A vocation, the Vicar remarked, was a calling given by God, their vocation being that of ministers of the Church, a minister being one who served, and they were fellow-workers with and not under or for God. Except for the wireless, remarked the Vicar, the voice of the bells carried far beyond that of the preacher, and ringers in their vocation were a constant reminder to those outside of the worship within. The Vicar referred to the many dusty old records in belfries about the country, reminding them how ringers in the past had served God as his ministers. He concluded by remarking that, as he came along and heard the bells ringing out their message, the thought came to him that with the 'pot' of Europe boiling and the future so uncertain, the message of the bells came as a challenge and as a reminder that God is King, still lives, still loves and still reigns.

A tea followed in the beautiful new Church Hall, those present including the Vicar, curate and Mr. A. S. Ling, churchwarden. Before leaving, and in response to a vote of thanks, the Vicar again referred to the calling of the ringers, the difficulties caused by some objectors to the ringing, and concluded by expressing the strong hope that Sunday evening ringing would soon be resumed at his church.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president, and routine business was carried through.

The next meeting was provisionally fixed for Chiswick on Saturday, May 21st, and it was arranged that the Southern District of the London County Association should be invited to join in this. A further meeting was provisionally arranged for Sunbury-on-Thames on June 18th, with Feltham as an alternative.

Votes of thanks to the three incumbents, the staff of St. Mary's, and the local band for the arrangements, including tea, was carried by acclamation and concluded the business.

**STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS.****FIRST PEAL ON BAD GOING SUFFOLK RING.**

Suffolk has been noted for fine church towers and many fine bells, and one of the best peals of six hang in probably the finest tower in the county at Stoke-by-Nayland. It is 120ft. high, and, having triple buttresses at each corner, presents a solid and dignified appearance, dominating the countryside as a landmark for miles around. The bells are mostly ancient, the treble and 2nd are dated 1725, by Thomas Gardner, 3rd and 4th have no date, but are possibly pre-Reformation bells. They have very rich lettering. The 5th is dated 1699 by H. Pleasant, and the tenor is dated 1811. The diameter is 53 inches. An awkward peculiarity is that the ropes fall in a circle running 1.2.3.6.4.5!

The 'go' of the bells has, however, been considered rather bad, and two previous bands have attempted peals, but have lost them through the indifferent 'go.' Nothing daunted, however, a band from Essex, Cambridge and London decided to make an attempt. Arrangements were most ably carried out by Miss Hilda Snowden, Northern District secretary of the Essex Association. A good band was got together, and, after tightening the nuts on the headstocks and oiling the bells thoroughly (this being kindly done by a local ringer), an excellent peal was rung, ably conducted by Miss Snowden, as recorded in our issue of March 11th. The ringer of the 5th, Mr. Ronald Suckling, is to be congratulated on ringing and striking a bad going, odd struck bell, which he did very efficiently.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Clibbon) and his wife watched the ringers start, and came into the tower at the conclusion and congratulated everyone.

Afterwards he most kindly provided an excellent tea at the Vicarage, and the band wish to record their thanks to him and his wife for their very welcome hospitality. He also promised to see about a peal board to record the performance.

Mr. Claude Snowden thanked him, on behalf of the ringers, for his kindness, and also for permission to ring.

On the way home, the peal ringers called in at All Saints' Church, Sudbury, where the local company were practising, and enjoyed two courses of Double Norwich on the grand ring of eight, recently rehung.

**PEAL NOTES.****FEBRUARY KEEPS UP THE PACE.**

Following upon January's large crop of peals, February has made what, we believe, is a record. No fewer than 189 peals were rung during the month, compared with 166 in January and 136 in February last year.

The peals we have recorded for the month have been seven twelve-bell, 14 ten-bell, 98 eight-bell, 59 six and five-bell, and 11 handbell. The numbers in February last year were 7, 11, 63, 44 and 11 respectively.

The peak year of peal ringing was 1913, when 2,359 peals were rung. In the February of that year 152 peals were rung. The two months of 1938 have far eclipsed those of 1913. January and February of that year produced 326 peals; in the first two months of this year the total was 350.

It was not so long since that only Cambridge was rung as a Surprise Royal method. Yorkshire, in some respects a better method, is now growing into popularity on ten bells, and at Haslemere, Surrey, the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild was rung on Saturday.

Even London Surprise Royal is receiving attention in at least one tower—Beddington—and the Surrey Association rang another peal there on Saturday week, composed and conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin, and in which his wife and sister took part. It was a birthday peal for Mrs. Kippin and Mr. T. G. Bannister.

To commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of a new church at St. Mary Bay, Kent, by the Bishop of Dover, a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at New Romsey on March 19th. It was the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. H. S. Humphrey has now 'circled' New Romsey tower.

St. Andrew's Guild, Holborn, welcomed their new Rector, the Rev. J. R. Howden, who has recently been inducted to the living, with a peal of Bob Major on March 15th.

The National Police Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at the headquarters of the London Police Guild, St. George's, Southwark, on Thursday week. Four of the band are serving members of the force and the remainder are on the retired list.

Two birthdays were celebrated by a peal of Kent Treble Bob at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, on March 12th, namely, those of Mr. George Charge, who is 62, and Mr. Albert Turner, who is 50.

Thirteen proved lucky on March 19th at Cowbridge, Glamorgan-shire. Hitherto peal attempts there had been unfortunate. For instance, Mr. Ernest Stinch had previously made nine unsuccessful attempts in the tower, four of Stedman and five of Grandsire, but the 'hoodoo,' or whatever it was, has now been laid, and a peal of Grandsire Triples scored. Perhaps it was the piece of white heather that Mrs. Talbot sent along. At any rate, it was Mr. T. M. Roderick's and Mr. R. E. Coles' thirteenth peal. Mr. Stinch has now called the Original in twelve towers.

**THE SICK PARADE.**

When the band that rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus met at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on March 12th, it looked like a sick parade on the morning of a route march. The local sergeant-major, we are told, was suffering from an attack in the interior (someone suggested the reason for this was not being allowed to ring the tenor). Another Leicester stalwart had been having a spot of bother with his dentist and looked like a piece of 'chewed string,' and when the Birmingham contingent arrived it was found that the substitute for one who was hors de combat had sent another substitute in his place.

However, it's an ill wind that blows no good. The senior of the Morris ilk volunteered to ring the treble, while two young ringers got their first peal of Cambridge Maximus. J. S. Mason rang particularly well considering that he had not struck a blow in Maximus before starting for the peal, and Frank Pervin got home his first peal of Maximus as conductor.

The Warwickshire Guild have had Ashtead Surprise added to the methods which have been rung by their members. The first peal for the Guild was rung on March 10th at Nuneaton, and it was the first in the method, too, for all the band.

After having served the Parish Church of Hampton Bishop, Herefordshire, for 47 years as parish clerk, Mr. George Griffiths has retired. On Sunday, March 13th, a peal of Bob Minor was rung as a compliment to him.

The first peal on the recast ten bells at St. Mary's, Nottingham, was rung on March 12th. The recasting and rehanging was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1935, and the late Mr. Albert Coppock, then Ringing Master at St. Mary's, was largely instrumental in getting the restoration carried out.

Among the veterans still peal ringing to-day, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, must have been ringing as long as any. On March 13th he took part in a peal of Minor at Great Horkeley, where he learned to ring 70 years ago.

The Senior Steward of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. T. Bevan, pays an annual visit to Burnham, Bucks, where the Cumberland flag is kept flying by a young band which Mr. George Gilbert has trained. On the occasion of his last visit on March 12th a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung, with seven other local Cumberlands taking part.

A band of bachelors rang a peal of Bob Major at Boreham, Essex, on March 12th. Are they lucky or unlucky? It depends, we suppose, on the point of view, but if they desire to keep their 'freedom' they ought not, perhaps, to have advertised their eligibility.

(Continued in next column.)



# LADY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild, has added to her many achievements by conducting a peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.' This she did on Wednesday week, when a peal was rung at Bushey, in which the four 'Spliced Surprise' experts and the hon. secretary of the Central Council were the other members of the band. It was a birthday peal to Mr. James Parker, Mrs. Fletcher's father, and, incidentally, the fiftieth peal together by Messrs. Harold Cashmore and Chris. Woolley.

Mr. Charles Shemming has 'circled' the tower at St. Margaret's, Ipswich. He finished off the job by ringing the tenor to a peal of Bob Major on March 12th.

A welcome to the new Vicar of Tadcaster, Yorks (the Rev. J. H. Hall), was offered by the ringers on March 12th when a peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung. The Vicar was inducted a week earlier.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on March 12th at Isleworth, Middlesex, as a birthday compliment to the mother of Miss Olive Ashbrook, who took part in the peal.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is not rich in peal ringers, but five members belonging to this area took part in a peal of Stedman Triples on March 17th at Egham, three ringing their first peal in the method.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the new bells at Manchester Town Hall was rung on Saturday with a mixed band of Lancashire ringers. It was, fittingly, rung in honour of Manchester's centenary as a city.

The bells at Stoke Damarel, Plymouth, were cast by T. Bilbie in 1787, but it was not until last week that a peal was rung on them; and even that had a narrow escape.

The peal was specially arranged to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler, and splendid ringing had been maintained for two and a half hours. The last 720 had just been begun when, without warning, the electric light was switched off. Confusion reigned for a few moments, and the peal almost 'went west.' Fortunately there was a powerful street light about 100 yards away which shone almost directly into the window. The ringers gradually got used to the conditions and went on to complete the peal. To ring a 720 almost in darkness speaks well for the ringers' 'earsight'! However, we understand they have no desire to repeat this feat, and are not likely to forget their experience.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Harrison 1, J. W. Tranter 2, S. H. Tranter 3, T. S. Wilkes 4, H. Newbrook 5, J. L. Stainer (conductor) 6. First 720 of Oxford Bob by all the band, also the first on the bells by Sunday service ringers at this church.

# SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on March 5th, when between 30 and 40 members attended from Waldron, Heathfield, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Battle, Chiddingly, Willingdon, Brighton (St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Mary's, Christ Church and St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints', St. Clement's, Christ Church, Blacklands). Mr. A. Piper (Eastbourne) was also present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Claude Williams), who gave an interesting address.

The tea was presided over by the Master of the association, Mr. H. R. Butcher, who also occupied the chair at the meeting, which took place in the tower shortly after. The whole of the outgoing officers were re-elected. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Ivan Pollard (All Saints', Hastings), J. Taylor (Willingdon), J. Gallop and T. Carlton (Hastings).

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. A. Piper for covering part of the cost of the tea. Members then carried on further ringing and good practice was put in.

# RINGERS' 'COMING OF AGE'

At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, Over, Cambs, on Thursday, March 3rd, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of London Surprise Major: J. Parish 1, O. W. Cook 2, Miss K. Willers 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, A. E. Austin 5, S. Brown 6, R. L. Lathbury 7, F. Warrington (conductor) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, after a peal attempt failed. First quarter-peal of London by ringers of 1 and 6, also on the bells.

At the Church of St. Mary, Liscard, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Thursday, March 3rd: \*R. G. Edwards 1, P. W. Cave 2, \*G. Ledsham 3, G. R. Newton 4, L. L. Gray 5, W. E. Fletcher 6, \*F. Varty (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, \*T. Rogers 8. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

# RINGER CALLS WIFE'S FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

Mr. F. E. Collins, who is well known in many parts of the country for his work as a bellhanger formerly with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, had the pleasure of calling his wife's first quarter-peal, which was rung at Croydon Parish Church before evening service on Sunday, March 6th. It was 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung by Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, H. J. Skelt 2, C. Parks 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, D. Buxton 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Collins (conductor) 7, R. Davies 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

At the annual meeting of the Irish Association, held at Drogheda, on St. Patrick's Day, the Irish Association celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its founding.

During these 40 years Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has been the hon. secretary, and the occasion was marked by the presentation to him of a gold watch and an address, as a mark of the appreciation of his long service. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

St. George's Church, in the Borough, is to be the headquarters in London of the Ladies' Guild, and efforts are to be made to arrange a rota for Sunday ringing at least six times during the year.

Two veterans of the College Youths celebrated their birthdays last week. Mr. Challis Winney was 80 on St. Patrick's Day and Mr. F. E. Dawe was 76 on the previous day. Both of them have been ringing for 60 years, and the good wishes of the whole Exercise will be extended to them.

Mr. Winney has given up peal ringing, but Mr. Dawe is still seeking new worlds to conquer.

The church magazine, 'The Sentinel,' for April contains an illustrated biographical sketch of Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and verger and clerk to the Governors of the Select Vestry of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

## A NEW 'STEDMAN.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to know that I have written a book on Stedman for Miss Snowdon, that it is in the printer's hands and will be published in a few weeks. It is not a revision of C. D. P. Davies' work, but an entirely new book, except that Jasper Snowdon's 'History' has been edited and brought up to date and incorporated.

I understand that Miss Snowdon has still a few copies of Davies' book left, and I should advise those who have not got one to take the opportunity of securing a copy, for it will never be reprinted, and every ringer should try and get as complete a library of ringing books as possible. I can recommend both books with a clear conscience, because, of course, I have no financial interest in them.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## COMPLYING WITH THE RUBRIC.

**THE SERVICE BELL.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is instructive to read that at Ufford no more than 30 strokes may be chimed on a single bell at any one time. It seems a reasonable rule for those places where only one bell is installed, for its monotonous sound can be very trying to neighbours.

I would like to refer to another custom which works well in this parish. It happens more often than not that the service bell is rung until the entry of the choir and clergy, thereby producing utter discord with the incoming voluntary on the organ. For many years it has been the rule here to start the five-minute bell (an unmelodious extra to the octave) when change ringing stops, but, as soon as the organist 'settles,' it also is silenced. The congregation appear long ago to have become used to this arrangement, as one hears no complaints, and the practice brings dignity to the opening of the service.

The writer in this case is the organist and a would-be ringer. It is a remarkable fact that although the ringers have control of the master-switch to the organ-blower they have never yet silenced the organ in favour of the five-minute bell!

J. G. STILWELL.

Yateley, Hants.

## FREE-LANCE PEAL RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I had every intention of keeping out of this debate, as I consider there is no reasonable excuse for ringers to dissociate themselves from the obvious use of church bells when they can travel long distances on weekdays for the purpose of 'tower grabbing' and peal ringing. How in the world a highly talented ringer, such as Mr. Bibby mentions, could keep away on Sunday from the band he had the pleasure of ringing with on practice nights is surely past all understanding.

'Free Lance' (I do wish correspondents would sign their names) certainly puts forward an argument which in some places would be a good excuse for not wanting to associate oneself with service ringing. Paid ringing is, in some cases, a stumbling-block, both to the standard of ringing and to its future maintenance.

Mr. A. W. Durham has mentioned Tunbridge Wells, and as I think his last paragraph might lend itself to misconstruction, I feel obliged, as captain of St. Peter's band, to state the following facts. Our secretary, Mr. Housden, and the rest of the band practice what they preach as far as is humanly possible. We have twelve members, nine of whom are on the electoral roll of the church. We are, as Mr. Durham suggests, no exception in regard to the standard of service ringing. Contrary to some bands, we are, however, trying hard to raise this standard, both by regular attendance and good striking, and in so doing cannot have any very warm feeling towards the 'free lance.' Any ringer will be heartily welcome at St. Peter's at any time, but with the full authority of the churchwardens we do not encourage the use of our bells by 'free lances' for the purpose of peal ringing.

St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—II.****ROBERT SPERRING.**

Among the ringers of Cheshire, Mr. Robert Sperring has long been one of the leading conductors. Born at Farndon just 60 years ago, he learned to ring there as a lad, when only call-changes were practised. Afterwards he was apprenticed to the building trade in Chester and rang at the Church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls. Later on he became leader of the band at the Church of St. Mary-Within-the-Walls, to which he has been ever since attached.

Mr. Sperring conducted the first peal he rang. It was Grandsire Doubles at Holt, Denbighshire, on October 19th, 1902, and was not only the first peal by all the band, but also the first peal of Doubles in Wales. Since that time his activities have ranged over a wide field, and he has now rung 560 peals, of which he has conducted 318.

Many of these have been interesting performances, among them the first peals of Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal for the North Wales Association, which he called at St. Giles', Wrexham, on Jan. 8th, 1909, and Nov. 30th, 1909, respectively. He was the first to conduct Holt's Original in the Chester district, which he did on October 1st, 1904, and he called the first peal of Stedman Triples in Chester, rung in 1906. In the latter year he took part in a 6,048 of Double Norwich at Halewood, Lancs, the longest length in the method by the Lancashire Association and in the county at that time.

Of Kent Treble Bob Major Mr. Sperring has conducted many peals, among them four long lengths, including the record, within the space of seven weeks. This was in the year 1923, when he conducted 7,008 at Pulford on June 2nd; 9,344 at Tarporley on June 9th; 7,488 at Bunbury on June 30th; and 17,280 at Over on July 21st.

On February 9th, 1924, he called the longest peal rung in Wales, 10,400 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rhyl.

Mr. Sperring's peals have been rung in Cheshire, Shropshire, Lancashire, Flintshire, Denbighshire and Carnarvonshire, and have included Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, Kent Treble Bob from Major to Maximus, and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

On the 5th of last month he rang his five hundredth peal for the Chester Guild, a peal of Bob Major at his native Farndon. He has also served the Chester Guild in other ways, for he was hon. secretary of the Chester Branch from 1907 to 1919, represented the Guild on the Central Council from 1927 to 1929, and is still a member of the Guild Committee.

Next week: Mr. William Barton.

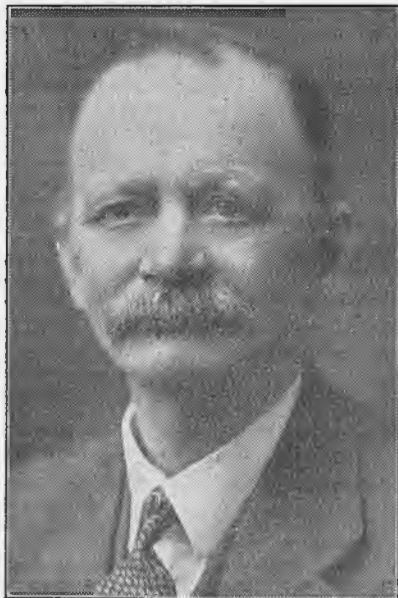
**A NORFOLK RESTORATION.****DUFFIELD FAMILY 'OPEN' FORNCETT BELLS.**

The Lord Bishop of Norwich dedicated on Sunday, March 13th, the restored peal of five bells at St. Peter's, Forncett. The church was crowded to overflowing, and over 38 ringers from Attleborough, Buxton, Caston, Colchester (Essex), Cotton (Suffolk), Dersingham, Diss, Garboldisham, Mulbarton, Norwich, Pulham, Saxlingham, Stoke Ash (Suffolk), Watton, Winfarthing and Wymondham were present.

The opening touch of the extent of Bob Singles was rung by Mr. William L. Duffield and four of his sons, James F., Harry T. S., William C. and Edward P. After the service the same band rang the first extents of Grandsire and Plain Bob on the bells. This was the first change ringing on the bells for upwards of 40 years.

Tea was kindly provided by Mr. W. L. Duffield at the School, and over 40 availed themselves of his hospitality.

The restoration of the bells was made possible by the benevolence of the Barron Trust, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work, which has been very well carried out. The treble has been recast. The second and third are late sixteenth century bells. The fourth is a Newiman bell (1743), and the tenor, a Warner (1875), weighs 14 cwt. 1 qr.



MR. ROBERT SPERRING.

**DUDLEY GUILD SECRETARY.  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.  
Presentation to Mr. H. Sheppard.**

The services of Mr. Herbert Sheppard as hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild for 25 years were acknowledged on Saturday week, when, at the annual meeting of the Guild, he was presented with an easy chair. Ringing on the bells of St. Thomas' Church preceded the service, at which the address was given by the Archdeacon of Dudley, who is Vicar and president of the Guild.

The meeting followed tea in the Church Schools, at which upwards of 90 members were present, and the president was supported by the vice-presidents.

The accounts, which were adopted, showed an increased balance and were considered very satisfactory.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Davies) reminded the meeting that Mr. Sheppard had completed 25 years of efficient service as secretary, and it had been decided to mark their appreciation by presenting him with an easy chair. In addition there was a small balance which had been put into a purse.

The Archdeacon said he was honoured by being called upon to make the presentation to one whom he had known so well since he came to Dudley. Mr. Sheppard, or 'Herbert' as he always called him, had no doubt been a very efficient secretary to the Guild during the past 25 years. He was also his parish clerk, and in that capacity he had found him very zealous in his duties.

In his capacity of Archdeacon he often had to induct clergymen to their living, and, indicating how he took their hands in his to place them in their stall, he now took Mr. Sheppard's and placed him in his chair, with the hope that he would be spared to enjoy many happy hours in it.

Mr. Arthur Spittle, on behalf of the vice-presidents, spoke of many years' friendship with Mr. Sheppard, and wished him every success in the future.

Mr. Sheppard, replying, said that when he took over the secretaryship from the late Mr. William Micklewright he never thought he would be the recipient of a presentation such as they had just made him. It was a gift that he would always appreciate, and whenever he sat in it his thoughts would always be of them. He thanked the Vicar and subscribers for their beautiful gift.

The election of officers then took place. The president and vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. Alfred Davies was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. Herbert Sheppard treasurer, and Mr. T. Justice and Mr. G. T. Guest hon. auditors. A good number of new members were elected.

Mr. H. Sheppard proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, assistant priest, the organist, vice-presidents, ladies for presiding at the tables and preparing and serving the tea, and to every one who had done anything to make the annual meeting such a success. —The Vicar replied for all concerned and closed the meeting with prayer.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A VETERAN AMONG PRESTON BRANCH RINGERS.**

The annual meeting of Preston Branch was held at Chorley Parish Church on March 12th. There were over 40 ringers present during the day from Preston, Penwortham, Leyland, Whittle-le-Woods, Brindle, Higher Walton, Hoghton, Brownedge, Goosnargh, Coppull, Chorley, Adlington, Bolton, Standish and Wigan.

Amongst those present was Mr. W. H. Timbrell, an old stalwart of the association thirty or forty years ago. He and his brothers used to ring family peals on handbells. Mr. Timbrell said his visit brought back memories of the first peals of Treble Bob rung on the Chorley bells, in which he took part with his brother Edwin, the Potter brothers from Walkden, and the late Titus Barlow, of Deane, Bolton.

Except for the interval for tea and meeting, which was held in the Institute nearby, the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening. Mr. F. G. Bradley presided at the meeting.

The Chairman was again re-elected for two years.—Mr. Bradley thanked the members for re-electing him and also for their support whilst in office. He also appealed to them to attend the meetings as often as they could.

The secretary presented his annual report, and he also asked the members to try and attend the meetings as they did a few years ago.

The Chairman gave a full report of the committee's meeting at Wigan. The chief business related to the provision of the memorial to the late president of the association, Canon Elsee.

The place and date of the next meeting having been fixed, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all those who had contributed to an enjoyable meeting.

During the day the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, the striking being fairly good on the whole.

**DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must not let Mr. Sedgley's reference to the 'un-authenticated' peal rung at Norwich pass unnoticed. We can be as sure as we can of anything that has happened in the past that the method was what is now called Double Norwich.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' DINNER.

### LONDON BELLS AND BELLRINGING.

#### Conference of Societies Suggested.

The speeches at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held at Anderton's Hotel on Saturday evening, were very largely devoted to the conditions of London bells and bellringing. Among the suggestions put forward was one for a round table conference by representatives of the various interested societies with the idea of evolving, if possible, some co-operative line of action. The dinner had been preceded by ringing at Shoreditch, St. Olave's and St. Clement Danes' Churches, and the company numbered 125.

Mr. George H. Cross, Master, presided, and among those present were the Rev. Pat McCormick (Vicar, St. Martin-in-the-Fields), Preb. T. Wellard (Rector, St. Olave's, Hart Street), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector, St. Clement Danes, Strand), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council, and Master of the College Youths), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. Bevan (Senior Steward) and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. R. Heazel (Junior Steward) and Mrs. Heazel, Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer), Mr. N. Summerhayes (hon. secretary), Mr. A. Hardy (trustee), Mr. F. Symonds (auditor) and Mrs. Symonds, Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Association), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the College Youths), Mr. J. A. Waugh (Master, Northern District, London County Association, and Junior Steward of the College Youths), Mr. G. Williams (Master, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), Mr. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. Alex. Young, Mr. W. H. Fussell, (Slough), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. G. Gilbert (Maidenhead), Mr. R. Narborough (Nottingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton), and members and visitors from Gravesend, Leytonstone, Bishopsgate, Halstead, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Chislehurst, Melbourne, Cambs, Walthamstow, Streatham, Portsmouth, Guildford, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Edmonton, Sevenoaks, Nottingham, Highcliff, Hants, Dartford, Colchester, Broxbourne, Burnham, Wimborne, Christchurch, Brentwood, Boreham, Woodford, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Lincoln, Oxhey, St. Lawrence Jewry, Hitcham, Reading, Ipswich, etc.

#### NEGLECTED LONDON BELLS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'The Church' and spoke of the indebtedness of ringers to the Church for all the facilities which made the art of ringing possible. The Church had provided the towers and the bells, and, if the practice of bellringing had not always been closely allied to the church services, there was a unity to-day of happy association and mutual advantage. The speaker went on to refer to the grave condition of neglect which existed in many London churches with regard to the bells. When they heard the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral ringing on Sundays, and the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Clement Danes and some few other churches, they might get the impression that all was well, but that was far from being the case. Within five miles' radius of Trafalgar Square there were over 70 peals of bells, bells which bygone benefactors had given for the enrichment of the churches and which should be treasured and used, yet one-third of them were derelict or, from other causes, never rung; more than one-third more were seldom heard for the purposes for which they were provided; only some 15 were rung regularly, and five others periodically for Sunday services. Such a condition, he thought, was a crying shame. He was certain it could not entirely be attributed to the fact that ringers were unobtainable, as there were striking examples of bands being built up. Much of it was due to the condition of the bells and belfries, resulting from the apathy and indifference of the Church authorities. He appealed for some effort between Church authorities and ringers to bring about a better condition of affairs in London. In coupling the name of the Rev. Pat McCormick with the toast, the speaker referred to the broadcast services which come from St. Martin's Church. The Rector of St. Martin's, he said, gave them a practical religion for to-day, a religion which had also inspired that great social work, full of deep human sympathy, which came from the same centre and of which the Rev. Pat McCormick was the mainspring.

In reply, the Rev. Pat McCormick said he was surprised to learn that there were so many peals of bells within five miles of his own church. He had no notion where they all were, but it was a shame that so many should be derelict and unringed. There were, of course, many churches where there was great difficulty in raising funds, not only for bells, but for the whole of the parochial work, and he thought that was at the back of much of the neglect. Continuing, he said he was always delighted to be among bellringers, because they were such a jovial crowd. He had known a good deal of them in parts of his life, although for 12 years, while in South Africa, he never heard a peal of bells. At his church in Johannesburg he had one bell. When he pushed a button the bell began to ring and went on ringing until he pushed the button again (laughter). Referring to the broadcasts from St. Martin's, he said it was a tremendous privilege to be allowed to do it, but it was an awful responsibility. He felt that every time, and he found it just as difficult now as when he first started lest he should make a 'bosh' of it. He reminded

his hearers that the whole vision of broadcast services from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields came from that great man, whom they lost last year, Dick Sheppard. His death brought a tremendous loss to the Church and to broadcasting, because he had a wonderful gift, not only of being able to 'put it over,' but of knowing what the people wanted before they knew it themselves. It was really his genius to see a little further than anyone else. He reminded those present that the responsibility for the prosperity and welfare of the Church was just as much theirs as it was the clergy's. The real backbone of the Church was the laity, through whom the work was going on and would go on despite any setbacks.

#### A HISTORY TO BE PROUD OF.

Prebendary Wellard proposed 'The Royal Cumberland Youths' and referred to the fact that in his Church of St. Olave was the oldest ring of bells in the City of London. The society, he said, had a wonderful history, which dated in its present form from 1745, although its beginnings seemed to be lost in the past. Their long history was something to be proud of. The bells of his own church took them back to the days of Samuel Pepys, they frequently tolled in the days of the Plague, they were rung for the victory over the Dutch and they had probably rung on every great occasion since. When Elizabeth was released from the Tower the bells were rung for joy, and she promised to provide silken bell ropes. The churchwardens obtained the ropes, but they never got the money out of the Queen (laughter). It was an extraordinary thing, continued the speaker, that in all these centuries there had been so little change in regard to bellringing. Certain improvements had been made, but ringing remained very much the same. In these days of mechanisation, when nearly everything was done by machinery, it was a very good thing to know they had not got 'potted' bells. He hoped they never would have. After all there was only one way to use bells and that was to ring them (hear, hear). Prebendary Wellard went on to refer to the unity that existed in the craft of bellringing, and said he had been struck with the wonderful enthusiasm the ringers showed for their job. They thought nothing of going a hundred miles to ring someone else's bells and going at their own expense. They set a high example to all who worked for the Church in their enthusiasm. He hoped they would long continue to carry on their splendid work, for which the Church was both indebted and grateful (applause).

The Master, in responding, thanked all the clergy who gave the society permission to ring at their churches. He said he had received a letter from their old friend, Mr. William Keeble, who sent his greetings and was sorry to be unable to be with them. He would be very pleased to receive a visit from any friends when they were in the neighbourhood of Colchester. Continuing, the Master said with regard to 'potted' ringing, they frequently heard it at All Hallows', Barking. He thought that ringers who made records of change ringing should make some sort of stipulation that these records should not be used for broadcasting from churches. Comments had been made, said Mr. Cross, on broadcasts in which the ringing was not as good as it might be. They had broadcast for twelve months from St. Martin's, and each time he went into the belfry he thought it was rather a nerve-racking job, so they should be rather careful in their criticisms (hear, hear). The Master added that he had spoken to the Rector about practices at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and he thought they might be able to get the bells at this church for a week-night practice about once in two months (applause).

#### A UNITED LONDON SOCIETY?

Mr. J. E. Bailey, who proposed the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' said they were very pleased to welcome representatives of associations and guilds from all over the country, and the society appreciated their help and support. Some ringers joined all sorts of societies all over the place, he said, and adopted the attitude of taking whatever they could get. He did not know that was altogether for good. Where associations were adjoining they often found two or three from each getting together to ring peals, but they never seemed to help their own towers or others who were struggling. He thought it would be better if ringers tried to help just one or two societies instead of dashing about everywhere and grabbing what they could for their own glorification. He was not decrying tours or outings when ringers went to remote parts of the country and created a stir and an interest by providing some really good ringing where it was seldom heard; indeed, he thought outings and meetings could be a great asset. They revealed a spirit of unity and comradeship among ringers, and he took that opportunity of thanking the various societies into whose territory the Cumberlands had been able to go to hold their own quarterly meetings.

He sometimes wondered, he continued, whether there was a lack of comradeship among ringers in London. He thought there were some London ringers who were inclined to ride the high horse: they rather put themselves on a pedestal and tried to make the people who came from the country feel a little inferior. He was not sure that that attitude was justified. It was perhaps a relic of the days gone by when London ringing was a standard by which the rest of the ringing in the country was judged. He did not think they could claim anything of that sort to-day. There were now country ringers who were as good as any to be found anywhere. Some suggestion had been made that the two old London societies should break down the rule by which they were kept apart, and that those living within a certain radius should be allowed to join both. He thought that was quite

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## A SOCIETY TO EMBRACE ALL LONDON.

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impossible. He did not think anybody would be prepared to say how far out of London they should draw the line. He suggested, however, that it might be possible some time in the future to form a society that would embrace the whole of London for ringing purposes. By doing that they would get more co-operation among the ringers in London and their difficulties could be better faced. They might say, perhaps, that that would kill rivalry. He thought they only wanted the example of peals rung in London to get their answer. The majority of peals rung for the different societies in London were rung more or less by the same men. A united London ringing society would overcome the question of Sunday ringing much better, although he admitted the problem of Sunday ringing in London was very great, on account of the distances that most of the ringers had to travel, but, he believed, if more co-operation were forthcoming more ringers could be obtained. If the London ringing societies would get together and discuss the question he thought some good might come of it. At present they were struggling along independently of each other (applause).

## RESTRAINT IN BROADCASTING.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who first replied to the toast, said it was at the last dinner of the society that the Rev. Pat McCormick announced that tunes had been broadcast from the bells of St. Martin's Church for the last time, and that, in future, the bells were to be rung for the broadcast services. He was quite sure that all the other societies in the country were pleased to hear that change ringing was to take the place of the tunes and that the society of Cumberland Youths was to be responsible for the broadcast ringing from St. Martin's (hear, hear). He had not been able to listen on every occasion when this had taken place, but he had been pleased to hear, whenever he had listened, that they had rung Caters and not Cinques. He praised their restraint in not ringing Cinques, because he did not believe the public understood Cinques, whereas they could more or less appreciate the music of Caters. They appreciated even more the ringing of eight or six bells. Change ringing on the highest number was more or less an acquired taste. He commended the society's restraint and hoped they would continue to exercise it.

Something had been said about the critics of broadcasting. He was afraid he was one of the culprits and he was going to continue to be (hear, hear). They had present that night three or four of their members from Nottingham. He heard their broadcast from St. Mary's a year or two ago, just after they had the new bells, and it was one of the best he had heard yet. They had a new band and they did not attempt to ring Caters, but contented themselves with ringing rounds and did it very well indeed. First they rang rounds on the front six, then without stopping they brought in the four tenors, and, again without stopping, they dropped the two trebles, leaving eight; so that the ringing was not monotonous. The striking was good, and because they used that restraint and rang only what they knew they could ring well it was one of the best broadcasts he had heard (hear, hear). As he had been blamed once or twice for criticising, he would like to say that quite recently they had had two excellent broadcasts, from Blackwall and Bridgnorth. In both cases there were only six bells, but the ringing was practically perfect, because the ringers exercised restraint and rang only what they could ring properly.

Speaking of the derelict bells in London, Mr. Lewis referred to the peal of five at St. Bartholomew's the Great, Smithfield. They were just outside the city boundary, but they were the only complete ring of five pre-Reformation bells in the country. It was a great shame that these bells should be silent. He knew of only one other complete ring of pre-Reformation bells, and that was at St. Botolph's, Cambridge, but they were only four in number. They, unfortunately, were also silent. He believed that the reason at Great St. Bartholomew's was not lack of funds or lack of interest, but was due to the architect having said that the tower was not safe for the bells to be rung in. He would like to meet that architect very much (laughter and hear, hear). After the Tay Bridge disaster the Board of Trade made a rule that no bridge or similar structure should be allowed to be built unless it could withstand a lateral pressure of at least 56 lb. per square foot. That was an excessive figure and had probably never been reached. It would need a wind of something over 100 miles per hour. But a wind pressure of 14 lb. per square foot was quite possible and was often felt in a strong gale. If they took almost any church tower and measured the area of the walls above the point where the bells hang and multiplied it by 14 lb. per square foot, they would find the pressure on that tower was greater than any lateral strain that could be set up by ringing bells; the only thing they need worry about was that the bells should be properly attached to the tower. It was nonsense to say that it was unsafe for the bells to be rung, unless the architect also felt that it was unsafe for the wind to blow (laughter). He believed a similar excuse had been made about the tower of All Hallows', Barking. He thought it was a great shame that those bells, which were rung not so many years ago, should be silent because the architect thought the tower was not strong enough.

## A THORNY SUBJECT.

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis said that the difficulties arising from the existence of so many societies in the Metropolitan area was a thorny (Continued in next column.)

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NEW CONDUCTORS GETTING TO WORK.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, March 5th, a company of forty attending during the afternoon and evening from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Crewe, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Silverdale, Stoke-on-Trent and Wistaston. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Watkins, Rector of Newcastle, and tea was held in the Parish Hall.

The Rector welcomed the association once more to Newcastle, and hoped they would look forward to coming again as much as he was looking forward to meeting them.—Mr. G. E. Plant proposed the vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Newcastle for the use of the bells and having everything in 'apple-pie' order. Mr. G. E. Plant also remarked upon the beautiful church and tower. He thought Newcastle must be the nicest church in North Staffordshire. The tower is kept in excellent condition and possesses the best set of handbells he had seen.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. T. Hurd.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, in proposing the vote of thanks to the ladies who had served tea so well, took the opportunity of referring to the response to the secretary's 'S.O.S.' at the annual meeting for more young ringers to take up conducting. He thought it had been answered very well, for A. D. Steel had conducted Grandsire Triples, C. H. Page and A. Crawley were doing great work amongst first pealers, J. Rider called Bob Royal, A. W. Hall conducted his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major like a veteran, J. Cartledge did well in starting with Bob Minor with all first pealers in the method, W. Carnwell was ready to start conducting, and W. P. Deane lost a peal of Cambridge Major through no fault of his as conductor. Although he (Mr. Wheeldon) thought he would not be able to ring many more himself, he wished every young member great success.

Three new junior members were elected, viz., Leonard Bourne, Clifford Downing and Frank Marsh, all of Newcastle. Leonard Bourne, who is still a schoolboy, rang the treble to Grandsire Triples during the afternoon. Newcastle ringers invite all ringers to their practice on Friday, March 25th, at 7.30 p.m.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Chertsey District had a very successful meeting at Ottershaw, a six-bell tower, on March 12th. Some 25 ringers were present, mostly from the district, and some very useful practice was put in, Grandsire Doubles, for the benefit of a number of beginners, being given a lot of attention. Many other methods were also rung, and some experiments made, with more or less success, on the 'blue lines,' which one of the six-bell experts produced.

The Vicar conducted the usual service and the hymns were sung unaccompanied.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the Vicar presided over a short business meeting, at which he was elected an honorary member, and a sub-committee was formed to consider the possibility of holding a district summer outing.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the local band for the arrangements made.

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subject. In the College Youths he could say there was no exclusiveness and country ringers were welcomed. There was only one tower where there was exclusiveness in regard to the ringing and that was in the tower of St. Paul's Cathedral (hear, hear). They were not everybody's bells and they were certainly not beginners' bells. Personally he had not met any feeling of exclusiveness in London, although he must say he had not rung in many London churches on Sundays.

'There are difficulties,' continued Mr. Lewis, 'but I think it would be a good thing to try and make ringing in London more successful, and if it is thought that two or three members from each society should meet and discuss the matter, I am quite sure the College Youths would be very glad to meet the other societies and talk over the subject' (applause).

There was, he said, a difficulty at some churches with regard to ringing, because they were so near other buildings that ringing might cause a nuisance. At Westminster Abbey, although the ringing is not curtailed for that reason, but for other traditional reasons, it was quite close to Westminster Hospital. Some of the other churches were quite close to offices, which made it difficult to practice in the week, and some were apt to cause a nuisance on Sunday, but that trouble could be got over if ringers or church authorities would take a little trouble to see that the sound of the bells was properly modified. It was not a difficult or expensive thing to do. Mr. Lewis referred to two cases which had recently come under his notice, in one of which the protest against the bells had got to the stage of calling upon the police to serve a notice requiring the abatement of the nuisance. But, by the use of tact and some cabot quilt, the difficulty had been got over, and it had been done at the expense of the chief objector (laughter and applause). In the other case no arrangement had yet been come to. He hoped that where ringing was prevented in the Metropolis through the bells being an annoyance to the public, the authorities would take steps to modify the sound, which could be done at a cost of only about five or ten pounds (applause).

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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****JOINT MEETING OF NORTH AND EAST BRANCHES.**

A joint meeting of the North and East Norfolk Branches was held at Blofield on Saturday, March 5th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Shillito). Tea in the Church Hall was attended by 42 members. A short business meeting was afterwards presided over by the Rector, supported by the Rev. H. M. McMullan (president of the association), the Rev. J. H. Williams (Rector of Acle), Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. J. W. Lee (chairman of the East Norfolk Branch), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood and Mr. H. Tooke (secretaries of the East and North Branches). Two new members were elected and the Rev. Shillito elected an honorary member.

The next meeting of the Eastern Branch will be at Ranworth on May 28th.

The Association Standing Committee held a meeting afterwards, presided over by the president, and was well attended.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and the hall.

Members attended from Norwich, Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Wymondham, Diss, North Lopham, Fakenham, Dersingham, Garboldisham, Redgrave, Halvergate, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Wroxham, Reedham, North Walsham, Acle, Norton, Bergh Apton and Blofield. The Rector of Acle also gave permission for the bells of his church to be rung.

**ST MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.****ANNUAL DINNER.**

A very enjoyable evening was spent by members of St. Mary Abbot's Guild on the occasion of their annual dinner, held at Slater's Restaurant, Knightsbridge, nearly 30 members and friends being present under the presidency of the Rev. Prebendary Arthur Smith, M.A. (Vicar), supported by Major N. L. Garratt, churchwarden, and the Rev. Kenneth Wood, the Chaplain of the Guild.

The loyal toasts were duly honoured, and, in reply to that of 'The Guild,' proposed in felicitous terms by Major Garratt, Mr. W. E. Judd, the Master, gave some particulars of the work during the past year, including peals rung in honour of the induction of the chairman as Vicar of St. Mary's and of the Coronation of their Majesties. He also expressed satisfaction with the attendance for Sunday morning ringing, but would always like to see a full band for the evening services.

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. G. J. Strickland, who remarked upon the warm interest the Vicar had shown in the work of the Guild and their gratification at his presence at their summer outing.

The evening was concluded by a very pleasant musical entertainment, including touches on handbells by members of the Guild, tune ringing by Mr. J. R. Mackman and songs by Mrs. P. Humphrey, Mrs. Frances Botham and Messrs. Miles, Selby, Strickland and Warner, the thanks of the party being especially due to Mrs. Beck for her 'excellent striking' at the piano, undertaken at rather short notice, her repertoire of 'old favourites' seeming inexhaustible.

**SOUTH WALES NEW BAND'S PROGRESS.**

As a compliment to Mr. A. Huxley, Vicar's warden, who was largely responsible for the installation of Christ Church bells, Ebbw Vale, the new band of ringers on Sunday, February 27th, after evening service, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: T. Stephens 1, J. Lewis 2, W. Tomsett 3, R. Hallett 4, R. Stephens (conductor) 5, R. Alsop 6, J. Alsop 7, F. Baskerville 8. It was the first quarter-peal by the band.

In this district there are three townships in close proximity, each with a population of over 30,000, and Christ Church is the first to have a ring of bells.

**SUDDEN DEATH AFTER SERVICE RINGING.**

With tragic suddenness the death took place on Sunday evening, March 13th, of Mr. G. Went, of Usk, Monmouthshire. He rang for the 6.30 evening service, and not feeling well, returned home whilst his wife attended the service. When she reached home about 7.30 she discovered him dead in the house.

Mr. Went had been one of the Sunday service band at Usk ever since the restoration of the bells in January, 1926. He was a most loyal and regular attendant at the tower and will be sadly missed.

He had not been well for some time and was home for a fortnight in January, but previously had the appearance of a strong healthy man. He was a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and had rung nine peals, all of Grandsire Triples, his first on April 7th, 1928, and his last on February 13th, 1935.

The funeral took place at Usk on Thursday, March 17th, a large number of townfolk attending, while among the ringers present were the Master of the association (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), and Mr. T. Atwell, of St. Woolos, Newport. Immediately following the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: G. Thomas 1, F. Atwell 2, G. Knight 3, A. Hawkins 4, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards 5, L. Jones 6, J. W. Jones (conductor) 7, S. Kear 8.

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BURTON-IN-KENDAL, NEAR CARNFORTH, LANCS.—The ring of six bells rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened to-morrow, Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m.

BISHOP'S ITCHINGTON, NEAR LEAMINGTON SPA, WARWICKSHIRE.—The ring of five bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, March 26th, at 4.30 p.m.

HOLLESLEY, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 26th, the Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Burton bells reopening. The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmorland to-morrow, Saturday, March 26th, when the rehung bells will be opened by a short service at 3 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to be present, and tea will be provided for all who attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock until 8.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method for learners, Kent Treble Bob Major. Other methods as required.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Godalming on Saturday, March 26th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea can be had close to the church. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (six bells) on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Hilgay on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6d. per head. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged to be held at Great Linford (6 bells) on Saturday, March 26th, from 5 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Magnus', 31st. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, March 30th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a card would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Bolton Branch will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd, instead of March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District calling.—Measham is the tower chosen for meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, and a hearty welcome awaits Loughborough District members and Birmingham friends to try this octave again. Tower open at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be arranged before tea and meeting. Please inform me by Wednesday, March 30th, how many to expect for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. H. Billings, 4, Longton Road, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than March 30th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Beighton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. For tea, notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. All come and try this grand peal, 22 cwt. tenor.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trewell, Notts.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing at Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. at Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Further ringing from 7 to 8.15 p.m. at All Saints', High Street.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Watton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting will be held at Crawley, on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bletsoe (6 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. Short service 4.30. Tea will be arranged. You will be very welcome; come if you can.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 pm. (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. F. Morris, 47, Kimberley Street, Coppull, near Chorley, by Wednesday, March 30th.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., will be provided free to all who inform Mr. R. H. Vigor, Grange Farm, Sherburn-in-Elmet, by Wednesday, April 6th. Meeting for election of officers, etc., in Church Hall after tea. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports available. A good attendance will be appreciated by the local company.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Porridge Pot, East Gate, at 5.15, followed by annual general business meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—St. Mary's Parish Church. The augmented peal of eight bells, in new steel frame and latest fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by Dr. King, assistant Bishop of Rochester, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. H. Holden, Verger, St. Mary's.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Towers open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (subject to weddings or services): St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), Belgrave (8), 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m.; Cathedral (12). Committee meet at 3 p.m. in Church House, St. Martin's (side of Cathedral). Tea at 4.45 prompt at Oriental Cafe, Market Place, followed by general meeting. Tickets for tea must be obtained from Mr. H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester, not later than Thursday, April 14th. Only those who apply for and obtain tickets can be accommodated. All others must cater for themselves. A room will be reserved (particulars later) for social intercourse in the evening.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on East Monday. Cathedral bells (12) available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. The bells of St. Michael's, St. Stephen's and Sandridge (6 each) open by arrangement with your secretary. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with special preacher, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute. **If you want tea you must let me know, the latest by Easter Monday morning, post or phone 241.** Notice of alteration of rule: 'That the subscription be raised to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1939.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael at Coslany, and All Saints' are available. Service at noon in St. Peter Mancroft Church; preacher, the Ven. Thomas J. Perowne, Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft Parish Hall, 2s. per head to resident members. The business meeting for the election of officers for the year follows. Please notify your intention of being present at the luncheon. Kindly note subscriptions are due.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 23rd. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

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It is perhaps true, as Mr. Corby points out, that the London County Association is using every endeavour to get bells in and around the metropolis rung for Sunday services, but it is not being wholly done by the establishment of new bands. Where ringers are not drafted from other churches for this purpose, to the detriment of their own company, the bands consist of a comparatively small body of 'free lances' who, having no ties, can go from tower to tower where their services may be desired or fancy dictates. We do not deny that it is better to have bells rung for service occasionally than not at all, but this is no solution to the real problem unless it is going to raise a local interest which will eventually result in the formation of new bands at the churches concerned.

And on this point we feel compelled to say that the difficulties with regard to ringing at the silent twelve-bell towers, raised by Mr. Waugh in his speech, are scarcely obstacles to prevent effort being made to establish Sunday ringing at these churches. All that he says about the task involved in training twelve-bell bands on the heavy rings in the city may be perfectly true, but it is not essential, in order to establish service ringing, that twelve-bells shall always be rung. A smaller number, even six, is sufficient for service ringing, at any rate as a beginning; then, as the company grows in ability, it can reach out to the higher numbers. And even the apparently prohibitive weights need be no real deterrent, for if a

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**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERNARD H. HALL ... .. Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 5
ROBERT PARKINSON ... .. 2	*JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 6
KENNETH HALL ... .. 3	CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 4	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob in the Fylde.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 5
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 7
CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 7
*WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

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

LEONARD HOLDEN ... .. Treble	WALTER GRINSSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 2	SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6
DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... .. 7
WALTER FARLEY ... .. 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN ARBON ... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*A. STANLEY WOODARD ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 5
†HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside' to Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*KENNETH HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD

\* First attempt for a peal.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

A. KNIGHTS' No. 22. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS SUART ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
*JAMES BLACKBURN ... .. 2	*GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. 6
*SYDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
ALAN CARPENTER ... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FRANCIS A. WHITE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5
FREDERICK C. WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 3	RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 4	FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
HARRY BAKER ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 7
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 423, is rung for the first time.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF OAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
FRANK B. LUFFKIN ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Friday, March 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.  
JAMES WILLIAM KAY ... .. Treble | FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 5  
ALBERT FORE ... .. 2 | RICHARD BENSON ... .. 6  
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... .. 3 | PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7  
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4 | RICHARD WILLIAM MOSLEY Tenor  
Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.  
Rung to celebrate the retirement of Mr. P. Crook, sen., from Bolton Borough Police Force.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
*On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,  
**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE  
AND LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.  
\*JOHN LLOYD ... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5  
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2 | C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 6  
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3 | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7  
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 4 | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  
Composed by Rrv. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT  
\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal in five methods. This peal contained 3,072 London, 640 Cambridge, 576 Bristol, 576 Superlative and 320 Lincolnshire, with 124 changes of method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Capt. A. W. Higgs, a prominent townsman of Brierley Hill.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
*On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF BEACONSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.  
JESSE HARRISON ... .. Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5  
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6  
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3 | \*CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7  
\*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 4 | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor  
Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.  
\* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
*On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt.  
JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble | \*SYDNEY DABINETT ... .. 5  
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2 | JACK ROY ... .. 6  
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 3 | \*J. THOMAS LOCKE ... .. 7  
\*PERCY H. LOCK ... .. 4 | \*EDWARD STEVENS ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by JAMES HUNT.  
\* First peal on eight bells and belong to adjoining parish of Drayton.

STANDISH, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
*On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.  
\*GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 5  
\*JOHN BOOTH ... .. 2 | E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 6  
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3 | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7  
\*CYRIL CROSSSTHWAITE ... .. 4 | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. Tenor  
Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.  
\* First attempt for Double Norwich. Specially arranged as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Booth.

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## SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

CLERM W. CRACKNELL ... .. Treble | R. JOHN STEED ... .. 4  
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 2 | EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 5  
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 3 | FRANK W. J. ROPER ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by FRANK W. J. ROPER.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Friday, March 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

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

Being seven 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4  
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 2 | JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5  
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

EGGBUCKLAND, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.)

*On Friday, March 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

\*HILDA PARNELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... .. 4  
ALLEN WEATHERLY ... .. 2 | WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 5  
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 3 | FRANCIS PURSE ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by W. F. OATWAY.

\* First peal at first attempt.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble | GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... .. 4  
VIOLET A. FROST ... .. 2 | JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 5  
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... .. 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

\*J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... .. Treble | \*CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4  
\*JOHN H. BAILLSS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5  
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3 | FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, March 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

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

WILLIAM E. KINSEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4  
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 2 | ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5  
ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. 3 | JOHN WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor  
Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

A birthday compliment to Miss Lucie Williams, daughter of Mr. E. Williams.

## PRISTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES HARVEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BAILEY ... .. 4
LESLIE B. COLES... .. 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD... .. 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 3	LEE BATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. N. Rutter.

## SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.

## THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1938, in Three Hours and 1 en Minutes,

At Christ Church, FRIEZLAND,

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

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE DAWSON ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR FARRAND ... .. 4
*FRANK WHITE ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BENNETT ... .. 5
HARRY NUTT ... .. 3	JOHN E. FIELDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE DAWSON.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled for the late Mr. Fred Gartside, conductor of the above company.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 25, 1938, in Two Hours and 1 1/2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY N. HARRISON ... Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 4
HARRY PARKER ... .. 2	CECIL RADDOON ... .. 5
*HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Parker, and on the wedding anniversary of the conductor's parents.

## SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 39 methods:—

- (1) Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay and Dover Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone and Ely Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Marple and Taxal Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Braintree and Humber Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight.
- (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Treble	†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
JOHN WORTH ... .. 2	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
*THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	*ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 39 methods. † 100th peal and 25th as conductor. One hundred and ten changes of method. A 21st birthday compliment to J. Whittaker.

## SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With four variations of calling.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*G. T. BELL ... .. Treble	*E. DURRANT ... .. 4
*W. C. DUFFIELD ... .. 2	*W. C. MEDLER ... .. 5
H. C. READ ... .. 3	G. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

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

## DEATH OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

## SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR 46 YEARS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. William T. Cockerill, who passed away on Tuesday morning at his residence, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, London, after a short illness.

Mr. Cockerill rang as usual at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday week, but on the way home he had a slight fall. He did not appear to have injured himself in any way, but after reaching home he became unwell. Last week, however, he appeared to be holding his own, but suddenly collapsed during Monday night and died early on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Cockerill would have been 79 years of age had he lived to the 13th of this month. Two sons and a daughter are left in bereavement, Mrs. Cockerill having died in 1931.

Born at Frodingham, Yorks, Mr. Cockerill came to London in his youth in the teaching profession. For many years he was headmaster of a L.C.C. school in the Victoria district, retiring about 13 years ago.

It was only in November that he retired from the office of hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths after 46 years' service, and as recently as March 1st received the second part of a testimonial in appreciation of his great work for the society. Following upon a cheque for £50 presented to him at the tercentenary dinner, he was the recipient of a gold watch.

Mr. Cockerill's services to the Ancient Society were not only long and honourable, but an example of loyalty and devotion to duty. For two generations he has been an outstanding figure in London ringing circles, and, although his death has come at a ripe age, it will be mourned by many friends. He was for a long period a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral company, and many years ago succeeded the late Mr. James Pettit as conductor. He was the first to ring the tenor of St. Paul's single-handed, which he did in 1896 when he turned this 52 cwt. bell in to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, one of the greatest ringing feats of all time. In 1907 he was the first man to turn in the 53 cwt. tenor at Bow Church, Cheapside. Among other celebrated performances in which he took part was a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1913, and in 1917, at his own home, he rang the tenors to Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted on handbells.

Mr. Cockerill had represented the Ancient Society of College Youths on the Central Council continuously since 1893, and was a member of the Standing Committee.

The funeral service will be held on Monday. The time and place will be announced in the 'Daily Telegraph' to-morrow (Saturday).

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CHANGE IN GUILDFORD DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

A very successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Godalming on Saturday, March 26th, and was attended by 35 ringers. The members made the acquaintance of Canon Hone, the new Vicar, who was formerly president of the Barnsley and District Association, and, at the customary service, he gave the Guild a warm welcome. With Mrs. Hone he joined the members at tea, and afterwards presided at the business meeting.

Mr. George Grover, who is shortly taking over the duties of hon. secretary of the Guild, relinquished the office of district secretary and is succeeded by Mr. Cope, of Guildford, who was unfortunately prevented from being present, having been called away by illness in his family.

Thanks to Canon Hone, the organist, Mr. C. Childs and the Godalming ringers were proposed by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the able direction of the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. E. Smith), and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At Wayside, NARBOROUGH ROAD.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE... .. 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 5-6	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 25, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANGUS W. ROBSON ... .. 1-2	ALBERT FRANCIS SERGENT ... .. 3-4
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RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Witnesses—P. J. Boulsover and M. H. Mosley.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## IRISH ASSOCIATION.

### FORTY YEARS AS HONORARY SECRETARY.

#### Presentation to Mr. Gabriel Lindoff.

Eighty ringers from all over Ireland attended the annual meeting of the Irish Association, held in the White Horse Hotel, Drogheda, on St. Patrick's Day, when, in recognition of his long and devoted service, a gold watch and an illuminated address were presented to Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who has been the hon. secretary of the association since its foundation 40 years ago. The president, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.O., in making the presentation, paid a very high tribute to Mr. Lindoff for his untiring work in holding the association together.

Mr. F. E. Dukes, M.I.E.T., hon. secretary of the Presentation Committee, read a few of the many letters of praise received from Ireland and England.

Mr. Lindoff heartily thanked all for their great kindness to him in making such a presentation. He said it was the greatest of pleasure for him to work for the interest of bellringing as a whole.

The address was worded as follows:—

#### TO GABRIEL LINDOFF, ESQ.,

To mark the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, of which you are one of the founders, we, the members and friends of the association, take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation and esteem of your untiring work and devotion in the office of hon. secretary, an office held by you since its inception.

It is our earnest prayer and wish that you may be spared for many years still to carry on the office which you have so ably filled.

We ask you to accept the accompanying gold watch as a small token of our admiration and regard.

We are, on behalf of the subscribers,

R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., President.  
J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I., Chairman.  
F. E. Dukes, Hon. Secretary.  
T. McMorran, Hon. Treasurer.

Then follow the names of the subscribers.

In the course of the business which followed the accounts were adopted. They showed a satisfactory balance on the right side of over £7, while the Bell Restoration Fund showed a balance in hand of £61.

#### THE ATTENDANCE SHIELD.

The annual report noted a certain amount of slackness in the competition for the attendance shield. Very few attendance sheets were received, and it was hoped there would be an improvement in the coming year, Sunday service ringing being one of the principal objects of the association.

Peal ringing also had been very slack during the past few years, and were it not for the Northern Branch and visitors there would have been nothing to report in that way. As it is, some 14 peals were added to the list, three by the Northern Branch, on which congratulations were offered, and eleven by visiting ringers.

Before this association started only two peals had been rung in Ireland previously; both at Waterford. Now the total is well over 150, of which the association claimed 144. Surely a sign that the association had been the cause of great improvement in ringing throughout the country. There was room for greater improvement, and the report asked members to put their shoulders to the wheel.

During the past year Lurgan bells had been rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the ringing room greatly improved, and the ringers had joined the Northern Branch. The bells of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, are at present under repair by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and should be ringing again shortly.

The total number of members on the books is 315.

A report from the Northern Branch said:—

Where the towers are far apart it is very difficult to arrange dates for practice or meetings that are convenient and this is the primary cause for the few peal attempts.

Service ringing is very good and there change ringing has played a big part. In most of the churches Sunday service ringing is near 100 per cent.

Good bands at Lurgan and Enniskillen are making progress in the art, and though to them it may sometimes seem slow, and must necessarily be so without professional assistance, yet when they look back they will find that steady improvement is being made.

There are a number of towers still where change ringing should be practised, but this will come as other bands progress.

They were particularly fortunate that nearly all the bells in the North were in good condition, even though they were widely spaced. During recent years the bells at Ballymena (8), Derry (10), Enniskillen (10) and Lurgan (8) had been put in good condition. At Carrickfergus also the bells go well.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I.; hon. secretary, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes, M.I.E.T.; hon. treasurer, Mr. D. Gibson; Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C.

The new office of assistant hon. secretary was created at the request of Mr. Lindoff. He was desirous to have a young man for the position, so that in the event of Mr. Lindoff having to give up there would be somebody already trained to be able to step into the position

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## PEAL NOTES.

### A REMARKABLE 'CENTURY.'

Thirty-nine methods were spliced into a peal of Treble Bob Minor, rung at Sutton, Cheshire, on Saturday. It was Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis' one hundredth peal and his twenty-fifth as conductor. It was a 'coming of age' compliment to one of the band, Mr. Joseph Whittaker.

Mr. Lewis' 'century' is a remarkable one. His 44 peals of Minor have been rung in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 30, 35, 36, 39, 40, 42, 46, 52, 66, 68 and 73 methods. Of these he has conducted 19, including the peal in 73 methods.

He has rung only three peals of Triples and two of Caters, but the 44 peals of Major include 13 of Bristol Surprise, 11 of Cambridge and seven of London. The total is completed by one peal of Doubles and six of Royal.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, the first on the bells at Scotton, Norfolk, was Mr. H. C. Read's 40th peal.

Mr. T. E. Sone, who makes quite a hobby of calling new compositions, on March 19th conducted a peal of Treble Bob by Mr. Arthur Knights, the 70th by that composer which he could claim was 'rung for the first time.' It was a 6,144, reduced to 5,056, and was the 98th one-part peal that he has called.

The induction of the Rev. N. Rutter, at Priston, Somerset, was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Doubles on March 20th, and after the peal the new incumbent went to the tower to thank the ringers.

The first peal on the bells at Bampton, Oxfordshire, since they were overhauled by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, was rung on March 19th by an Appleton band. Six members of the White family took part in the peal, and the method was Grandsire Triples.

Prior to taking part in a peal of Minor in three methods at Burgh, Suffolk, on March 18th, Miss Daisy Andrews had not rung a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of which were among the seven included in the peal.

#### BEACONSFIELD VICAR RINGS BEACONSFIELD SURPRISE.

Five Beaconsfield ringers, including the Vicar and two ladies, took part, in their own tower, in a peal of Beaconsfield Surprise Major on Saturday. It was Mr. Harry Wingrove's one hundredth peal as conductor, and his total includes 15 different Surprise Major methods.

Mr. Charles Marshall rang his first peal of Major as conductor at Enderby, Leicestershire, on March 17th, as well as his first peal of Bob Major. It was really an achievement, for he has had little practice at calling, and he only received the figures of the composition by telephone 24 hours before the peal.

It is interesting to note that the two 'colts' in the band, Messrs. J. L. Willars and J. E. Clarke, rang their first peal of Bob Major together 29 years ago.

A birthday compliment to Messrs. Allen Weatherly and Harry T. Chandler was offered in a peal of Grandsire Doubles in which they took part at Egguckland, Devon, on March 18th.

A peal in five Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on Saturday. The bells were half-muffled as a tribute to the late Capt. A. W. Higgs, a prominent townsman and Deputy Coroner for South Staffordshire.

Two members of the students' company at Kelham Theological College have, with Mr. R. Narborough, rung another peal of Bob Minor on handbells. It was accomplished on Friday, March 25th, and the two witnesses are also students. One of the latter, Mr. M. H. Mosley, is son of the Lord Bishop of Southwell. After the peal, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, with the assistance of Mr. F. A. Salter.

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## IRISH ASSOCIATION.

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of hon. secretary. Mr. F. E. Dukes was selected by a majority over the only other candidate, Mr. W. H. Wilson.

It was agreed, on the recommendation of the committee, to raise the annual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 3d. per member in order that the annual report may be printed in book form for distribution to members.

Mr. Lindoff promised to have ready for publication next autumn a pamphlet containing 'Hints on Bellringing, Good Striking and Change Ringing,' to be sold to members.

The Murphy Striking Cup was presented to Mr. J. C. Cherry, who received it on behalf of St. Patrick's Cathedral team, winners of the striking contest held prior to the meeting. Other competing teams were Christ Church Cathedral, St. George's 'A' and 'B' and St. Saviour's (Arklow).

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, were winners of the Attendance Shield for 1937, with 100 per cent. attendance marks.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Stewart, M.A., Rector, for his kindness in placing the bells at the disposal of the visitors, to which he suitably replied.

A luncheon had been held prior to the meeting, at which the attendance included Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C., Mr. J. C. Cherry, F.R.C.S.I., the Rev. Stewart, Mrs. G. Dukes, Messrs. W. Pratt (secretary, Northern Branch), D. Gibson, J. Henly, F. E. Dukes, M.I.E.T., D. Kennedy, J. B. Tough, R. Kieran, W. Lynch, T. McMorran, H. Collins, W. Wilson, J. Atkinson, R. Tait, etc.

During the day the bells of St. Peter's Parish Church were at the disposal of the ringers and were made great use of until a late hour.



**PEAL NOTES.**

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The work which Mr. Sargent is putting in among his fellow-students at Kelham is having an effect, also, among the ringers in Nottingham, where handbell ringing is being taken up at both towers.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was to have been attempted at Drayton, Somerset, on Saturday, to enable some of the local men to score their first peal on eight bells. A serious case of illness, however, prevented the bells being rung, but the Vicar of the adjoining parish of Curry Rivel kindly came to the rescue and gave permission at short notice for the peal to be rung at his church. The attempt was successful and the thanks of the band are extended to the Vicar of Curry Rivel and Mr. W. Proles for their kindness.

A peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the retirement of Police-Sergeant Peter Crook from the Bolton Borough Police Force was rung at Holy Trinity, Bolton, where Mr. Crook is leader, on March 25th. On Saturday his police colleagues paid him a compliment by ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters in his honour at Worsley.

The peal at Bolton was also a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer, Mr. J. W. Kay's, fiancée.

On Saturday, the 73rd birthday of Mr. Walter E. Brittan was celebrated with a peal of Stedman Caters at Wednesbury, Staffs, and the 74th birthday of Mr. William Green was honoured with a peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley. The latter was also a birthday compliment for another Staffordshire veteran, Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley. It was, too, Mr. Henry Hubball's fiftieth peal.

Another interesting birthday peal was rung at Standish, Lancs, on Saturday, as a compliment to Mr. John Booth on reaching the age of 60 years. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were 'fired,' and afterwards Mr. and Miss Booth entertained the ringers and their wives to tea.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob in the Fylde—that part of Lancashire in which Blackpool is situated—was rung at Lytham on March 19th.

Mr. Leslie G. Brett called a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the first time on March 19th. It was arranged for Mr. James Bennett, of London, and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Whiting on the 30th anniversary of their wedding. The two James Bennetts in the peal are uncle and nephew.

The quarterly peal of the Dudley and District Guild was rung on March 19th at Coseley, as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Gough, who has been a ringer at Coseley for a number of years, but who, through ill-health, was not able to take part.

The Saddleworth company, Yorkshire, have lost by death their treble ringer and conductor, Mr. Fred Gartside, and they rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in his memory on March 22nd.

**SUFFOLK'S LATEST ACQUISITION.****A GRAND OCTAVE AT HOLLESLEY.**

For many centuries the fine-looking tower of Hollesley Church, Suffolk, has housed three bells, one, a pre-Reformation bell, having been cracked for a long time. These have now been replaced by a noble octave with a tenor of 17 cwt., the gift of Sir John and Lady Jervis-White-Jervis, in commemoration of their golden wedding on August 9th, 1937. The bells were cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who have produced a magnificent peal. Sir John and Lady Jervis-White-Jervis also undertook the complete restoration of the tower, which work has been thoroughly carried out by Mr. Charles Mee, of Sproughton, one of Suffolk's veteran ringers.

The complete work was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans on Saturday, March 26th. Sir John and Lady Jervis-White-Jervis were present at the ceremony, and a shortened evensong was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Wicks). The church was packed to overflowing and over 50 ringers came to share in the day's festivities in their traditional manner. They enjoyed themselves to the full and Sir John kindly provided refreshments.

The opening touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Mee (conductor) 1, A. Nichols 2, F. Fisher 3, W. Ward 4, E. Rivers 5, C. J. Sedgley 6, F. Rolfe 7, C. Fisher 8.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr. E. D. Taylor, the founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

It will not be surprising if these bells are in demand for peal ringing, the new ringers' room is ideal and the band which cannot strike these bells cannot strike any. Outside the sound is nice and level, demonstrating in no small manner one of the advantages of placing the bells well below the window openings.

Later in the evening the visitors met for a convivial hour, the handbell ringing creating quite an interest amongst the locals.

**VETERAN ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Walter Clark, of Loughton, Essex. He passed away on March 14th at the age of 82 years, after only a few days' illness. It was Mr. Clark who introduced change ringing to St. John the Baptist's Church, Loughton, over 50 years ago, and, except for the war period, it has continued ever since. He rang over 20 peals, his first at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, in 1887.

He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths as well as of the Essex Association.

On Thursday, March 17th, the Loughton bells were rung half-muffled. The funeral took place in Loughton Cemetery on Friday, March 18th, when handbells were rung at the graveside by four of deceased's fellow-ringers.

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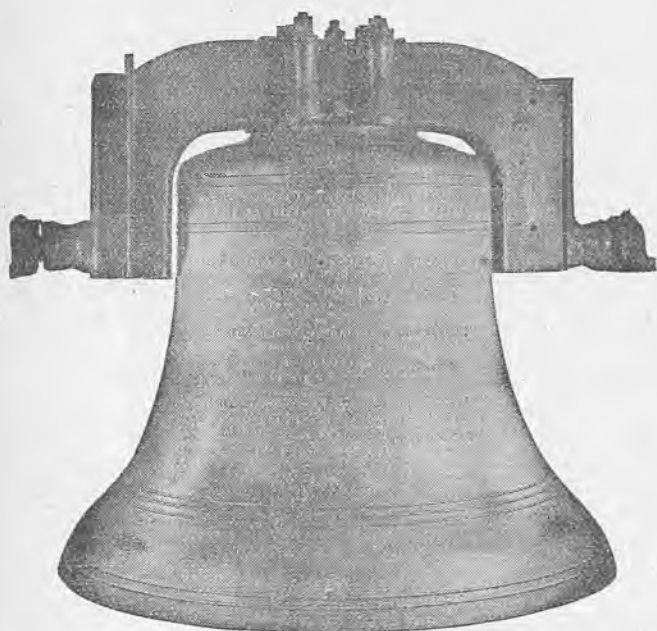
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Ryde, I.O.W., who celebrated his 95th birthday on Monday last, March 28th. The veteran of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is still on the active service list at All Saints' Parish Church, Ryde.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. H. Greig, first Bishop of the new Diocese of Guildford, died on Monday at the age of 73. He retired in 1934. He was the first president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Peter Crook, who has just retired after completing 30 years in the Bolton Borough Force, holds the Long Service and Jubilee decorations. He can also boast of the interesting record of not having been late for duty on a single occasion. It would be well if some ringers would emulate this example in connection with their ringing. Mr. Crook has been for some years hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association.

We understand that the 'Pipe and Fiddler' at Hollesley, Suffolk, is not a place 'within the meaning,' but a meaning within the place where a pretty dart is thrown.

An error crept into the report of the annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild last week. Mr John Goodman was re-elected hon. treasurer and not Mr. Herbert Sheppard, who was re-elected hon. secretary.

## CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

In order to perpetuate the memory of the late president of the Lancashire Association (Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A.), it has been decided to open a fund for the purpose of erecting a stained glass window, of suitable design, in St. George's Church, Bolton, where he was Vicar for so many years. The window is to be fixed over the font near the parish memorial.

It is hoped that generous support will be accorded to this appeal and so show appreciation of all that Canon Elsee did for the association in particular and the Exercise in general.

The fund will be closed on July 31st, and contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rev. Arthur Scott, President, St. Luke's Rectory, Miles Platting, Manchester, 10.

## THE OLDEST COMPLETE RING.

### IPSWICH PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your report of the Cumberlands' dinner, the president of the Central Council appears as saying that the bells of St. Bartholomew, Smithfield, are the only complete ring of five pre-Reformation bells in the country. But in St. Lawrence's Church, Ipswich, we have five pre-Reformation bells in excellent order, which are still rung in changes every Sunday and practice day.

The second bell is the oldest, and was cast by Henry Jordan, of Loughborough, who lived in Bishopsgate, London, where his will, dated 1468, was proved.

The third, fourth and tenor were cast by the Brasvers, a family which came from Nottingham, and settled in Norwich, where they were bellfounders from about 1450 to 1513.

The latest bell is, as we might expect, the treble. This was cast at the Bury Foundry, which flourished in this county from about 1451 to 1533.

I do not know if this ring is older than those at Smithfield, Cambridge or Crowland. I fancy that it dates from the fifteenth century, while the others only date from the sixteenth. But it certainly is the only pre-Reformation set of bells now ringing the changes it was made for over 400 years ago.

Ufford, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## DEATH OF MR. GEORGE J. SMITH.

### AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George J. Smith, of Highbury, on Thursday, March 24th, after a short illness. After having undergone an operation in the Royal Northern Hospital, he was removed to a nursing home, where he remained for a fortnight slowly sinking. Mr. Smith died of cancer of the pancreas.

Born at Hackney on August 31st, 1866, Mr. Smith came of a bell-ringing family, and he had been a ringer himself for nearly 50 years.

His brother, Mr. William D. Smith, was a ringer at the Parish Church of St. John-at-Hackney from 1871 until he left London a few years ago; his father had been a ringer for about 30 years, and his grandfather had been one for a period of over half a century. A remarkable succession of service by members of the same family.

Mr. George Smith took part in one of the early peals at St. Paul's Cathedral and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 50 years.

He was a member of the band of ringers who rang a bachelors' peal of Stedman Cinques, 5,019 changes, on February 7th, 1891, at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, which was conducted by Mr. Francis E. Dawe.

He leaves a widow and two daughters in bereavement.

The funeral took place on Monday, March 28th, the interment being at Highgate Cemetery.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—12.

### WILLIAM BARTON.

One of the features of Yorkshire peal ringing is the 'spread over' of the conducting. In the last year of the Yorkshire Association's records, for instance, 41 conductors shared 89 peals. It is an encouraging sign. Among those, however, who in recent years have stood out conspicuously among Yorkshire conductors has been Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, who was elected first Peal Secretary of the Yorkshire Association 17 years ago and still fills the office.

Mr. Barton was born at Pudsey and began ringing there just prior to the war. At that time Pudsey had a good band, which, under the leadership of Mr. Pratt Cordingley, had progressed beyond the conventional Treble Bob of the West Riding, and which afterwards became famous, not so much for prolific peal ringing, although peals were scored in all the standard Surprise Major methods, as for the regular ringing of Surprise methods for Sunday services and for the help they gave in popularising Surprise ringing in the district. Mr. Barton, who rang his first peal in February, 1916—Superlative Surprise on an 'inside' bell—showed an early aptitude for conducting, and Mr. Cordingley, a good conductor himself, gradually, such is his nature, let his understudy take the reins.

After the war, Mr. Barton was the appointed conductor of the band and called his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, on Nov. 1st, 1919. He followed this up by calling a peal of Superlative from an 'inside' bell. Altogether he has rung 175 peals and conducted 101, but he has not yet rung a peal of Minor or Doubles. He called the first peals of Bristol and Pudsey Surprise in Yorkshire.

Mr. Barton is a skilful handbell ringer, and among the 36 peals 'in hand' which he has called were the first of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major for the Yorkshire Association. He also took part in 'silent' handbell peals of Double Norwich Major and Kent Treble Bob Royal, both of which are believed to be the first in the methods ever rung non-conducted double-handed. Except for a peal of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob, called at Bushey, for the Hertford County Association, all Mr. Barton's peals have been rung for the Yorkshire Association.

Throughout his ringing career Mr. Barton has been attached to St. Lawrence's tower, Pudsey, and for a period during the war he was hon. secretary of the Leeds and District Society.

**Next Week : Mr. George F. Swann.**

## A WARWICKSHIRE RESTORATION.

### LINK WITH 1874 OPENING.

Situated three miles from Southam, which lies on the main road from Rugby to Banbury, is the Warwickshire village of Bishop's Itchington, quiet and unspoiled by the march of civilisation. The church, dating from 1300, possesses a peal of five bells installed by Taylors, of Loughborough, in 1874. Having given over 60 years of service, the bell fittings had become the worse for wear, and it was decided to have the peal rehung, the bells quarter-turned and tuned and the framework strengthened. The work included entirely new fittings.

The bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, March 26th, the local ringers taking on the pleasurable duty of ringing during and immediately after the service. Mr. Cowley, father of one of the churchwardens, rang on the bells at their installation in 1874; at the advanced age of 93 years he was a very proud listener on this more recent occasion.

The Rev. E. S. Powell and Mrs. Powell, the Rev. H. G. Benson, Mr. C. Harrison (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), his offspring, Geoffrey, and a few other visitors had the pleasure of ringing on the bells, now so much improved both in tone and 'go.' The local band are delighted at the ease with which the bells can now be rung.



MR. WILLIAM BARTON.

## THE STATE OF LONDON RINGING. SOME OF THE REASONS FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is a good thing that the question of the state of London ringing has been raised, and it would be a good thing, also, if the men who are leaders and influence other people would study the history of the London Exercise and try and understand the causes of things being what they are. There are many and some of them go back through the ages, even to pre-Reformation times. I will mention one or two.

(1) Ringers have never been given a recognised position in the Church's organisation. The clerk was supposed to see after the ringing and he employed whom he would. The ringing societies were purely secular, independent bodies, not connected with any particular church.

(2) Service ringing is a modern innovation. Until comparatively recent times ringing (as distinct from chiming) was considered a secular thing and unsuited for ordinary Sunday use.

(3) The reform movement of the last century, which gave us our territorial associations, completely failed in London. The reason was partly because it had no leaders there, but chiefly because it was strongly opposed by the old societies. They considered (with some justification) that they had no need of reformation and held to their old traditions.

We have had lately a good deal of talk about these old traditions, but I wonder how many people have stopped to think what they actually are, good and bad. One is that the members owe their loyalty to their society, not to any church or local band. If you were a College Youth you had to be first and last a College Youth. So far as the society could do it, you were prevented from having anything to do with outside ringers, and any band within the society who met at a particular tower by themselves was looked upon as a clique and the thing was discouraged.

Mr. Lewis tells us that the College Youths are not exclusive, but, so far as they are true to their traditions and their past, they are exclusive and must be so.

The territorial associations ask for no such loyalty from their members, and they would not get it if they did. They are federations of a number of independent bands, and the member's loyalty is first to his own band and church and, through them, to the association.

Which is the better—a number of independent, more or less weak and struggling bands, or a strong centralised society which controls several towers and can visit them in turn, always sure of having a full band and good ringing? There is much to be said for both, but the two are opposites. You will get better ringing with a centralised society, but you won't get the bells rung regularly for church services. Making up a band to visit a tower one Sunday evening a month does not meet the case and does nothing towards that recognition of 'ringers as churchworkers' which all the associations profess to have as their object; and not seldom it weakens other bands.

In judging what I have written you must remember two things. One is the large number of what, for want of a better word, I call nominal members of the old societies, who are men who imperfectly share the societies' traditions. The other is the fact that you can get a band for a tower under any ordinary conditions if you pay them, but that proves nothing about what you can do if you don't pay them.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## A SOCIETY FOR ALL LONDON.

### CRITICISM OF MR. J. E. BAILEY'S SPEECH.

Dear Sir,—Although I am very reluctant to trespass upon your columns, I cannot neglect to say how very distressed I am that Mr. J. E. Bailey should consider it necessary to insult an old-established ringing association, of which I am proud to be an officer, in his speech at the Cumberland Youths' dinner.

The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was originally formed to provide a common meeting ground for members of both the Cumberland and the College Youths. Its area of operation and influence embraces the whole of the administrative county of London within a radius of ten miles from headquarters (the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand). The Northern District comprises the N.W., N., E.C. and E. postal districts, and the Southern District the S.E., S.W., W. and W.C. postal districts. It seems to me, therefore, somewhat superfluous to talk of forming a society that would embrace the whole of London for ringing purposes.

If I may be permitted a rather strong expression, I consider that Mr. Bailey appears from your report of the proceedings to have talked generally from the back of his hat about matters with which he is none too well acquainted. What on earth does it matter how many societies a ringer joins, or what concern is it of anyone if he (or she) rings a peal every evening of the week in six different counties? Such a state of affairs would certainly show enthusiasm, and surely the most that can be demanded of any ringer is that he (or she) satisfies his (or her) own conscience regarding Sunday ringing.

I feel that the Exercise should be informed that, in the neighbourhood in which Mr. Bailey resides, there is a very great deal of bitter feeling between certain individual ringers and the companies of certain towers as a whole. Let that neighbourhood first put its own

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION SECRETARY WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on March 19th, and was a very enjoyable and successful gathering. Members were present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's and Ranmoor, Eastwood, Doncaster, Arksey, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Felkirk, Wath, Leeds, Norton, Bolsover and Eckington, and it is worth recording that, of 45 present at tea, 41 names were sent in. A very welcome visitor whom everyone was pleased to see was the president of the association, Canon C. C. Marshall. Owing to other engagements, he had to leave before the business meeting was held, and, in reply to a welcome extended to him by Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president), he said how very much he had enjoyed being with them, if only for a few hours. He especially thanked the officers of the Southern Division for all they did on behalf of the association.

At the business meeting, held after tea, the Rector of Handsworth (the Rev. Canon Baker) kindly took the chair, and, later in the meeting, the members had the pleasure of electing him an honorary member of the association, and Miss Trezise, of Rawmarsh, and Mr. G. P. Felstead as performing members.

For the annual joint meeting of the societies in the Southern Division an invitation was given by the Rector of Barnsley to hold the meeting at that place, and this was gratefully accepted. The date was fixed for June 18th next.

Previous to the election of officers, the vice-president said how pleased they all were to see the secretary (Mr. F. Clark) back in his usual place. They hoped he had fully recovered from the illness which kept him away from the previous meeting. It was his privilege to tell them that the secretary had withdrawn his decision to retire from his position, and he had great pleasure in proposing that he be re-elected, with the best thanks of them all for the services he had given them during his 17 years as secretary.—This was seconded and carried with applause.

In reply, the secretary thanked them all very sincerely for all the kind things said about him. He hoped he would still have the generous support and friendship which had been extended to him for so many years, and which made his position such a happy one.

### OLD MEMBERS RESIGN OFFICE.

It was with very great regret that the resignations of two old members of the committee, Mr. G. Holmes, of Sheffield, and Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster, were received. Mr. Holmes on account of ill-health and advancing years, and Mr. Halksworth on account of removing from Doncaster to Scarborough. High tribute was paid to both these old and valued members for the many years of service to the association, Mr. Holmes for 37 years and Mr. Halksworth as Ringing Master of the Southern Division for 20 years and on the General Committee for four years.

It was decided to record on the minutes the very deep appreciation of the members for all they had done for the association over a period of so many years, and the secretary was asked to convey this expression to them, with the hope that although they had retired from office, the members would still have the pleasure of seeing them at some of the meetings and continuing the old friendship which had extended over so many years.

Mr. A. Gill (Wath), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley) and Mr. J. L. Gilbert (Handsworth) were elected to the committee. Mr. Gilbert was also elected to the General Committee in place of Mr. Holmes. For the other vacancy on the General Committee, caused by Mr. Halksworth's resignation, Mr. A. Staveley, of Doncaster, and Mr. D. Smith, of Felkirk, were nominated, and, on a vote being taken, Mr. Staveley was elected for a period of two years.

It is worthy of note that both Mr. Staveley and Mr. Gilbert are very young men, and it is gratifying to know that they are sufficiently interested in the work of the association to take over the responsibility of office at an early age and train themselves to carry on the association's work, when some of the older members have to give up.

An appeal from Mr. Amos, of Northampton, for the fund for augmenting the bells of St. Andrew's, was read and a collection realised 10s. 6d.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, to the ladies for tea and to the local company were heartily carried, and replied to by Canon Baker, Mr. Watkinson and Mr. Gilbert on their behalf.

## THE STATE OF LONDON RINGING.

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house in order, and, when that is done, London ringing circles may be enabled to follow the good example.

May I, in conclusion, say that the officers of my association are giving the question of Sunday ringing in London towers their very earnest attention and that co-operation and not carping criticism is looked for from every London ringer.

The Exercise did not appear to be aware of the existence of the London County Association, so may I offer a very hearty welcome to any person, who hears of it for the first time, to a meeting of the Southern District, which takes place at Wandsworth on April 2nd? All ringers are welcome, whether they are College Youths, Cumberlands, good strikers or bad, whether they ring rounds or Spliced Surprise. Vagabonds, however, are reminded that Wandsworth is famous for its prison as well as its bells.

P. A. CORBY, Master, Southern District.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT MEMBERS' SUPPORT LACKING.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday week at West Hartlepool, about 20 members being present from Newcastle, Gateshead, Fenham, Chester-le-Street, Durham, Sunderland, Darlington, Middlesbrough and Saltburn.

Ringling on the beautiful ten-bell peal of St. Oswald's was enjoyed, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent and Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

A substantial tea awaited the ringers in the Mission Hall and afterwards a short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Lilburn).

After the loyal toast, the chairman welcomed the president (Mr. J. Pollard) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. Reed) of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and another old friend in Mr. T. Metcalfe. He also welcomed the officers of the Northern, Southern and Western Districts and expressed his thanks for the support of those members of the Eastern District who were present.

Mr. Metcalf proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Rev. T. H. Lilburn, in reply, said he always welcomed the ringers to West Hartlepool. He appreciated what was done by them and by his own ringers.

Mr. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea. It was proposed that the next meeting be a joint one with the Western District at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 7th.

After the meeting the belfry was again visited.

It was a most happy meeting and all had their full share at the ropes, but again it is to be deplored that many members of the Eastern District fail to support these meetings.

## LADIES' GUILD.

### A LONDON HEADQUARTERS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's, Erith, and was fairly well attended. A very short but interesting service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Thornhill, who welcomed and thanked the Guild for coming to his church.

After tea at the new Parish Hall a short business meeting was held. Mrs. Deal presiding.

The date proposed for the outing to Dunstable at the last meeting has had to be postponed to a Saturday in September by the wishes of the Vicar, who, unfortunately, was unable to meet the Guild in June.

Seven new members were proposed by Miss Snowden and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher. These had been recruited mainly by the efforts of Miss S. Bowyer, of Ipswich, and are as follows: Miss E. Reeves (Ipswich), Misses E. Caton, A. Osborne and D. Andrews (Mistley, Essex), Mrs. L. Wright (Colchester), Mrs. R. Ronee (Frinton-on-Sea), and Miss V. Frost (Weeley, Essex).

May 7th was confirmed as the date of the annual meeting, and October 1st proposed as the date for the following meeting, this to be held at Beaconsfield.

Mrs. Fletcher made a proposal, which has the consent of the Rector, that St. George's-in-the-Borough, London, should now become the headquarters in London of the Ladies' Guild. This being so, efforts will be made to arrange a rota for Sunday ringing at least six times during the year, and any members who will promise at least one Sunday during the year should send their names to Mrs. Fletcher to further these arrangements.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his presence at tea, to the organist, to the ladies who were kind enough to arrange the tea, especially Sister Allen, and to Mr. F. Cullum, who made all the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Further ringing afterwards took place, this being of a very high standard and including spliced Surprise.

## SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### SCHEME FOR RECRUITING YOUNG RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society took place at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, over 50 members and friends attending. Full use was made of the beautiful light peal of ten bells. A splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall by the local company.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) presided. He said he quite realised the difficulty in getting new ringers in the belfries, but he had a suggestion given to him by his daughter, who was not a ringer, who thought it would be a good thing to form a guild of old choirboys, from which, no doubt, some might be attracted to the belfry.

The suggestion was discussed and met with approval as a step in the right direction in helping to solve the problem of getting more ringers in the belfries.

The Vicar also suggested an open day for members of the congregation to visit the belfry to see how the bells were rung and create an interest which was in many cases needed.

The balance sheet was presented and passed.

It was decided to hold a six-bell ringing contest in July, the arrangements being left in the hands of the hon. secretary.

Six new members were elected and the usual votes of thanks were extended to all concerned. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. took place in the tower.



## ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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### VIEWS ON POSITION OF LONDON RINGING.

#### Round Table Conference Suggestion Welcomed.

Reference to the position of ringing in London was made in all the speeches at the dinner of the Royal Cumberland Youths, which followed those reported in our last issue.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild), replying, with Mr. E. H. Lewis, to the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' referred first to the broadcasts from St. Martin's, agreed that the ringers were wise to stick to Caters. The only complaint he had was not against the ringers, but against the B.B.C., who failed to let the public hear the whole course of what was being rung. They faded the bells in just towards the end, which was disappointing. Mr. Coles went on to refer to the broadcast last November by the president of the Central Council who likened membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths to membership of the M.C.C. in cricket. There were, said Mr. Coles, a few heartburnings about that, but, after all, what did it matter? He was talking about it, just after the broadcast, to a ringer who was also a cricketer, and he replied, 'What does it matter, any decent county side can whack the M.C.C.' (laughter).

#### WHERE THE 'FREE-LANCE' HELPED.

There had recently, continued Mr. Coles, been some instructive leading articles in 'The Ringing World,' and in one of them the Editor had spoken about the silent bells of London. It was not so easy a problem as some people thought; the position was due, in a great measure, to the bells and the condition of the towers, but one of the biggest problems was the number of ringers. It was undoubtedly true that in London there were far more bells than ringers, and it was difficult to find ringers for one belfry without depleting another, and it was here that the free-lance ringer was frequently of use. He had nothing to say against the free lance. Occasionally he was asked to ring in a London tower, and he found that on such occasions the unattached ringer was a very useful person. He (Mr. Coles) would be very uncomfortable if he felt that, in finding ringers for one church, he was taking them away from another. It was much better in such cases to use these free-lance ringers.

With regard to the suggested round table conference between London societies, he thought some good might come of it. At any rate it would do no harm, and, speaking as far as he was able for the association he represented, he could say they would be very glad to join in (applause). Something had been said, continued Mr. Coles, about old rules and traditions. He was not sure that the old 'friendly' spirit of rivalry of the days gone by was any good to them in these days. It often led to another kind of rivalry and generally ended in jealousy and bitter feeling. He felt that that spirit was not a good one. He was happy to think that bitterness and jealousy in London ringing was fast disappearing, and he suggested that that was due to the coming of the diocesan and territorial associations. With real co-operation between the London societies they might be able to overcome the great difficulties with regard to London bells. Referring to the ban on ringing at St. Bartholomew's the Great, Mr. Coles said it was difficult to believe that the tower was unsafe for ringing the bells in. He had the pleasure of ringing a peal of Grandsire Doubles there some years ago, and since then at least one attempt had been made for a peal. He could not believe that the tower had got unsafe since then. In the case mentioned by Mr. Lewis, where tact and cabot quilt had got over an objection, he would like to say that the tact was largely Mr. Lewis' own and that he and Mr. George Fletcher were mainly instrumental in removing the difficulties. On behalf of the association in whose territory the tower happened to be, he thanked them very much (applause).

#### A BERKSHIRE 'BRANCH.'

Mr. George Gilbert proposed 'The Visitors,' and, referring to the feeling that was sometimes apparent between rival organisations in London, said when they got rid of some of the die-hards in their own and other societies things would be a little more comfortable. Until these die-hards could see eye to eye a little more with some of the youth that was coming along in ringing they would still have the friction there had been for a number of years. They did not mind rivalry, but it had got to be friendly rivalry. They were hoping in July to have a Cumberland meeting in Reading. He had had most courteous letters from the people in charge of Reading belfries, and they were going to do all they could to make the visit a success—incidentally they did not belong to the Cumberland Youths. He had passed these letters on to the secretary and suggested that it would be a good thing if they could be read in some of the London towers (applause) to let them see that there was a friendliness outside of London that did not exist generally in London itself. They all knew, and they had read it in 'The Ringing World,' that there was more friction in London than there ought to be, and that it was chiefly the cause of the small amount of service ringing done in London. The suggestion of 'getting together' was very nice, but, although a few people might meet and try their hardest, they could lead a horse to water, but they could not make it drink. The Stepney Youths, some of whom were present that night, had shown what could be done in creating a band in a London tower if there was enthusiasm, and it

had been done in other places, so that it was not impossible in that great city. There were people who went about every week ringing peals in high-down methods and they ought to be ready to devote one night a week to helping a young band along (hear, hear). They would willingly go 20 miles to ring a peal, particularly if it was in a new method, but they would not go outside their own back door to give a hand to a young band where their help would be very useful. They had been fairly successful in his part of the globe, said Mr. Gilbert, and it would not be long before they had a 'branch' of the Cumberland Youths in Berkshire. They had already got about 50 members there now. Mr. Gilbert condemned the 'free lance' and said in his district one of these ringers had spoilt the ringing in three or four towers. With regard to noisy bells, Mr. Gilbert advocated efforts to quieten them before complaints were received. At Burnham they had a ring of 'pots' which were noisy outside. He blocked up the windows with cellotex, and not only had they stopped any nuisance, but the bells seemed to be better in tone than they were before. In conclusion, Mr. Gilbert extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors.

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN LONDON SOCIETIES.

Mr. J. Waugh, who replied for the visitors, offered their very best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Royal Cumberland Youths. It was a significant thing, he said, that he, a Londoner by birth and a frequenter of the city's belfries, should be addressing them as a visitor. This significance lay in two directions; firstly, it betokened the peculiar relationship which existed between the London societies, and, secondly, it was an indication of how that relationship was developing in modern times. It would, of course, be idle to pretend that it had always been a happy one, but it was easy also to over-estimate the advantages which had been thereby lost. Certainly it could not be said that the rivalry which produced such efforts as the unfortunate long peal at Southwark Cathedral and the seven thousand of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow was devoid of good results.

As he saw them, the two old societies, the College Youths and the Cumberlands, had much in common, and they served a number of purposes. Of the latter, one of the most prominent was undoubtedly the duty of providing an adequate number of sufficiently trained ringers to handle the numerous bells of London city, and it should be remembered that London possessed a large number of rings of twelve. It was often stated that there should be more local bands in the City, and it was agreed that there was justification for the remark and that much remained to be done, but at the same time a survey of the bells of the actual City was illuminating. There were 21 ringing peals, of which no less than ten were, for one reason or another, unavailable for ringing purposes. Of the remainder, six had local bands and the rest consisted of one ring of ten and four of twelve. The latter were either very heavy or possessed of peculiarities which made good striking on them a matter of great difficulty. It might be that local companies could be raised at such places, but anyone who had noticed the comparative rarity of good twelve-bell bands in even quite large provincial cities could hardly fail to recognise the enormity of such a task, and the position was aggravated by the fact that it seemed to require a certain amount of natural ability to pick up twelve-bell ringing quickly, so that the training of a good local twelve-bell band was a very considerable undertaking even under favourable conditions. In such circumstances there would be a tendency to be content with the ringing of a mere eight or ten bells at these places, and, if it became fully developed, these great rings would never be heard to their full advantage at all. It was a fact, too, that twelve-bell ringing was undoubtedly the finest form of bell music, but its being so depended entirely on the quality of striking, and of twelve bells improperly handled it could only be said that there were twelve making a noise instead of a mere six or eight.

#### OVER-RIDING BODY NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Thus there was reason for the retention and extension of the system whereby the societies did much of the official ringing in London, and as it was a joint responsibility, the question naturally arose as to whether closer co-operation would have a beneficial effect.

It was obvious that a merger or the creation of an over-riding body on similar lines to what had been done successfully at Bristol would not be acceptable, and there remained only the possibility of the removal of the present restrictions on membership and the holding of joint practices. At the present time both societies were well supported, and the only immediate result of a combination of personnel would be one large, unwieldy meeting, instead of two smaller and much more comfortable ones.

Experience had shown that large practice meetings at twelve-bell towers were generally useless for training purposes and would lead to splitting up into groups who would restrict their support to certain fixed meetings. Thus the circle would be completed and they would be back again at a very similar position to the one from which they started. It was, therefore, best that the two societies should keep themselves as separate and distinct concerns and each pursue its own course. Rivalry, of course, there was bound to be, and they must take steps to see that their two societies developed along lines of mutual tolerance and goodwill. Admittedly it was a very far cry back to that deplorable state of affairs when nothing would please the members of one society so much as the utter downfall of the other, but they had got to avoid even a tendency in that direction, and there should be frequent intermixing between the members.

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## NOTICES.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bolton Branch will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, April 2nd, instead of March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District calling.—Measham is the tower chosen for meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, and a hearty welcome awaits Loughborough District members and Birmingham friends to try this octave again. Tower open at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be arranged before tea and meeting. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton (6 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. For tea, notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Colston-Bassett on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. All come and try this grand peal, 22 cwt. tenor.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing at Holy Trinity, West Hill, 3 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. at Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Further ringing from 7 to 8.15 p.m. at All Saints', High Street.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Yelvertoft (5 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Watton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting will be held at Crawley, on Saturday, April 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bletsoe (6 bells) on Saturday, April 2nd. Short service 4.30. Tea will be arranged. You will be very welcome; come if you can.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing, April 3rd, St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, April 25th, at 6.30 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, April 26th, at 8 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: Southwark Cathedral, April 5th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 19th; St. Andrew, Holborn, 21st; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., will be provided free to all who inform Mr. R. H. Vigor, Grange Farm, Sherburn-in-Elmet, by Wednesday, April 6th. Meeting for election of officers, etc., in Church Hall after tea. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports available. A good attendance will be appreciated by the local company.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Weston Underwood on Saturday, April 9th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Porridge Pot, East Gate, at 5.15, followed by annual general business meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Brinkworth (6 bells, tenor 18 cwt.), on Saturday, April 9th. Tea by invitation of Bishop of Malmesbury. A card re tea will oblige.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Groby and Ratby on April 9th. Ringing at Groby (6 bells) 3 p.m. till 4 p.m., Ratby (8 bells) until 9.15 p.m. Service at Ratby Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Ratby Church Rooms at 5 p.m., for those sending their names to Mr. T. E. Gardner, Holwell Cottages, 70, Stamford Street, Ratby, by April 6th.—A. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Helens Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in schools. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Sec., Alness, 3, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. We are looking forward to a large company. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Shelly on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. R. Brook, Lilac Nook, Shelly, near Huddersfield, not later than Wednesday, April 6th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please do your best to attend and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but don't forget the card re tea!—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Saturday, April 9th, at Eyam. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Will those who hope to be present kindly let me have a card not later than Wednesday, April 6th, so that I can make adequate arrangements for tea?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held at Newland, near Coleford, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Village Room 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 13th, certain.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—St. Mary's Parish Church. The augmented peal of eight bells, in new steel frame and latest fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by Dr. King, assistant Bishop of Rochester, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. H. Holden, Verger, St. Mary's.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Towers open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (subject to weddings or services): St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), Belgrave (8); 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Cathedral (12). Committee meet at 3 p.m. in Church House, St. Martin's (side of Cathedral). Tea at 4.45 prompt at Oriental Cafe, Market Place, followed by general meeting. Tickets for tea must be obtained from Mr. H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester, not later than Thursday, April 14th. Only those who apply for and obtain tickets can be accommodated. All others must cater for themselves. A room will be reserved (particulars later) for social intercourse in the evening.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on East Monday. Cathedral bells (12) available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. The bells of St. Michael's, St. Stephen's and Sandridge (6 each) open by arrangement with your secretary. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with special preacher, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute. **If you want tea you must let me know, the latest by Easter Monday morning, post or phone 241.** Notice of alteration of rule: 'That the subscription be raised to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1939.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael at Coslany, and All Saints' are available. Service at noon in St. Peter Mancroft Church; preacher, the Ven. Thomas J. Perowne, Arch-

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deacon of Norwich. Luncheon at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft Parish Hall, 2s. per head to resident members. The business meeting for the election of officers for the year follows. Please notify your intention of being present at the luncheon. Kindly note subscriptions are due.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** (60th year).—Annual meeting will be held at Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 10.30 a.m. (see later announcements). Dinner 12.30, Prince's Cafe, High Street, 2s. 3d. per head. Business meeting, St. Thomas' Church Room at 2 p.m. Tea, Prince's Cafe at 4.30 p.m. Dinner and tea arrangements are provisional upon sufficient numbers, so please notify early. Annual reports for those who notify their intention to be present. Ringing again during evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Annual general meeting at Over on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., 1s. each, followed by business meeting. It is hoped that Swavesey bells (6) will also be available. No ringing allowed during the business meeting. Good train services. The 11.32 a.m. from Cambridge will stop at Swavesey by request.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—The 58th annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday, April 18th. The committee meeting will be held at 11.15 in St. John's Church Room. The association service will be held in St. John's, Margate, at noon; preacher, the Vicar, Rev. C. Tyrell. Lunch at 1 o'clock in the Artillery Drill Hall, Victoria Road, followed by the business meeting. The following are the ringing arrangements: St. John's, Margate (8), before the service and after the meeting (ringing may be curtailed in the morning owing to weddings); St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, after the meeting; St. Peter's, Thanet (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12), St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), all from 10 a.m. to 11.30 and after the meeting. Major Powell Cotton has kindly offered to open his museum to ringers after the meeting, and will all who intend going please notify me before Thursday, April 14th. All applications for luncheon tickets free to members, 3s. non-members, much reach me, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, by first post, Wednesday, April 13th, after which no application can be entertained?—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.30 p.m. prompt; chairman, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m.; special preacher, the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin's (6), all from 11 a.m. Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, April 13th. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD**.—The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch will be held at Dalwood, near Honiton, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Stockland (6). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Hall. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 23rd. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—Will all interested please book May 7th, and come in crowds to try the augmented peal! Further details of combined Gainsborough and Grimsby District meetings later.—E. J. P. Davies and H. Mingay, Dis. Secs.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**.—Mr. W. Evetts, hon. secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has removed to Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

#### GOLDEN WEDDING.

**PERKINS—DAVEY**.—On April 2nd, 1888, at the Parish Church, Little Addington, by the Rev. A. Boodle, Walter Perkins to Annie Margaret Davey. Present address, 22, Queen Street, Irthlingborough.

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#### ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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The speeches were interspersed with some delightful songs by Miss Marjorie Dawson, songs at the piano by Mr. Bernard Maurice, and change ringing on handbells. The latter included a course of Stedman Cinques by members of the society, a course of Grandsire Caters by the Stepney Youths, and a course of Double Norwich Major.

#### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Bullock 1, W. G. Paul 2, C. Kazer (first quarter-peal) 3, H. L. Long 4, A. G. Dix 5, F. Crook 6, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 7, H. G. Cashmore 8.

**STEPNEY**.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service at St. Dunstan's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, G. W. Cecil 2, H. A. Pinchbeck 3, J. A. Waugh 4, T. G. Fox 5, L. J. Fox 6, H. E. Thompson 7, R. G. Cousins 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, J. H. Boomsma 10. First quarter-peal on ten bells by ringers of 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10.



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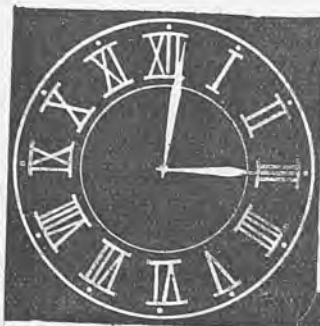
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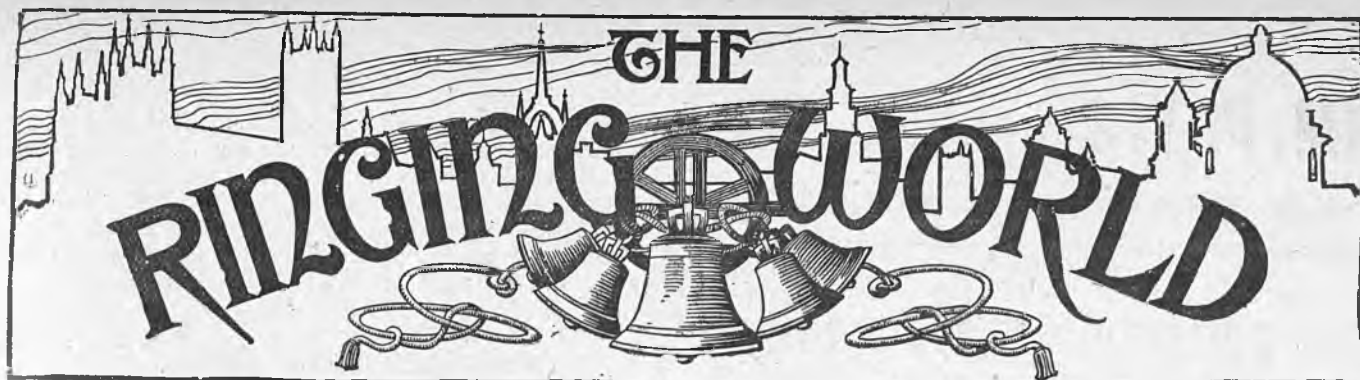
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The scheme which has been put forward is the establishment of a guild of old choirboys, in order to retain their interest in church work after they are no longer able to take their places in the choir, and thus try to get them into the belfry as a means of maintaining touch with the church and continuing their service. Such an organisation should prove of considerable value, and we hope it may be copied elsewhere. There are, of course, a number of churches where bands are helped by the migration of boys from the stalls to the tower when their voices break, but it is done by the inducement of the ringers rather than the influence of the clergy. The Vicar of Ranmoor's scheme would give it an official encouragement that ought to have good results.

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something in common and with it, often, a desire to keep their connection with the tower. This policy has been pursued at Aldershot, and the band there numbers nearly thirty enthusiasts. What a vastly different prospect there would be before the Exercise if this kind of spirit spread throughout the many churches where the bells are of the easily handled type. Guilds such as that proposed at Ranmoor would give it just the encouragement that it needs.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

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On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 10
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... .. 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	†FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 7
†STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 8
*GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 9
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5	†HAROLD V. FROST ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and in the county by a resident band. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Fergusson, M.A.).

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Treble	*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 6
*JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2	†REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 8
*JOHN BASS ... .. 4	*ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 61.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

\* First peal of Double Bob. † First peal of Royal and of Double Bob. First peal of Double Bob Royal by the rest and for the association. First peal of Royal on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 5
ALFRED BARNES ... .. 2	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 6
FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 3	EDWARD F. MAWBY ... .. 7
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 4	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.



## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RONALD SUCKLING ... ..	ALBERT WIFFEN ... ..	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... ..	*SAMUEL WARNE... ..	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... ..	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Snowden and Miss Sylvia Bowyer.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*EDWIN BARNETT ... ..	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	5
*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	HARRY HOVERD... ..	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... ..	HARRY PARKES ... ..	7
*JOHN W. EUSTON ... ..	*ALAN R. PINK ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## EOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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NORMAN CHADDOCK ... ..	ERNEST THORPE... ..	5
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... ..	*HAROLD CHANT ... ..	6
*JOHN E. TURLEY ... ..	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... ..	7
*REGINALD PAYNE ... ..	*G. GORDON GRAHAM ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

\* First peal in the method.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5162 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. JENKS ... ..	WILLIAM TAYLOR... ..	5
JOHN BOOTH ... ..	E. ROGER MARTIN ... ..	6
FRED RIGBY ... ..	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... ..	7
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... ..	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... ..	FREDERICK HOOPER ... ..	5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... ..	FREDERICK J. MILNER... ..	6
*MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... ..	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... ..	7
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## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

J. J. PARKER'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK L. BARNES ... ..	RALPH HARRIS ... ..	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... ..	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... ..	6
*JAMES HEMMING... ..	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... ..	7
†CHARLES N. EDWIN ... ..	†FRANCIS F. JOHNSON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. V. C. Blyth, a vice-president of the association, on his resignation from the incumbency of Hinton. It was the branch quarterly peal.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..	GEORGE L. GROVER ... ..	5
THOMAS E. DENVER ... ..	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... ..	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ..	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... ..	HERBERT W. COLLIER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. J. H. Greig, first Bishop of the Diocese of Guildford and first president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL, EALING AND RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... ..	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... ..	5
HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... ..	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... ..	7
FRANCIS KIRK ... ..	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 1,440 London, 768 Bristol and Ealing, 672 Rutland, 864 Superlative and 576 Cambridge, with 135 changes of method. First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods on tower bells by all the band and by the association. Rung on the tenth anniversary of the conductor's wedding, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Brinklow.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... ..	T. WILLIAM LAST ... ..	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... ..	*GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..	GEORGE WHITING ... ..	7
*WILLIAM WIGHTMAN... ..	ALBERT E. WHITING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

\* First peal of Bristol. Rung on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob, rung at Coddensham.

## ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... ..	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... ..	5
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... ..	HARRY KILBY ... ..	6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... ..	WILFRED G. WILSON ... ..	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	*FRANK MILLER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER

\* First peal.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

LESLIE TREMEER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	HARRY CARTER ... .. 5
HERBERT DEVONISH ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 6
*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... .. 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
†HIRZELL EDWARDS ... .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal in the method away from treble. † First peal in the method. Especially arranged for the wedding of Mr. Harold Pennack, one of the local band, also for the silver wedding of Mr. J. Wilks, churchwarden of Wiford Church.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 5
CHARLEY BELSEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 3	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by F. BELSEY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Belsey.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT D. GUNTON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 5
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and in the county.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Guild and the band.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

C. JOHN TROTMAN ... .. Treble	A. STANLEY WOODARD ... .. 5
JAMES W. WOODRUFFE ... .. 2	FRANK L. FISHER... .. 6
CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 3	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 7
*WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 4	ROBERT MALSTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

In 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*BERTIE A. GRAPES ... .. Treble	*GEORGE W. DAVISON ... .. 4
*MISS JOAN M. GREENHAM ... .. 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 5
MRS. R. W. BARBER... .. 3	*JACK A. ROGERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. W. BARBER.

\* First peal at first attempt, and ringers at the above church.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*DR. C. N. VAISEY ... .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 3
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 4
GILBERT H. HARDING... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. G. Watton, M.A., to the living of Freshford.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being four six-scores each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury, 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 of Stedman.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
†DAVID HINGLEY... .. 3	†FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells.  
† First peal and first attempt.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 5
LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT, JUN.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss Bowyer.

HUISSH-CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Treble	JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 4
SYDNEY SMITH ... .. 2	ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5
*CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3	HARRY PURCHASE... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PURCHASE.

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

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*RONALD F. KINGHAM ... .. Treble	ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 4
*DAVID H. ANSTAY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... .. 5
*DONALD W. H. NASH ... .. 3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## GORSEINON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD DOBBINS ... .. 1 reble	WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 4
*AUBREY TEW ... .. 2	HAYDN DOBBINS... .. 5
*GLYN THOMAS ... .. 3	*JAMES SAWKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAYDN DOBBINS.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dobbins. First peal of Doubles on the bells, also the first by an entirely local band at this church.

## STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... 1 reble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4
*MISS BERTHA REEVE ... 2	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 3	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER Tenor

Conducted by Miss BOWYER and Miss SNOWDEN.

\* First peal in four methods. Miss Bowyer called the first half and Miss Snowden the second.

## WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 27, 1938, in Three Hours and one Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*EDWARD A. MURKELL ... 1 reble	GEORGE W. ABLETT ... .. 4
*ALBERT G. BALAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR F. BALAM ... .. 5
ERNEST FOOTER ... .. 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

\* First peal.

## STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS... .. 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	HARRY WORRALL... .. 5
THOMAS WORRALL ... .. 3	CHARLES HODGES... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Jordan.

## MARHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS, SEN. Treble	Cecil V. EBBERTSON ... .. 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

## THE TULSE FONT.

## NEW MEMORIAL COVER AT PARSONS GREEN CHURCH.

There was a large congregation at the Church of St. Dionis, Parsons Green, on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, when the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Kensington dedicated the new cover to the 250 years old font, brought from the mother church, which formerly stood in the City. The font was originally the gift of Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor and Master of the College Youths in 1684.

The Bishop was supported by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. S. Dumphreys, the curate (the Rev. E. Jenkins) and all the church officers. (The Rector of the mother parish, Dr. Tatlow, was unfortunately kept away at the last moment.) There was an augmented choir, and music entered largely into the service.

The lesson (I. John, v., 1-12) was impressively read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A., who was robed and also wore his badge as Master of the College Youths. There followed the anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord' (Calkin), and then, to the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the church officers and clergy preceded the Bishop to the font, the congregation turning to the west. At the verse for 'the sacred font,' the architect, Mr. Martin Travers, drew aside the veils and disclosed the very beautiful cover designed by him.

The procession (with the handbell ringers) having assembled at the font, the Bishop, placing his hand upon the cover and the mural tablet, dedicated them to the glory of God and in memory of the late Vicar, Dr. William Samuel Carter, and his wife, Katherine Carter. His closing words were followed by a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells by four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths standing beside the font, viz.: Challis F. Winney 1-2, Edwin H. Lewis 3-4, Herbert Langdon 5-6, E. Alex. Young 7-8. The procession returned during the singing of the hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul.'

The Bishop, in his address, dealt with the subject of memorials, and particularly this to Dr. and Mrs. Carter, with his usual eloquence. He said he knew the parishioners had for many years been desirous of beautifying the church, and this cover to the font was a worthy offering. It was right that those coming to a font should take away a memory of beauty, both parents and children, even if the latter only gained that memory in later years. It was right to cultivate beauty, it had been so from the earliest days of the Church. They linked up beauty with the worship of God, for He loved beauty and had given them the power to love it as manifested in all His works—the sky, the forest and the flowers. It was true that in Puritan days there was misjudgment, so that suspicion urged the destruction of all things beautiful in the Church—music, painting, sculpture. But we had escaped from this dislike, and brought back beauty into worship.

It was his regret not to have personally known Dr. and Mrs. Carter, but those who worked for and so loyally loved a parish must have awakened a deep response over so long a period as 33 years. That it was so the presence of that congregation testified. They did well in dwelling on those fruitful years. But he would, for the moment, take them back further, to a time when, over 260 years ago, a former Lord Mayor of London gave the font itself to the mother church, where later he was buried and where it had remained as his memorial up to some 50 years ago. Sir Henry Tulse was, whilst Mayor, also Master of the College Youths. That was why several members of the society were there that evening honouring the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Carter as well as that of their Master of long ago.

Amongst those present was Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer of the College Youths.

The occasion was also taken advantage of to hang on the wall next the font a framed photograph of the unveiling of the Tulse Memorial, as restored by the Ancient Society of College Youths last November.

B. A. Y.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 7-8

\*RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 9-10

Composed by W. H. BARBER, Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.  
Umpire—James Parker.

\* First peal on handbells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor.  
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## PEAL NOTES.

### LADY'S FEAT ON TENOR.

Miss Hilda G. Snowden is becoming a veritable 'back-ender.' Already she had turned in one or two tenors when on March 26th she achieved the unique feat for a lady of ringing the 18½ cwt. tenor at Bocking, Essex, to a peal of Double Norwich Major in 3 hours 13 minutes. This is a great achievement, for the striking throughout the peal was excellent.

What makes Miss Snowden's performance the more noteworthy is that she called the peal without having previously called a touch in the method. Miss Snowden wants to thank the gentlemen for their permission to ring the tenor, but the gentlemen lift their hats to her upon a fine performance.

It was a birthday peal for Miss Snowden and Miss Sylvia Bowyer, who were 22 years old on the 25th and 27th March respectively.

This peal was Ronald Suckling's 50th and with it he 'completed the circle' in Bocking tower.

Other peals were rung for these young ladies' birthdays. A peal in seven Minor methods at Otley, Suffolk, was rung on Friday, March 25th, and on Sunday, March 27th, a peal in four Minor methods at Stutton. As they could not decide which of the two ladies should call this latter peal, in which they were both taking part, a solution was found by each calling a half.

Miss Bowyer, ringing the 12 cwt. tenor, called the first half, consisting of 720 each of Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob up to the half-way single, and then Miss Snowden took over the calling, finished the 720 of Plain Bob and called an extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

It was intended that this peal should be rung by a band of three spinsters and three bachelors, but one of the bachelors was taken ill in the preceding week, and a married man, Mr. Fred Smith, had to be 'roped in.' Naturally, he was somewhat embarrassed.

The peal was actually rung on Miss Bowyer's 22nd birthday, but Miss Bertha Reeves, as well as Miss Snowden, had celebrated their birthdays earlier in the week, and it was, therefore, a collective compliment to them all, and also to Mrs. Brundle, wife of the oldest Ipswich ringer, Mr. Robert H. Brundle.

### INTERESTING FACTS IN A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

Fifty years ago last Saturday, Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Coddensham, Suffolk, in 5 hours 55 minutes. The tenor was rung by Mr. Alfred S. Wightman, one of a famous Suffolk family of ringers. In celebration of the jubilee, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Framdsen on the eve of the anniversary. Mr. Wightman ringing the treble.

Mr. W. Dye, who conducted the long peal, is still ringing at Grundisburgh. The jubilee peal was conducted by Mr. G. Whiting, who rang his first peal 36 years ago on March 31st. That was a peal of Double Norwich at Framdsen, conducted by Mr. George Wightman, who also rang in the peal on April 1st. Another member of the family who took part was Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, who 'completed the circle' of Framdsen tower for the eighth time.

Improvements have been effected in the ringing room at East Meon, Hants, where a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on Saturday. The chamber is without any windows and formerly oil lamps were used, which made it very 'stuffy' for peal ringing. Electric light has now been installed, and, with new cocoanut matting over the belfry floor, the visitors on Saturday found it a much more pleasant place to ring in.

The peal of Doubles rung at Freshford, Somerset, on March 24th, in honour of the induction of the Rev. G. Watton, M.A., enabled Dr. C. N. Vaisey to ring his first peal. He was instrumental in raising funds to augment the bells from four to five, the tower not being large enough to hold six. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Vaisey.

Four members of the local band took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ranworth, Norfolk, on March 19th. It was their first peal and they deserve much credit upon their performance, for they could only just ring rounds when the dedication of the bells took place on November 7th last year. It was their first attempt for a peal.

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Guildford Cathedral on March 31st as a tribute to the first president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Dr. J. H. Greig, first Bishop (1927-1934) of the new diocese of Guildford. A memorial service had been held in the Cathedral earlier in the day.

Two ringers from Staffordshire, Mr. A. D. Steel, of Stoke-on-Trent, and Mr. Edward Steele, of Longton, were elected members of the Lancashire Association on March 26th before a peal of Bob Major at Gorton, which was rung as a birthday compliment to the former.

Another Lancashire peal rung on the same day at Standish was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Booth. This was Double Norwich Major.

A wedding peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major for one of the local band at Great Baddow, Essex, Mr. Harold Pennack, was begun as the bridal couple left the church and successfully brought round. The peal was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilks, of Widford, where Mr. Wilks is churchwarden.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung on March 28th as a welcome to the new Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, the Rev. W. C. Bates. His induction took place on the following evening.

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## COUNTY FIRSTS.

(Continued from previous column.)

The first peal of Rochester Surprise Major in Cheshire, as well as by the Chester Diocesan Guild and all the band, was rung at Norbury on Saturday, conducted by Mr. John Worth.

The composition, a 5,088, by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, was also rung for the first time.

23456	M	B	W	H
45236			1	1
32546	1	—		2
35426	1	—	2	2
26543	1		2	2
23645	2			1

Twice repeated.

Another 'first' in the method in the county and by all the band was a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Pulham, Norfolk, on April 2nd.

Not for 30 years had a peal of Double Norwich Major been rung on the bells at Woodbridge, Suffolk, until Saturday, March 19th, when several Ipswich ringers helped to ring a peal there. Mr. C. J. Sedgley, who has called Double Norwich on twelve, as well as many Surprise Maximus methods, called a peal of Double Norwich Major for the first time.

After meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob, a band at Broughton, Staffs, rang a peal of Bob Major as a birthday compliment to Miss A. E. Chester, of Wappenham, Northants, and to the conductor, Mr. Arthur Pritchard, who, by the way, called a composition by J. R. Pritchard. The peal was rung on March 19th.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles by a band all, with one exception, 19 years of age or under was rung at Gorseinon, Glamorganshire, on March 26th. It was a birthday compliment to the senior member of the party, Mr. Wallace Dobbins. It was also the first peal on the bells by a local band and the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

Mr. Alan Pink added another to his long list of peals in Surprise Major methods on March 26th when he called a peal of Staffordshire at Crayford, Kent. The composition, by A. G. Driver, was rung for the first time, it was the first peal in the method on the bells, and of the five who rang their first peal of Staffordshire, three had never struck a blow in the method before.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in Hertfordshire by a resident band was rung on Mar. 26th at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans. It marked the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Ferguson). Mr. Francis Kirk, who with five others of the band rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, has now 'circled' the tower in ten-bell peals.

Four members of the band rang their first peal when seven 720's of Bob Minor were rung at Deane, Hants, on Saturday week, the peal being called by Mr. C. W. Munday, of Basingstoke, who thus rang his first peal as conductor.

Double Bob Royal has been added to the methods rung at Kidderminster. On Saturday the first by the Worcestershire Association, the first by all the band and the first peal of Royal on the bells was rung.

Six Surprise Major methods were rung in a peal at Bushey, Herts, on March 31st, for the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Harold G. Cashmore, the composer and conductor of the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Brinklow.

It was the first peal in six Surprise methods on tower bells by all the band and by the Hertfordshire Association. Four of the band, however, have previously rung a similar peal on handbells; to have only one bell to think about instead of two must have made it something like child's play to them.

The Rev. V. C. Blyth, a vice-president of the Worcestershire Association, has resigned the incumbency of Hinton, a village near Evesham. On March 28th a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, the quarterly peal of the Southern Branch of the association, was rung there as a farewell to a very good friend.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### TWENTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The first district meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Almondbury on Saturday, March 26th, when a fair number of ringers attended and enjoyed some good ringing in the standard methods. The association is already showing its usefulness and justifying its formation by the number of learners who take advantage of these meetings, and the Minor ringers who venture to try the higher numbers and attempt different methods.

The business meeting was held after tea in the Conservative Club adjoining, with the president, the Rev. T. Mathieson, in the chair. The members were very pleased to welcome the Rev. A. L. Mins, of St. John's, Birkby, who is himself a keen ringer and has had a good deal of experience of ringing meetings. He was elected as co-president with Mr. Mathieson, and, though this procedure might seem to some unusual, it is, as all the members agree, a very sound one.

Twenty-two new members were elected, making a total to date of 56. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens and the local ringers was proposed by Mr. H. Armitage, of Huddersfield, and seconded by Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Lindley.—Mr. W. C. Dransfield replied.

After the meeting the tower was again visited for further ringing.



**PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—No doubt those of your readers who are interested in ancient bells will be glad to hear that Thurlbeer Church, near Taunton, contains one of the most perfect peals cast before the Reformation. It is a peal of four, tenor 41½ in. in diameter, cast at Exeter by Robert Norton about 1425.  
J. HUNT.  
Taunton.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, March 26th, was an unqualified success. Fifty ringers, including visitors from Stourbridge and Worcester, attended, the ringing being the best that a local meeting has produced. Superlative and Double Norwich Major were followed by Treble Ten and Stedman Caters.

The Rev. T. Eland, Coalbrookdale, conducted service, delivering an interesting address. He traced the use of bells from the earliest days, through the centuries, and spoke of the ideal of service to the Church which should be the motive of every ringer.

Mr. L. Stainer (Madeley) read an appropriate lesson.

After tea the Shropshire Association elected three new members, all from Coumd, and an early return was made to the belfry.

**DEATH OF CRICH RINGER.****NEARLY 50 YEARS' SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.**

We regret to record the passing on Monday, March 14th, of Mr. William Piggin, of Crich, Derbyshire. He was 69 years of age and had served his church for 49 years as chorister and bellringer. By his regular attendance at Sunday services, practice and association meetings, he has left an example which may worthily be followed. His genial disposition made many friends, evidence of which was shown at the funeral on Thursday, March 17th. The muffled bells were rung by the local company and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, of which he was a member for 48 years, was represented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote.

A muffled touch of 546 Grandsire Triples was rung on Saturday evening at Crich Parish Church by F. Heappy 1, J. Hobbs (conductor) 2, J. W. England 3, T. Jennings 4, A. Elliott 5, F. Ashman 6, T. Clarke 7, C. M. Heathcote 8. Mr. Piggin was never a man of many methods, but it can be said of him with sincerity, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

**CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT LEEDS.****HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.**

The committee of the Yorkshire Association responsible for the arrangements for the Central Council's visit to Leeds, at Whitsun, have prepared an interesting programme.

As hotel accommodation in Leeds is somewhat limited, members should make early application. The following are the hotels and charges: Golden Lion, Briggate, daily 13s. 6d., bed and breakfast 8s. 6d.; Guildford, The Headrow, 13s. 6d. and 8s. 6d.; The Griffin, Boar Lane, 14s. and 8s. 6d.; The Imperial, Briggate, 12s. 6d. and 7s.; Hotel Metropole, King Street, 18s. and 9s. 6d.; Victory Hotel, Briggate, 16s. and 9s. 6d.; Queen's Hotel, City Square, bed and breakfast from 14s. 6d. Temperance hotels: County, Vicar Lane, 12s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.; The Mount, Clarendon Road, 15s. and 8s. Most of the hotels also offer special inclusive terms for the periods Saturday or Sunday dinner to Wednesday breakfast.

**A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RESTORATION.****BELLS REHUNG AT BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN.**

'The bells of this church were rehung and the fourth bell recast A.D. 1938, in memory of Margaret Mary Sargeant, of Brafield-on-the-Green, who died April 23rd, 1937. May she rest in peace.'

The above inscription, which appears on a stone tablet, briefly records for all time the work recently undertaken to the bells of Brafield Church, Northamptonshire. They are a ring of five with a 12 cwt. tenor, and for many years have had a terrible reputation. The work of restoration was placed in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have completely restored the old timber frame and provided entirely new fittings, incorporating all the latest improvements, with the result that the bells are once again in excellent ringing order.

This restored work was rededicated at evensong on Sunday, March 27th, by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. As is usual on an occasion of this sort, there was 'standing room only' when the service began, but as the time clashed with the ringing at other churches, only a few visiting ringers were present, amongst them Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The opening ringing was carried out by members of the local company, who were much impressed by the greatly improved 'go' of the bells. Much comment was also made upon the greatly improved tone of the peal, and the contractors are to be congratulated upon achieving such splendid results with a difficult job.

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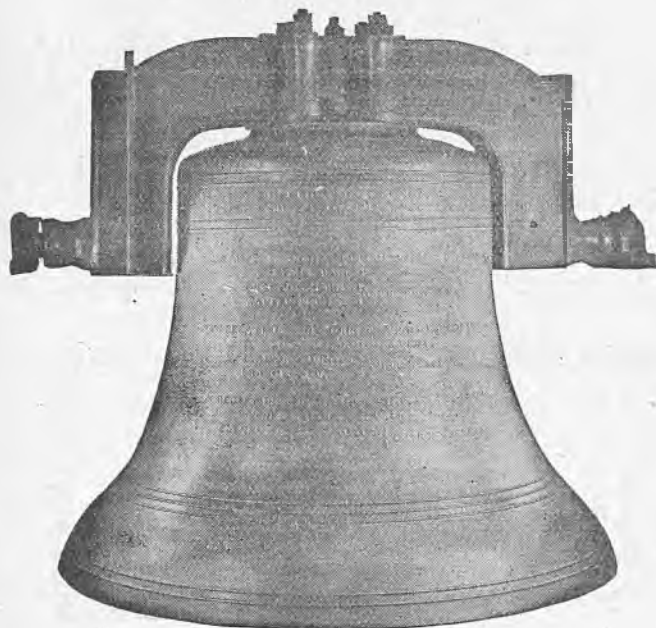
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## EARLY PUBLICATION NEXT WEEK

As Good Friday occurs in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday. All communications intended for insertion in that issue must reach us not later than first post on Monday.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Restoration of the bells at St. George's-in-the-East, London, is approaching completion, and a band has already been formed in connection with the church. Some old ringers have rejoined, but new ones have been brought in, and, until their bells are ready, they are getting practice at Stepney.

The handbell band at Burton-on-Stather had a bit of bad luck the other day when they had the misfortune to lose a 'spliced' peal in 19 Minor methods half-way through the last 720.

It had been hoped to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral on Easter Monday, but it has been found necessary to postpone it to a later date.

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild are holding a quarterly meeting at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd, and any visitors who may be staying in the neighbourhood during Easter week will be heartily welcomed. An announcement will appear in the appropriate columns next week.

### DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Whilst willing to appreciate and accept Mr. Trollope's dictum on things historical, and having no desire to reopen an old controversy, yet it seems the stubborn little facts remain, that the peal in question is described on the Mancroft peal board as 'Norwich C.B. Max.'—not 'Double'—and no figures are in existence, so that my description of it as unauthenticated is in no wise incorrect. It may have been Double Norwich—possibly it was—but until the figures come to light it must remain 'locked in the womb of mystery.'

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

### MR. SAMUEL SLATER'S INVESTIGATIONS.

Dear Sir,—After the two peals in this method rung at Ipswich in 1896 there was a long controversy and much doubt as to what was rung at Norwich in 1817, whether it was 'Double' or 'Single.' Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, was asked by his Ipswich friends and the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer if he could give any information on the matter so as to settle the dispute. He could not do so at that time, but some time after he held a reader's ticket at the British Museum, and in the Osborne MSS. in the library of the Museum it there states that 'a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Monday, January 20th, 1817.'

On returning home Samuel Slater sent a copy of what he found in the Osborne MSS. to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and at a meeting of the Norwich Association, held at Eye on May 17th, 1900, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, who was chairman, informed the members that Mr. Samuel Slater had discovered a document which proved that the peal was rung in the double method. When this statement was made there was great applause, and both parties accepted this statement as settling the matter.

Mr. Osborne visited Norwich in 1820, so he would be able to get his information from those who rang in the peal.

I think this information settles any doubt that may exist as to what was done in Norwich in 1817.

T. E. SLATER.

Glemsford, Suffolk.

### DEATH OF MR. CHARLES DRAPER.

#### ONE OF THE MIDLANDS 'WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON' BAND.

It is with deep regret we have to report the death of Mr. Charles Draper, of Duffield, who passed away on March 28th at the age of 73 years. He was laid to rest on April 2nd at Alrewas, where he lived as a boy, and where he taught himself to be a ringer. He became a member of the Midland Counties Association in 1887.

Charles, as he desired himself to be called, was a very reliable ringer, and will be missed by the Midland Counties Wednesday Afternoon band, with whom he rang a good number of his peals, chiefly Stedman Triples, but he also took part in the longest lengths of Duffield and Forward Major.

At any time he was glad to be of assistance to young ringers attempting their first peal, and he will be missed by many in the M.C.A.

Four of his comrades, Messrs. J. H. Swinfield, A. H. Ward, M. Swinfield and J. George, rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave after the funeral, and later fully muffled touches were rung on the church bells.

Thus dear old Charles' last course is finished, and his friends of the Wednesday Afternoon band say 'Goodbye' to a straight and much respected comrade. He had rung over 400 peals for the Midland Counties Association.

M. S.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—13.****GEORGE F. SWANN.**

Birmingham, a home of Stedman, has produced no more brilliant conductor of the method than Mr. George F. Swann, who, among other things, has called a peal of Stedman on handbells from each pair in Triples, Caters and Cinques. Only one other ringer, Mr. G. N. Price, has, we believe, done this.

Mr. Swann's 163 handbell peals, of which he has conducted 47, include 105 on twelve bells, viz., 101 Stedman, 1 Grandsire, 1 Erin Cinques, and 2 Kent Treble Bob Maximus. In addition he rang 7-8 to the memorable peal of Stedman Sextuples. His conducting has also included three peals of Erin Triples, one of Forward Major, one of Little Bob Major, in addition to most of the usual methods up to London Surprise. Besides these he has called Stedman on tower bells from Doubles to Cinques, and he has rung two silent peals of Stedman Cinques and one of Grandsire Triples on handbells, two silent peals of Stedman Triples on tower bells, and taken part in the non-conducted Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Mr. Swann was born at Aston in 1878, and his family moved to Erdington two years later. He started ringing when 17 years of age with the old stoney band at St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Abbey Church, and, as he himself says, he thought he was quite good until the band was reorganised and the new instructor produced a course of Stedman Triples. Then he realised he had something to learn.

He rang his first peal on September 28th, 1901, at Erdington Abbey Church. This was Stedman Triples and was rung about twelve months after change ringing was introduced into the tower. Mr. Swann's first peal as conductor was also Stedman. It was rung on October 10th, 1903, and was only his eighth peal and was called, at the first attempt, from the treble. It was Heywood's transposition of Thurstans'.

Mr. Swann, who is now attached to the band at Erdington Parish Church, was auditor to St. Martin's Guild for some years and is now Librarian. He has rung 516 peals, of which he has conducted 189.

**Next Week: Mr. John Austin.**

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BUCKNALL.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Bucknall on Saturday, April 2nd. A company of 31 attended from Burslem, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Kettering, Loughborough, Longton, Norton and Newcastle. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. D. Gardner, Rector of Bucknall, and clerical secretary and treasurer of the association. In the course of his sermon he said 80 per cent. of the people of this country never darkened the door of the church, but he thought the ringers should attend every service for which they rang.

After tea had been partaken of, the Rector welcomed the association to Bucknall, and wished them to visit the tower more often, despite the fact that a meeting was held there every two years. He was pleased to be at the service of the association at any time.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector and local ringers by Mr. H. Carnwell, seconded by Mr. T. Hurd.

Mr. J. E. Wheelton, in proposing the vote of thanks to the ladies for serving tea, went on to say one of them was the only lady in the North Staffordshire Association to conduct a peal. Although now married, she was better known as Miss Alice Preston. Bucknall, he said, had only had bells since September, 1886, but they have always had a keen set of ringers, and on April 6th, 1897, rang a silent peal of Minor, consisting of London, Chester, Superlative, Worcester, Bristol, York and Cambridge, while not many years ago they rang a peal of Double Surprise Minor.

Mr. W. Wheelton, in responding for the ringers of Bucknall, said he was pleased to meet so many old friends. He added that they were fortunate to have a Rector who took such an interest in them and a man who appreciated their work.



**MR. GEORGE F. SWANN.**

**HASTINGS GUILD AREA EXTENDED.****NAME AND CENTRE CHANGED.**

It has been decided to extend the area of the Hastings and District Guild, to move its centre to Hawkhurst, some 15 miles north, and to change the name to the Hawkhurst and District Guild. This step was taken at a meeting held at Salehurst on Saturday week, when the business, postponed from the annual meeting, was carried through.

The president, the Dean of Battle, was re-elected, as were the vice-presidents, but to this list was added the Rev. Noel E. Hope, the founder of the Guild. The chairman, Mr. W. Franks (Battle) was re-elected.

The hon. secretary, Mr. C. A. Levett, stated that he had been secretary since the first year of the Guild's existence, and felt that a change was called for. The ringers in the district did not support the Guild as he thought they should do, and a new secretary would mean new ideas and probably would make the Guild the force it should be.

It was pointed out that the district covered by the Guild was relatively small and the percentage of ringers attending meetings remarkably high.

After discussion it was decided, as mentioned above, to considerably enlarge the area served by the Guild, to move its centre from Hastings to Hawkhurst, and to change its name to the Hawkhurst and District Guild.

Mr. James G. Powell, of Hawkhurst, was elected secretary, and Mr. W. Gorringer re-elected treasurer.

Mr. B. Saunders proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring secretary for his services in the past, and this was carried unanimously.

Ringing during the afternoon and after the meeting included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and the meeting closed with a touch of Spliced Oxford Bob, Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples.

**LEEDS SOCIETY AND LADIES' GUILD.****JOINT MEETING AND COMMUNION SERVICE.**

On Saturday week the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild and the Leeds and District Society met at Armley tower. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and the Ladies' Guild service was incorporated with the Holy Communion service. The Vicar (the Rev. Dr. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A., LL.D.) in his address gave the members present a welcome to the church and tower.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall and some 43 people sat down.

The business meetings were held in separate rooms. Ladies' Guild members were present from Armley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's) and Handsworth.

The Leeds and District Society held their annual nomination meeting, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. W. H. Senior, who was supported by members from Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Elland, East Ardsley, Hunslet, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Rotherham, Shipley, Sherburn and the local company. The president gave a welcome to their latest clerical ringer (the Rev. D. Walters, M.A., of East Ardsley) and his tower secretary, Mr. E. Watson.

One new member, Mr. C. Palfreeman, of Sherburn, was elected. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the organist was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. F. Hutchinson. —The Vicar (Dr. Hollingworth) replied.

The vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies for the tea arrangements was proposed by Mr. Barton and seconded by Mr. T. Hill. —Mr. H. Lofthouse replied for the local company.

Nominations for all officers of the society were received.

The annual general meeting is due to be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th.

While some members remained in the hall for handbell ringing, others returned to the tower and kept the bells going to 9 p.m., when another excellent meeting came to an end.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.**

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Although the village is somewhat isolated, with a bus service only once a week, the meeting was well attended, 50 members being present from Sturry, Ash, Eythorne, Dover, Wickhambreaux, Boughton, Canterbury (four towers), Littlebourne, Whitstable and members of the local band.

The bells, augmented to a peal of six by the addition of a new treble by Mears, were set going to changes at 3 o'clock. Service was afterwards held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Wigram, who also gave a short address. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., was at the organ.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who also took the chair at a short business meeting which followed. Eleven new members were elected from St. Laurence's and St. Peter's, Thanet, St. Stephen's, Canterbury, Wickhambreaux and Goodnestone.

Lyminge was preferred to Whitstable for the next meeting, although the difference in the voting was only one.

After handbells, a return was made to the tower, and further ringing indulged in until 8.30, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (singly and spliced), Cambridge and London Surprise being rung.



## THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL. PASSING OF A GREAT LONDON PERSONALITY

### Leader of St. Paul's Cathedral Ringers.

The news of the death of Mr. William T. Cockerill, recorded in our last issue, came in the nature of a shock to his many ringing friends, and the deepest regret has been expressed on every hand at his unexpected passing.

It is difficult to think of London ringing without Mr. Cockerill; he had been so long and so prominently concerned with it. For nearly 60 years he had been a ringer in the Metropolis, he was a College Youth for about 52 years, for 46 years he was hon. secretary of the Ancient Society, and for nearly as long a period a member of the band at St. Paul's Cathedral, as well as 'skipper' since the death of Mr. James Pettit.

Mr. Cockerill laid down his long labours as secretary of the College Youths after completing the arduous work in connection with the celebration of the tercentenary, but he was still the leader of St. Paul's company, where, on Sunday week, he called his last touch. He went home by tram, as was his custom, in company with Mr. W. H. Pasmore, whom he left in the vehicle to continue the journey. The collapse, which ended fatally, took place in the short distance between the tram stop and his home.

We have already mentioned some of the notable performances in which Mr. Cockerill took part, but it is worth recalling that after the peal at St. Paul's in which he rang the tenor single-handed, Sir Arthur Heywood entertained to dinner all those who had rung a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, and proposed the toast of the evening, 'Our single-handed tenorman.'

Mr. Cockerill was undoubtedly one of the finest heavy bell ringers of his day. He had the advantage of a fine physique and the stamina of an athlete. One of the recollections of all who visited St. Paul's belfry in those years must ever be the figure of William T. Cockerill on the box of the eleventh.

Mr. Cockerill joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1886, a year in which no fewer than 65 members were elected, among them were Messrs. William E. Garrard, G. Mash and Robert Storey (Newcastle), William Storey (Newcastle), Henry R. Newton and Richard T. Hibbert.

He was made a member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society soon after his election as hon. secretary of the College Youths, which took place in 1890.

That he should have been honoured in death by a funeral service in the great Cathedral was a fitting acknowledgment of his leadership of the ringers there and also a recognition, such as has never been accorded, of the position which ringers, generally, occupy in the Church.



THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

### A LAST HONOUR.

#### FUNERAL SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

Honoured in the great Cathedral to which he had given nearly 50 years of service, William Thomas Cockerill passed to his last resting place on Monday afternoon. Week after week he had faithfully climbed the long stairway to the belfry there, twice every Sunday, to take command of the service ringing renowned throughout the country for its excellence. On Monday his colleagues, with scores of other ringers, gathered beneath the Dome to take a farewell of their leader. They brought him in by the great west door, where the Cathedral clergy and choir met the cortege. Ringers lined the steps as the flower-covered coffin was borne up into the Cathedral, and the procession moved up the nave to a beautiful musical setting of the introductory sentences of the Burial Service.

The clergy were the Dean of St. Paul's, the Ven. Archdeacon Sharp, the Rev. Canon Moseley, and Minor Canons Foxel and Donn. The 23rd Psalm was chanted, and Canon Moseley read the lesson from the fifteenth chapter of I. Corinthians. Then there swelled the strains of the hymn, 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise,' and, before the impressive service ended with the Benediction, pronounced by the Dean, 'Abide with me' was sung.

Headed again by the choir and clergy, the procession returned to the west door, and the cortege passed from the peace of the Cathedral once more into the rushing life of London to make its way to Brompton Cemetery, where the interment took place. Among a vast forest of memorials a grave had been opened, and round it the last sad rites were performed. Minor Canon Foxel said the committal prayers, and then the handbells sounded. Three whole pulls, slowly rung three times, were followed by a course of Stedman Triples, and three whole pulls three times more. It was a fitting parting, in the soft afternoon April sun, while the roar of London traffic throbbed in the distance.

The family mourners were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cockerill (son and daughter-in-law), Miss D. E. Cockerill (daughter), Mrs. G. E. Cockerill (daughter-in-law), Miss Rene Tilt, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Tilt (nieces and nephews), Mr. and Mrs. H. Westbrook.

#### SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Among the ringers present were Messrs. C. S. Burden, F. Butler, E. G. Fenn, H. Langdon, H. G. Miles, W. H. Pasmore, A. B. Peck (Mr. Cockerill's successor as hon. secretary of the College Youths), W. Rushton, T. H. Taffender, and C. F. Winney, of the St. Paul's Cathedral company; Messrs. E. H. Lewis (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who wore his badge of office), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), L. Porter (senior steward), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Messrs. G. H. Cross (Master), G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer) and A. Hardy (representing the Royal Cumberland Youths), T. W. Taffender (hon. secretary, London County Association), J. E. L. Cockey (representing Middlesex Association), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and A. H. Pulling (representing the Guildford Diocesan Guild), A. Paddon Smith (representing St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), W. A. Cave (Bristol), J. S. Hawkins and Norton (St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild), Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, Mr. W. G. Gray, Miss E. Gray, Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. V. Siukins (representing St. Mary's Society, Portsea), A. B. Bennett, A. R. Macdonald, T. Groombridge, sen., F. Alex. Young, J. Parker, R. Sanders, E. Brett, C. H. Horton, W. Roughton, W. H. L. Buckingham, W. J. Jefferies, E. H. Oxenham, J. E. Davis, G. Lucas, I. Emery, R. Fenn, W. T. Elson, P. E. Clark, W. Smith, W. H. Judd, H. Hoskins, W. Hewett, W. Williams, H. N. Pitstow, J. G. Prior, A. Diserens, etc. Among others present were the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), Mrs. H. Langdon, Mrs. L. J. Porter, Mrs. W. H. Pasmore, Mrs. H. R. Pasmore, Mrs. W. H. Judd, etc.

The handbell ringing at the graveside was done by Messrs. W. Roughton 1-2, E. H. Lewis 3-4, H. Langdon 5-6, A. B. Peck 7-8.

There were many beautiful floral tributes. In addition to those from the members of the family and friends, wreaths were sent by the Ancient Society of College Youths; the Central Council of Church Bellingrings; St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; the Rector, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of St. Mary-le-Bow; Archdeacon Hanbury and Cecil G. Hanbury.

#### IN ST. PAUL'S BELFRY.

Prior to the ringing for service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday morning, the ringers stood at their ropes while Mr. C. F. Winney recited 'De profundis' (Psalm 130), and then remained for two minutes in silence until the clock struck the hour of ten, when the bells went off into rounds before the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques.

On Monday evening the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled, including the 'whole pull and stand' 78 times by the Cathedral band, and this was followed by a touch of 399 Stedman Cinques.

Half-muffled ringing also took place at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Monday evening.

#### 'THE SKIPPER.'

(COMMUNICATED.)

From Frodingham, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, William T. Cockerill came to London as a school teacher and was headmaster of Holy Trinity Church School, close to Vauxhall Bridge, for many years. He was also in the choir at this church, was a fine singer and one of the founders of St. George's Glee Union. He rode to and from school on a 'penny-farthing' bike for some years, afterwards using a more modern machine, and has often related how he practised double-handed ringing on the handlebars.

Very methodical and painstaking to master any subject he tackled, his early loves were singing and ringing. The latter he commenced in London, at Lambeth Parish Church and St. John's, Waterloo Road, but he was soon actively engaged with the Ancient Society of College Youths and became secretary about 1890, a position he held continuously until his retirement in November, 1937.

Described repeatedly by Canon Coleridge as the 'prince of secretaries,' he gave practically the whole of his leisure to the many and various duties of this office and resigned only through ill-health.

He followed James Pettitt as conductor at St. Paul's Cathedral (the only two conductors up to date since the bells were placed in the tower in 1878), where he was loved as 'The Skipper.' Martinet, yes, but kind withal, and a great stickler for discipline in the belfry. It was he who arranged for the middle six to be raised and fallen in peal every Sunday, for previously they had been raised and fallen singly, and he instigated the idea of having all the band at their ropes to wait for the clock to strike and then to go off into 'rounds' precisely on time.

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## THE DEATH OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

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He conducted his last touch of three courses of Stedman Cinques on Sunday afternoon, March 27th, when he appeared to be in better spirits than usual of late, but he collapsed on leaving the tram quite near to his home, and died early on the morning of March 30th.

He was a born leader of men, with great tact, although in the early years he created some impression of aloofness. Friends were not disposed to call him 'Bill,' but I am quite sure he would not have objected had they done so.

He tried very hard for the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, but was forestalled by the Brighton band, and I think he took this rather to heart at the time.

A fine heavy bell ringer, he was the first man to turn St. Paul's tenor in single-handed, and also the famous Bow tenor to the first peal of Maximus (at a time when she was almost unringable). He was very keen to try the same at Exeter, but the authorities refused to allow single-handed attempts. He most likely would have succeeded in this, for he was then in the prime of his life and physical condition.

He rang many peals on handbells, the most important being Carter's Odd Bob, one-part, non-conducted, in 1917.

In his youth he was a great athlete—once he rode from London to Yorkshire and back on his penny-farthing bicycle—and he was fond of most forms of sport.

To know him and be in his circle of friends meant loving him, and one could not have a firmer or stouter friend.

## MASTER'S TRIBUTE.

Speaking of Mr. Cockerill, Mr. E. H. Lewis (Master) said: By his death the College Youths have lost one who was one of the greatest secretaries that ever held office in the Ancient Society—for during the 300 years of its history there could have been none who rendered it more loyal or efficient service.

When Mr. Cockerill came to the task just over 46 years ago it was no easy job, for there were factions which did not make for harmony. Mr. Cockerill was the strong man who pulled them together, and, as I have mentioned before, throughout his long period of office the society continued on the up-grade. It was his great virtue, I think, that while he treated everyone with the utmost kindness, he could, when occasion required it, be quite firm. He had a very arduous year in connection with the Tercentenary, but in spite of his advancing years he discharged his duties with all his old devotion and ability.

## 'TEMPUS FUGIT'

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Youth!—and our fond ambitions rise.  
We plan as each new day is born;  
We see the silver in the skies  
Behind the gloomy clouds, our eyes  
Towards the Dawn.

The passing years, with flying feet,  
Remind us yet of deeds undone.  
Undaunted still, our pulses beat.  
We bear the burden and the heat  
Till set of sun.

Age!—all too soon—that bane of men,  
'Time and the Hour' the vesper calls.  
We turn the page, put down the pen,  
Sadly we close the book—and then  
The shadow falls.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

## LONDON RINGING.

(Continued from next column.)

Mr. Taffender pointed out that the war had stopped good progress, but since then he had been constantly making efforts to get ringing in the London towers for Sunday services. He had heard many grumbles as to the quality of ringing when youngsters were being taught, but he found that those who complained were the last ones to help (hear, hear). At city towers, such as St. Bride's, Fleet Street, it was impossible to obtain a local band, as there was no residential population from which to get ringers, and it was no solution to provide a band by depleting other towers. New blood was required, and the only solution was to teach more youngsters. Mr. Taffender also drew attention to the apathy of church authorities, and quoted one instance where a churchwarden, who was the scoutmaster of the local troop, had made a rule forbidding scouts to learn ringing until they were 19 years of age. Mr. Taffender added that he was not concerned with what the other societies proposed to do.

The District Master expressed the view that they all ought to try and work in co-operation.

The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks, and ringing afterwards took place at All Saints' Church.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Bailey is unavoidably held over until next week.

## LONDON RINGING. AWAKENING INTEREST.

### London County Association Activities.

Interest in the problems of London ringing was shown at the meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, held at Wandsworth on Saturday. There was an attendance of some 35 members, who rang first on the very nice peal of eight at Holy Trinity Church, bells installed some few years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and upon which the first peal was rung only recently.

The curate conducted a short service in the church, and in an address spoke of the message which the bells proclaimed, and of their reminder to those who had drifted away from the Church.

The business meeting followed tea in the Parish Church Hall and was presided over by the new District Master, Mr. P. A. Corby.

In announcing arrangements for future meetings, Mr. Corby said the committee had considered the proposal made to hold the next annual meeting at Southwark Cathedral, and, in view of the difficulties, suggested that the meeting should be held at Chelsea or alternatively at Putney and Fulham.—On a vote, Chelsea was agreed to.

Mr. Corby said the next district meeting was to be held at Isleworth in June, and it was also proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association at Chiswick on May 21st.

Miss Ashbrook asked whether, in view of what happened last year, when meetings of the London County Association and the Middlesex Association clashed and certain correspondence resulted, the proposed meeting at Chiswick was intended to restore good feeling.

The District Master said it was up to them all to promote a friendly spirit in every direction possible, but if there were any question as to the desirability of holding the meeting he would put it to the vote.

Mr. J. Herbert, as Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, said when the proposal was put before that association at Ealing it was received with acclamation, and everybody would be heartily welcomed.

On being put to the meeting, the proposal was carried nem con.

The District Master announced that meetings of the district would be held on the third Saturday in alternate months, and the committee proposed to arrange a mid-week practice in the other months. This practice would take place on the usual practice night of the tower visited, and the first would be at St. George's-in-the-Borough on the third Wednesday in May at 7 p.m.

### BATTERSEA BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

It was announced that the bells of St. Mary's, Battersea, were being restored. They were to be tuned and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. This work was being undertaken despite a heavy call upon parochial funds for the restoration of the church roof.

A collection was made towards the bells fund and realised £1.

Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master of the association) referred to the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill. One of the first towers Mr. Cockerill entered on coming to London, he said, was St. Mary's, Lambeth, and he rang peals with their society and with the old Waterloo Society. He had always been a supporter of their society. He (Mr. Taffender) had known and rung with Mr. Cockerill for about 46 years. He proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the sons and daughter.

Mr. E. F. Pike said there was a peal board in Waterloo Road tower recording a peal for their society, in which Mr. Cockerill rang, in 1887, so that he had been a member over 50 years.

The motion was carried and the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect.

The District Master said there was one matter, that of ringing in London, in which a good deal of interest had recently been aroused. He welcomed Mr. J. S. Goldsmith to the meeting and said he thought they would like to hear his views on the subject.

Mr. Taffender said the articles which had recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' on the subject had not been quite fair, and he would like to ask Mr. Goldsmith what his solution of the problem was.

Mr. Goldsmith said the articles which had appeared in 'The Ringing World' had been written in order to stir up interest in a matter of great importance; for the condition of the bells and ringing in London had reached a regrettable state. He did not think it was for him to provide the solution of the problem; that was a matter for the London ringing societies. There were a number of causes which had contributed to the present state of affairs, and clergy and ringers alike must share the responsibility. The neglect of the bells was largely due to the apathy of the Church authorities and the absence of ringers had been partly brought about by the fact that a good many ringers had rung only when they were paid to ring and had never stirred a finger to teach new ringers. There were other causes, but he thought these were the two main reasons. He admired the pertinacity with which Mr. Taffender, through the years, had worked to create bands in quite a number of churches, and if there had been more like him there would have been far fewer silent bells in London than there were to-day (applause). But it was a disgrace that so many peals of bells were entirely or very little rung. Despite what Mr. Taffender had said about the articles, he was unrepentant. It was for the societies to get together and get the Church authorities interested. He realised the difficulties; it was not going to be a work of weeks or of months, but of years; but if they did not soon start, it might be too late (hear, hear).

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****CREWE BRANCH RECORD MEETING.**

A pleasant afternoon was spent at Lawton Church on Saturday, March 19th, on the occasion of the monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Records were broken. In the first place, there was a record attendance of over 50 members, representing 17 towers, proving that Lawton is a popular meeting place.

A record was also established by a touch, 350 of Grandsire Triples, by a band which included the oldest member of the branch, Mr. William Rigby, aged 77, of Lawton, affectionately known as 'Old Bill'; and one of the youngest, if not the youngest member of the North Staffs Association, a schoolboy of 13.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Lawton (the Rev. C. R. England), who in his address spoke of the many ancient and modern uses of bells.

After service tea was served, this being generously given by Mr. Hollinshead, of The Limes, Lawton, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded. Grace was sung to the unusual accompaniment of handbells.

The local band afterwards gave selections on the handbells, and later some of the visitors joined in. Further ringing took place in the tower and was much enjoyed, the methods including Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****CROWDED BELFRY AT BETHNAL GREEN.**

The meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th, was very well attended, and a gratifying feature was the large number of young ringers present. Ringing commenced punctually at the time advertised, and very soon the small belfry became uncomfortably crowded. However, a walk in the church grounds between the ringing eased the situation and made the task of the Ringing Master much easier.

At the service the Rector (the Rev. S. L. Sarel), an honorary member of the association, preached a homely sermon. He reminded his hearers of the privileged position they held as churchworkers and of the call they made to others. He was sure they would not be like the ringers at a certain church in Cornwall, where prize ringing is in vogue, who, he was told, practised six days in the week and rested on Sunday.

Mr. F. E. Platt, a young ringer from St. Mark's, Dalston, presided at the organ, and did his job uncommonly well.

Tea followed, the catering department being taxed to the utmost (what a difference a postcard would make!). A very short business meeting took place when only empty plates were left. Four new members were elected, and Stanmore was chosen as the place for the next meeting on May 14th. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was the choice for the special method for that meeting.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) announced that the annual general meeting would be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, April 30th, and the most important business would be the discussion of the new rules, details of which had already been circulated to the affiliated towers. He urged everybody to be present.

The Chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, to the catering department, and to the organist.—The Rector, in reply, said he was glad to see a good meeting, and hoped the association would soon pay another visit.—The organist, too, replied, and said that any ringers would be welcomed at Dalston, where they were very short-handed.

The total attendance during the afternoon and evening was upwards of 50, which is much more encouraging than the poor attendances of 1937. The ringing reached a high standard—from rounds to Spliced Surprise in four methods, and included a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by eight members of the Ladies' Guild.

**NEW BAND FORMED AT KERESLEY.****ADDITIONAL BELL HOPED FOR.**

With the view of putting the band of bellringers in the parish of Keresley with Coundon, Coventry, Warwickshire, on a proper footing and the promotion of the art of campanology among churchmen there, a parish church society was formed at a meeting which was held in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Keresley, on March 7th. The society has the name St. Thomas', Keresley and Coundon Society of Church Bellringers.

The Vicar is president and the churchwardens vice-presidents. Mr. C. H. Webb was elected Ringing Master and Mr. W. Ensor steeple-keeper. Mr. F. East was appointed hon. secretary.

Members include all the old ringers and several newcomers to the district interested in bellringing. Two probationers are in training.

The society practises on Monday nights regularly. Nearly all the members and associates are members of the Warwickshire Guild. The church has five bells and a fund has been opened to provide a sixth bell.

**BASINGSTOKE.**—The young band at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, are making headway and some of them rang their first quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) on March 9th: \*F. G. Cooper 1, \*D. H. Anstey 2, \*D. W. Nash 3, \*R. F. Kingham 4, E. P. Austin 5, C. W. Munday (first as conductor) 6, J. Chesterman 7, \*F. A. Munday 8. \* First quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

**NOTICES.**

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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

To all members:

All notices of motions should be sent to me immediately.

To all Secretaries of affiliated associations:

Subscriptions for 1937-38 became due in January.

George W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston Parish Church, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., will be provided free to all who inform Mr. R. H. Vigor, Grange Farm, Sherburn-in-Elmet, by Wednesday, April 6th. Meeting for election of officers, etc., in Church Hall after tea. Subscriptions are now due and annual reports available. A good attendance will be appreciated by the local company.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) at the Porridge Pot, East Gate, at 5.15, followed by annual general business meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Groby and Ratby on April 9th. Ringing at Groby (6 bells) 3 p.m. till 4 p.m., Ratby (8 bells) until 9.15 p.m. Service at Ratby Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Ratby Church Rooms at 5 p.m.—A. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 9th, at St. Helens Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in schools. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Sec., Alness, 3, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., Fylde.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please do your best to attend and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but don't forget the card re tea!—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, April 9th. Reports ready for those who have paid their subscriptions this year.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. **Tea at 5.** All ringers will be welcome. We are looking forward to a large company. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, E., on Sunday, April 10th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the King's Head. Kindly send in names by April 19th.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Welwyn.—A peal of six (tenor 8½ cwt.), recently augmented and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans at the morning service on Easter Day at 11 a.m. The bells will be available for ringing (by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Bate) from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. First meeting, April 23rd, details later. Members who intend to be present please notify me the week before in order that arrangements may be made for everyone to ring. I mean this, as time is limited for ringing! —Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Towers open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (subject to weddings or services): St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), Belgrave (8); 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Cathedral (12). Committee meet at 3 p.m. in Church House, St. Martin's (side of Cathedral). Tea at 4.45 prompt at Oriental Cafe, Market Place, followed by general meeting. Tickets for tea must be obtained from Mr. H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester, not later than Thursday, April 14th. Only those who apply for and obtain tickets can be accommodated. All others must cater for themselves. A room will be reserved at the Hotel Victory, Great Central Street, 7 p.m., till 11 p.m. Concert at 8.30 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Over on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., 1s. each, followed by business meeting. It is hoped that Swavesey bells (6) will also be available. No ringing allowed during the business meeting. Good train services. The 11.32 a.m. from Cambridge will stop at Swavesey by request.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (6 bells) on Easter Monday, April 18th. Kindly notify me for tea not later than Thursday, April 14th.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10.30 a.m. and throughout the day. Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 4.30, to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by Wednesday, April 13th. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch will be held at Dalwood, near Honiton, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m., also Stockland (6). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Church Hall. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on East Monday. Cathedral bells (12) available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. The bells of St. Michael's, St. Stephen's and Sandridge (6 each) open by arrangement with your secretary. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with special preacher, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute. **If you want tea you must let me know, the latest by Easter Monday morning, post or phone 241.** Notice of alteration of rule: 'That the subscription be raised to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1939.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 58th annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday, April 18th. The committee meeting will be held at 11.15 in St. John's Church Room. The association service will be held in St. John's, Margate, at noon; preacher, the Vicar, Rev. C. Tyrell. Lunch at 1 o'clock in the Artillery Drill Hall, Victoria Road, followed by the business meeting. The following are the ringing arrangements: St. John's, Margate (8), before the service and after the meeting (ringing may be curtailed in the morning owing to weddings); St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, after the meeting; St. Peter's, Thanet (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12), St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), all from 10 a.m. to 11.30 and after the meeting. Major Powell Cotton has kindly offered to open his museum to ringers after the meeting, and will all who intend going please notify me before Thursday, April 14th. All applications for luncheon tickets free to members, 3s. non-members, much reach me, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope, by first post, Wednesday, April 13th, after which no application can be entertained.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.30 p.m. prompt; chairman, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m.; special preacher, the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 13th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin's (6), all from 11 a.m. Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Selston on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Schools at 4.45. Meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Dobb, Church Lane, Selston, by Thursday, April 14th?—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 18th. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael at Coslany, and All Saints' are available. Service at noon in St. Peter Mancroft Church; preacher, the Ven. Thomas J. Perowne, Archdeacon of Norwich. Luncheon at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Mancroft Parish Hall, 2s. per head to resident members. The business meeting for the election of officers for the year follows. Please notify your intention of being present at the luncheon. Kindly note subscriptions are due.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow in Water's Lane Mission Room.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April 12th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 19th; St. Andrew, Holborn, 21st; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Cathedral Society. Business meeting. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) will be available in the evening.—Charles R. Raine, Hon. Sec., 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) in Parochial House at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratfieldsaye on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 19th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells of the Cathedral available 3.30 to 4.15, S. Nicolas' Church (10) and Shalford (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Quarry Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at S. Nicolas' and Shalford. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Ipswich. The bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12) and St. Margaret (8) will be available. Committee meeting in vestry of St. Mary-le-Tower 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon G. H. Round-Turner. Tea and meeting 5.15 at Co-op Hall.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 30th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. G. E. Feirn has removed to Grasby, Lincoln.

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For instance, we wonder how many of the associations have taken any steps in the matters directly referred to them? Such a request, shall we say, as that asking for information concerning any local customs relating to muffled ringing, particulars of which are needed for inclusion in a report upon the subject? Or again, the furnishing of details of old ringing records, contained in many belfries, which are still awaited to complete the work which is being done by one of the committees of the Council? There are quite a number of things in which, from time to time, the Council needs the help of the associations, and it is astonishing in how much some of these organisations fall short of what may reasonably be expected of them. The affiliated societies ought not to feel that, when they have paid their subscriptions and elected their representatives, they have done all that is necessary in their relationship with the Council. The more lively the interest they take in its proceedings and work, the more effective the Council would be, and one way in which they could help its usefulness would be in sending forward, through their representatives, subjects of general interest which the Council could discuss.

Behind the scenes the work of the Council, through its officials and committees, proceeds throughout the year; it is only with the approach of Whitsuntide that the Exercise hears anything about what is going on. But some of the most valuable work is of a humdrum nature, for which those who do it often get little thanks. Those who are inclined to grumble that the Council does very little probably know little of all that is being done on their behalf, and have hardly stopped to consider what the Exercise and the Art would be like without such a body to co-ordinate them. For something like fifty years the Council has been encouraging all that is best in ringing and endeavouring successfully to direct the development

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JOSEPH T. DYKE, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association ...	Tenor

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Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

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A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN Treble ...	2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ...	6
*ERIC J. COE ...	2	†GEORGE OLIVER ...	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	3	†ARTHUR G. WILLETT ...	8
†DANIEL COOPER ...	4	†AMBROSE T. SHELTON ...	9
†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ...	5	WALTER CLAYDON ...	Tenor

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*T. A. HINGLEY ... .. Treble	H. HOWELL ... .. 5
G. BUTLER ... .. 2	B. G. KEY ... .. 6
D. HINGLEY ... .. 3	A. H. HINGLEY ... .. 7
H. SMITH ... .. 4	J. HINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. HINGLEY.

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STANLEY N. HARRISON ... .. 3	CECIL RADDON ... .. 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by H. PARKER.

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Tenor 10 cwt.

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*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 2	*GEORGE E. SPENCER ... .. 6
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*THOMAS ISOM ... .. 4	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. Tenor

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*EDWIN LLOYD ... .. 4	*ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Tenor

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Composed and Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

Umpire—Eric B. Hartley.

\* First peal in more than four Surprise Major methods. † First peal in more than seven Surprise Major methods. This peal contained 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, 576 each of Ealing, London, Wembley and Watford, 512 Yorkshire and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 157 changes of method, and is the first peal rung containing these nine methods.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(WATFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL  
AND WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK BULLOCK ... .. Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 5
WALTER G. PAUL ... .. 2	RICHARD G. BELL ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. DIX ... .. 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
*HARRY L. LONG ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 1,600 London, 1,280 Watford, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 704 Superlative, with 145 changes of method.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*E. STOCKBRIDGE ... .. Treble	E. SPICKETT ... .. 5
F. GADSDEN ... .. 2	J. FIFIELD ... .. 6
J. WAGHORN ... .. 3	A. SAXBY ... .. 7
A. DADDS ... .. 4	R. WHYBROW ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by F. GADSDEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saxby.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE PETTITT ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. Treble	HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 6
HARRY HOVERD ... 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... 4	*DEREK M. SHARP ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

\* First peal of Little Bob. A 19th birthday compliment to Geoffrey V. Murphy, a member of the local band.

## BURNHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 5
*CYRIL A. BURGESS ... 2	*L/CPL. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 6
PETER A. BLAMEY ... 3	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 7
BRYAN O'NEILL ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3	ALLAN SHORT ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
ARTHUR NEWELL ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	*WILLIAM SHERRATON ... 6
*THOMAS W. CROWE ... 3	*ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 4	*KENNETH ARTHUR ... Tenor

Conducted by E. GOBBY.

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on this plan.

HOLLOWAY.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, G. Charge 4, G. Tetman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, A. Johnson 8. On Sunday, March 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Tetman 1, R. Charge 2, R. Newman 3, A. Warren 4, H. Franks 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, G. Charge 7, A. Johnson 8. Rung in honour of A. Warren's birthday.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

TREVOR RODERICK ... Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	GEORGE POPNELL ... 5
HARRY BOYCE ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal of Minor in five methods for the Guild, on the bells and for all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

## WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford, called differently, with 5.6 the right way behind.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS R. MOGG ... Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... 4
KENNETH J. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. R. Hills, a chorister at this church for upwards of 50 years.

## WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble	*STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 4
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* Fiftieth peal. These bells were augmented from three in April, 1888, and this peal was rung to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary as a ring of six.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Alnwick; (2) Chester; (3) Munden; (4) York; (5) London; (6) Cambridge; (7) Netherseale.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT ... Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

\* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. First Surprise peal as conductor

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven extents in ten methods: (1) Killamarsh; (2) Trinity Sunday; (3) St. Albans; (4) Wragby and Neasden; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel; (6) Sandal and Oxford; (7) Kingston.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	*WILFRED TIBBLE ... 4
J. THOMAS WHITE ... 2	*CYRIL COOK ... 5
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in ten methods. Rung in honour of the completion and dedication of the new church at Shafton in the above parish.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
BARNARD PATMORE ... .. 2	ERNEST OVERALL ... .. 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 3	SYDNEY CARTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor in seven methods.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	† WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 5
* ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First six-bell peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Viz.: Three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

* MISS EDITH CATON ... Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT ... 4
† ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... 2	WILLIAM STIFF ... 5
GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS,

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

* HERBERT SUTTON ... Treble	† EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 4
HARRY PARKER ... 2	HARRY THELWELL ... 5
† GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. HOWARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

KELHAM THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF THE SACRED MISSION,

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

* THOMAS BARLOW BROWN ... 1-2	ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT ... 5-6
† PHILIP JOHN BOULSOVER ... 3-4	† ARCHIBALD T. BARTLETT ... 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. F. SARGENT.

Umpires—James Trainer and Harold Bacon.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by the College band. Rung as a token of appreciation to our benefactors.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	* HARRY ASHTON ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

\* First peal in the method.

**THE SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION.**

**MEMBERS RING A PEAL OF CINQUES.**

On Saturday, twelve secretaries of a similar number of ringing organisations rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral, London, the first time that a band thus composed had rung a twelve-bell peal, and they rang it for an association which is their very own.

By way of explanation, it may be as well to go back a bit in history to recall that on March 21st, 1931, at Beddington, Surrey, before a peal of Stedman Caters, ten secretaries founded an association, by passing the following resolution, which has made their society a model for all time. The formation of the association and its constitution were embodied in the following:—

'That an association, to be known as the Secretaries' Association, be and the same is hereby formed; that those here present become its first members; that it be open to secretaries of recognised ringing guilds and associations; that there be no entrance fee or annual subscription; and that no minutes of its proceedings be kept.'

Since that resolution was passed the association had not met until last Saturday, when the 'first annual meeting' was held. There was no agenda and no business, except the election of new members, and a resolution, moved and carried without speeches, that the subscription be halved and the secretaries' secretary's salary doubled.

Then they got down to the real task of the day, which a number of them had come so far to share. Lincoln, Leicester, Wolverhampton and Somerset, to say nothing of Reading and Portsmouth, had been drawn on, and the result was extremely satisfactory to the secretaries. There were a number of experts outside to listen to the ringing, and the band received their congratulations upon having rung an excellent peal, which was conducted by the secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Before this performance the secretaries modestly thought of challenging the guild and association treasurers to ringing combat, but they now think they might try for something even more august and challenge the Masters to ring Stedman Cinques in competition for twelve top-hats.

But in addition to the pleasure which the secretaries had of meeting and ringing together, there was a touch of sadness about the peal. It was a coincidence that just when the arrangements had been completed, one of the most noted of all ringing secretaries should pass to his rest, so soon after having laid down his pen. The secretaries, therefore, paid their tribute to the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had been the doyen of their fraternity, by ringing the peal with the bells half-muffled.

One other point about the peal is worthy of note, and that is that Mr. Tom Hibbert was able to finish off the task of ringing every one of St. Saviour's bells to a peal. Tom had to dash off at the finish to catch his train, and the remainder had only just time for a brief celebration before the Licensing Act intervened. We understand that what with early morning trains to distant parts of England and the beginning of 'summer time' in the course of these journeys, some of the ringers only reached home on Sunday morning 'with the milk.'

The secretaries would like to acknowledge their indebtedness to Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for the attention given to the bells and for putting on the muffles before the peal.

**DEATH OF BRISTOL RINGER.**

We regret to record the passing on Sunday, April 3rd, of Mr. Bertram C. Worsdell, of Bristol, at the age of 44 years. He had been employed by the Great Western Railway Company and was well known in ringing circles in the west country, where he will be always remembered as a valuable Sunday service ringer and a great asset to the band to which he belonged.

From 1928 until 1935 he was a member of St. Ambrose, Bristol, Guild. When he was promoted to a higher post and transferred to Trowbridge, Wilts, he became a useful addition to the band there and rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques by the local company. In 1937 he was transferred back to Bristol to take up his duties in another part of the city, and became a member of St. Stephen's Guild, to which he was attached until his death, which occurred at Bristol General Hospital following an operation.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 7th, at St. Ambrose's Church. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Plaistowe, curate (a member of St. Ambrose Guild of Ringers), assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Lee), the interment being at Avon View Cemetery. Bristol ringers were represented by Messrs. J. A. Burford and W. H. Thomas (St. Stephen's), A. Pearce and G. Pearce (St. James'), Mrs. E. J. Brown (St. Philip's), Mrs. L. Simmons (Portishead), Messrs. J. G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), A. T. Maggs, A. Knight, G. S. Wiltshire, Mrs. F. Skidmore and Mr. F. Skidmore (St. Ambrose).

The bells were half-muffled and Stedman Triples were rung prior to the service. After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. T. Maggs 1, G. Pearce 2, Mrs. F. Skidmore 3, A. Knight 4, F. Skidmore 5, A. Pearce 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, G. S. Wiltshire 8.

The floral tributes included wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown; C. Raisen, Trowbridge; Trowbridge ringers; and St. Ambrose ringers.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY MEETING.

Minutes of the second session of the sixteenth Council (45th annual meeting), held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1937, at 11 o'clock.

In the unavoidable absence of the Archbishop, due to Coronation duties, the Council was welcomed by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, a former member of the Council and for very many years secretary of the Kent County Association.

The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

The meeting opened with prayers offered by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. A. B. Peck.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. H. W. Brown, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt.

Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. King.

Cambridge University Guild—Mr. E. M. Atkins, Mr. E. H. Lewis.

Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. H. Parker.

Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.

East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.

Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association—Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. L. W. Wiffen.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

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

Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre.

Kent County Association—Mr. J. H. Cheesman, Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association—Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. T. B. Worsley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. C. H. Perry.

London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. J. A. Waugh.

Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. Hollier, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor.

Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman, Mr. F. Nolan Golden.

North Staffs and District Association—Mr. A. Thompson.

Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.

Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.

Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.

St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. Gilbert, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee.

Surrey Association—Mr. W. Clayton, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Sussex County Association—Mr. H. R. Butcher.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild—Mr. C. E. Lanxon.

Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and District Association—Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members—Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, S. H. Wood, E. Alex. Young.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary reported that the composition of the Council was now as follows:—

Associations affiliated	...	50
Total members to which entitled	...	138
Total members elected	...	135
Honorary members	...	15

The alterations from last year were the affiliation of the Sussex County Association with four representatives, an addition of one representative from the Warwickshire Guild and one less from the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.

It was also reported that Lord Shaftesbury had consented to his election as honorary member.

The following subscriptions were reported unpaid: Cambridge University Guild, Durham and Newcastle Association, North Notts Association and North Wales Association, and attention was drawn to Rule 5.

As the operation of this rule would prevent the president from speaking or voting, it was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Stephen H. Wood, and resolved, that Mr. E. H. Lewis be elected an honorary member.

(Note.—The unpaid subscriptions have since been paid.)

### ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

On the president's motion, it was resolved that the following address be sent:—

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

The following reply was received:—

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

### ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

On the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. F. Johnston, it was resolved that the following retiring members be re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

### PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

In accordance with Rule 11, the following members were presented: Mr. L. J. Williams (Lancashire Association) and Mr. W. Claydon (Surrey Association).

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Bath and Wells), Mr. A. E. Sharnan (Bedford), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon), Messrs. W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson (Durham and Newcastle), Mr. E. P. Duffield (Essex), Messrs. H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley (Hertford), Mr. G. Lindoff (Irish), Mr. G. R. Newton (Lancashire), Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (Midland Counties), Messrs. F. Colclough and K. Thacker (North Staffs), Mr. C. E. Borrett (Norwich), Mr. R. G. Black (Peterborough), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire), Messrs. C. J. Sedgely and S. H. Symonds (Suffolk), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Sussex), Mr. H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth), Mr. C. H. Woodberry (Worcester and Districts), Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire), and honorary members, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. C. W. Roberts.

### LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The president reported the death of the following members and past members:—

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (1892-1928, president 1918-20), the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (1891-1932), Mr. F. Wilford (1904-1936), Mr. A. A. Coppock (1924-1935), Mr. J. Phillips (1932-1935), Mr. H. S. Ellis (1912-1914), Mr. R. J. Dawe (1909-1911), Mr. A. E. Wreaks (1895-1896), Mr. G. W. Stokes (1937).

A silent tribute was paid with all members standing.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

It was proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and carried, that the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on March 26th and April 2nd, pages 197-199 and 213, and circulated to all members, be taken as read and be approved.

### REPORTS.

The following reports, etc., were circulated to all members and associations, and have been published in full or in brief form in 'The Ringing World.' They are preserved in the Council's records and are available for inspection:—

#### REPORT OF THE HONORARY LIBRARIAN.

(Vide 'The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, pages 355-6.)

In the unavoidable absence of the hon. librarian, the report and accounts were presented by the hon. secretary, who moved the adoption. The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried.

Arising out of the report, the following matters were dealt with on the recommendation of the Standing Committee: (a) The 962 copies of the Glossary to be offered to associations on payment of postage, the out-of-date matter to be indicated by rubber stamp. (b) Model Rules for a Local Company and Preservation of Bells to be reprinted, decision to be made by Standing Committee as to number of copies required and revision necessary. (c) Hints to Instructors and Beginners to be reprinted if demand continues. (d) The officers to consider the preparation of a book on double-handed handbell ringing. (e) Insurance should be effected on the stock of publications and the contents of the library.

The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood, the thanks of the Council were accorded to those who had kindly presented additional books to the library.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

(Vide 'The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The hon. treasurer represented the accounts and reported that these had been audited by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who moved the adoption, and Mr. C. T. Coles, who seconded the motion. The accounts were adopted.

#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The report was presented by Mr. E. Alex. Young (senior trustee), and on his proposal, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, was adopted. It was also agreed to pay the demonstrator's fee of 10s. 6d.



## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

The hon. secretary presented the formal report of the committee and moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fletcher and carried.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, page 356.)

A letter from Mr. Lindoff was read by the hon. secretary stating that the peal collection was delayed owing to failure of members of the committee to return selections of peals.

The letter was accepted as the report of the committee, and on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier, was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE

('The Ringing World,' May 28th, 1937, pages 356 and 357.)

The report was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope, who moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner and carried. The committee indicated that they would deal with the question of reprinting Plain Major and Cater Methods, which were nearly sold out.

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

The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' April 23rd, 1937, pages 267-9.)

In presenting the report, Mrs. Fletcher stated that since its publication in 'The Ringing World,' two alterations had been made, i.e., a non-association peal of Bob Minor was now included with the peals of the Ely Diocesan Association, and a peal in seven Surprise methods had been added to the record of new methods.

The committee referred three matters for the Council's decision:—

(a) As to whether Pitman's and Morris' Doubles were contrary to the Council's decisions. (No action was taken on this matter as the question was to be debated later.)

(b) As to whether two peals of Doubles, rung for the Hertford County Association, containing Oxford Singles, should be excluded from the Analysis. The Standing Committee recommended that the Council regret the inclusion of such a method in a peal considering the number of methods available.

(c) As to whether a peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association, containing a plain course of Woodbine in addition to an extent in that method, should be included, there being some doubt as to

where the plain course was inserted. The Standing Committee recommended that the committee make further inquiry.

The report was adopted on the proposal of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye, and on the president's motion the Standing Committee's recommendations were adopted.

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, and carried, that it be an instruction to the committee that, when necessary information is not forthcoming when the statistics are made up, the peals should be ignored and omitted from the Analysis.

The committee recommended the addition of Mr. W. Ayre to the committee, and on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. Perrens, this was adopted.

(To be continued.)

## 'CANNED' SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence and expressions of opinion by bellringers regarding the use of gramophone records instead of bells, the following extract from the Church Magazine 'Home Words' for March will no doubt be of interest to your readers:—

'In your Church News,' writes the Rev. T. H. Croucher, 'you mention a Vicar who conducts services and plays the organ too. I have done that many times. (I am an F.R.C.O.) But I wonder if there are any clergymen who play a gramophone to accompany their services? At my church at South Pickenham, Norfolk, I used to play hymns, psalms, anthems and the Canticles on the gramophone. This I found very successful; one hadn't to rely on village folk who couldn't or wouldn't play!'

It would be interesting to know what the Rev. T. H. Croucher means exactly by the words 'very successful'; presumably the attendance at church showed an improvement after the introduction of the gramophone. However, in my opinion a mere handful of sincere worshippers in church would be far better than a church full to the doors with people who were there, either out of sheer curiosity or for the sake of the novelty of hearing a gramophone taking the place of the choir and organ.

On one point, at any rate, I am sure that all churchpeople (whether ringers or not) will be agreed, i.e., that the efforts of the 'village folk,' however poor and imperfect, would be far more acceptable to God than the most perfect gramophone record, and this goes for bells as well as services!

Further, as there are two sides to every story, it would be rather interesting to hear what the people of South Pickenham have to say in answer to the Rev. Croucher's closing words.

LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM.

All Saints', Newport.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild had 262 paid up ringing members for 1937. They seem to have a way of collecting arrears, too, for the balance sheet shows that in addition to the contributions for 1937, ten members paid for 1936 and seven for 1935.

Easter tide has always been a time for the ringing of long peals, and among them we would recall the 13,265 Grandsire Caters at Appleton rung exactly 50 years ago last Monday.

Tuesday, the 12th, was the anniversary of the famous 18,027 of Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough in 1909, the first time that one set of men ever rang 'the clock round.' The peal took 12 hours 18 minutes.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of 12,240 of Treble Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne, to which Mr. James George rang the tenor, in 8 hours 39 minutes, on April 17th, 1911, while Monday is the anniversary of three records: 12,006 Grandsire Caters at Painswick in 1737; 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford, Essex, in 1894; and 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hepstonstall, Yorks, in 1927.

It is also interesting to recall that the first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major—a method long since relegated to the limbo of things forgotten—was rung exactly 100 years ago on Saturday at Birstall.

Among the events of which to-day (Thursday) is the anniversary is the gallant attempt for the tower-bell record, made at Heptonstall, Yorks, on April 14th, 1928. A peal of 22,096 of Double Norwich Major was lost after 18,360 changes had been rung in 10 hours 31 minutes.

Which is a reminder that the longest tower-bell peal by one set of men was rung on April 22nd, 1922, at Appleton—the 21,363 Stedman Caters in 12 hours 25 minutes.

## THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The remark in your last issue with reference to the first peal of London Surprise in the City makes me feel I should like to add just a word of appreciation to what has been said of the late Mr. William T. Cockerill. I can fully endorse the remarks as to his being an upholder of strict discipline in the belfry. Experience has taught me that this is a necessity, but with Mr. Cockerill's tact as a leader it came quite naturally. In my early visits to St. Paul's on a Sunday in the early nineties I was always most courteously welcomed (although not a member of the 'Ancients'), and never left the tower without being asked to ring.

With regard to Mr. Cockerill's trying hard for the first peal of London Surprise in the City, it may not be out of place to mention that one of the first to congratulate us on coming out of the tower at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on January 14th, 1899, was Mr. W. T. Cockerill with the remark, 'You have done it for us this time.'

I can only add that I am sure the passing of Mr. Cockerill will cause a gap in the St. Paul's company very hard to fill as faithfully as he has done.

G. WILLIAMS.

Eastleigh.

## PRESENTATION TO RETIRING DONCASTER RINGER.

**MR. G. HALKSWORTH'S FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.**

Mr. George Halksworth has been for nearly fifty years a member of the Doncaster Parish Church company, and vice-president of the Doncaster and District Association and Ringing Master of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association for 21 years. He has now left Doncaster to live at Scarborough, but before his departure received a slight recognition from his colleagues for all the service he had rendered to ringing.

On April 3rd, Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster and president of the Doncaster company, presented a Westminster chime clock to Mr. Halksworth and a cut-glass bowl to Mrs. Halksworth on behalf of the local company.

Mr. W. E. Lloyd welcomed the visitors, who represented the Yorkshire Association and Doncaster and District Association.

Canon Davies said he was very pleased to see so many present, as Mr. Halksworth's ambition to encourage bellringing, not only in Doncaster, but all over Yorkshire, was greater than could be expressed in words.

Mr. Lloyd read a letter from Mr. H. Walker, of Whitley Bay, a former ringer of Doncaster Parish Church. In it he said: 'It was in 1891 that Mr. George Halksworth became a member of the Doncaster company. For 50 years he has upheld the best traditions of the art of change ringing in Doncaster and district, and has done all in his power to advance the art. He has been vice-president of the Doncaster and District Association for 21 years, Ringing Master of the Southern Division, Yorkshire Association, for 21 years, and for four years on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association. He carried out the often difficult duties of his office in a manner worthy of a diplomat, giving pleasure to many and offence to none.'

Mr. Halksworth, in acknowledging the gifts, said that what he wanted more than anything else was that the work should be carried on.

Mr. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster, was elected to take Mr. Halksworth's place as secretary of the Doncaster company.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—14.

## JOHN AUSTIN.

One of the 'old brigade,' Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, was among the pioneers of Surprise ringing. He was born at Burton-on-Trent on November 19th, 1863, and at the age of 20 was invited to take up ringing at Winshill, near his home. He soon became very interested in the art, and later made the acquaintance of Mr. John Jaggar, who was doing a lot of useful work among young ringers. On December 5th, 1885, Mr. Jaggar conducted Mr. Austin's first peal—Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Burton, and, soon afterwards, Mr. Austin joined the St. Paul's company.

It was just at the time the Burton men were beginning to make history and break new ground in Surprise ringing. So quickly did Mr. Austin develop as a ringer that in May, 1886, he took part in the first peal of New Cumberland Surprise, and quickly followed this with peals of Stedman, Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, and London. On November 8th, 1888, he rang in the 6,720 of London Surprise at Burton, conducted by Mr. Joseph Griffin. At that time it was the record length in the method. In this same year, too, Mr. Austin rang his first peal as conductor, calling Holt's Original.

In November, 1890, Mr. Austin went to live in Gloucester and joined the enthusiastic band at St. Michael's, the society including the brothers E. B. and H. L. James. They were at that time practising Double Norwich, and on Christmas morning rang the first peal in the method for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

In 1893 Mr. Austin conducted the first peal of Superlative Surprise, Double Oxford Bob Major and Grandsire Cinques for the association, and, in the following year, the first peals of Cambridge

Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Caters. In the diamond jubilee year, 1897, came the first peals of Bob Royal, Bob Maximus, Gloucester Surprise Major and Kent Treble Bob Maximus. It was this band that really gave the first impetus to Surprise Royal ringing. On January 21st, 1898, Mr. Austin called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Cheltenham. At the time it was believed to be the first ever rung, but later it was discovered that 80 years or so before a peal had been rung in Yorkshire. But the Cheltenham peal was the start of modern Surprise Royal ringing.

Afterwards Cambridge Surprise Maximus was practised, and, although he has never rung a peal of it, we believe Mr. Austin was the first ever to call a bob in Surprise Maximus. On three occasions the band met for a peal at Cirencester, and at the last attempt rang nearly two courses. Although they were never successful in scoring a peal, it was a great piece of pioneering work, for it must be remembered they had no ring of twelve of their own on which to practise. Indeed, it was the fact that they had to travel to Cirencester that eventually led to dropping the method.

The year 1898 was a very successful one, for it saw the first peals on the augmented ring of ten at St. Michael's and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Hereford Cathedral, the latter a formidable task, for ringing takes place among the great old timber beams amid deafening noise.

St. Michael's Juniors later fell on quiet days, for the band became much depleted, but Mr. Austin kept up his peal ringing activities, and his conducting has been an example to many young ringers, for John Austin seldom calls a peal from any but a 'working' bell. Altogether he has rung 540 peals, of which he has conducted 310, and the proudest moment in his life was when he called 'this is all' at the end of the first peal at Exeter Cathedral.

Mr. Austin was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1916 to 1918, and served for a number of years as Gloucester branch secretary of the association. He has also represented the association on the Central Council, first from 1908 to 1920, and from 1932 to the present time.



MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

## RINGING IN LONDON.

## MR. BAILEY REPLIES TO MR. CORBY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to enter into a wordy argument, but now that I have been accused of 'insulting the London County Association,' 'talking through the back of my hat,' 'using carping criticism' and 'residing in a district where bitterness is rife,' I would like to attempt to reply to the bitter and unpleasant onslaught made by Mr. Corby against my speech at the recent Cumberland Youths' dinner.

First of all, let me say that there was nothing I said in my speech which I did not qualify by an example or an observation, and if Mr. Corby had been present at the dinner he would not have written 'through the back of his hat' on secondhand information and accused me of talking through the back of mine.

There is no need for me to reply to the points raised in Mr. Corby's letter, as I think they have been effectively dealt with by Mr. Gilbert (on free lance peal ringing) and Mr. Waugh (on the position of the London County Association in London ringing) at the dinner, and by the leading articles and Mr. Trollope's letter in your paper, and it would appear that Mr. Corby would have been well advised to wait for the full report of the speeches at the dinner to appear before doing any mud slinging.

I am rather afraid Mr. Corby has overstepped the mark and has pointed his criticism at me rather than at my speech. He says, 'I feel that the Exercise should be informed that in the neighbourhood in which Mr. Bailey resides there is a great deal of bitter feeling,' etc., but he omits to mention that, until recently, he has been residing in the district himself, and I do feel that he is hitting below the belt by using the district in which I reside to further his own arguments, particularly as he has not long ceased to be a resident of it himself.

As far as using 'carping criticism' is concerned, I leave those of your readers who read Mr. Corby's letter to decide who has been doing the 'carping.'

In conclusion, let me venture to suggest that Mr. Corby will be doing the London County Association a much greater service by showing the courtesy and friendliness that its other officers show rather than indulging in a bitter criticism which he has done in his letter of last week.

J. E. BAILEY.

Dartford.

## 'HIDEOUS EFFECT' OF SIMULTANEOUS RINGING.

Dear Sir,—This letter is written from an office in Kingsway, London, at six o'clock on Sunday evening, to the combined accompaniment of a peal of eight bells, probably St. Andrew's, Holborn, and a peal of ten, which no doubt is St. Clement Danes'.

The effect is really hideous, and if some of those ringers who lament the silence of many of London's bells could be with me now, I am sure they would doubt whether it is such a bad thing after all.

As ringers, we agree that all bells should be rung, but we are naturally only very rarely able to judge their effect. This particular office is within earshot of four peals of bells—the two mentioned above; St. Paul's Cathedral, which I heard this afternoon; and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. In all cases there is nothing to prevent the sound of the bells coming out, and it can be little short of a miracle that, apparently, no complaints are received. The bells of St. Clement Danes, for example, are, to my mind, a definite nuisance. I personally do not object to them (by themselves), but the comments of my non-ringing colleagues can be well imagined, even though we do not hear them at full force.

The four peals mentioned above are contained in a very small part of London, and there must be many other places where more than one peal can be heard. If all the silent bells started ringing, heaven knows what the effect would be!

E. A. BARNETT.

## LONDON TWELVE-BELL TOWERS.

Sir,—What is a 'silent twelve-bell tower'? And may I ask which twelve-bell towers in London are supposed to come in this category?

R. F. DEAL.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Coles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Cardiff, for evening service on Sunday, February 22nd. The conductor, Mr. A. Rowley, called the same quarter-peal for the wedding 25 years ago: W. Prosser 1, F. Hannington 2, E. Coles 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, H. Morgan 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, E. Coomes 8, J. Phillips 9, S. R. Barker 10.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Bond 1, T. Timms 2, A. Bishop 3, \*B. S. Nichols 4, R. Hudson 5, W. Dixon (conductor) 6, F. Soden 7, \*O. Aldridge 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman. First quarter-peal as conductor.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, at Immanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. C. Mitchell 1, A. Diserens (conductor) 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. A. Button 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman 7, A. Hodges (first quarter-peal) 8.



## LADY'S TENOR RINGING FEAT.

### MISS HILDA SNOWDEN'S CAREER.

Miss Hilda Snowden's performance in ringing Bocking tenor to a peal of Double Norwich Major, as well as conducting it, is an outstanding achievement for a lady, for, in the words of one who knows this 18½ cwt. bell well, 'it is a man's job.' The peal, recorded in our columns last week, was rung for her 22nd birthday.

Miss Snowden, who is now hon. secretary of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, really began her ringing career before she reached the age of 14. She started to learn at St. Andrew's, Halstead, in January, 1930. As there were six beginners at the time, progress with handling a bell was slow, and it was not until two years later that she became keenly interested, and realised that, if she was to get on, she must get further practice elsewhere.

With her brother, Mr. Claude Snowden, she cycled to other towers in the district, and most of her early practice in change ringing was obtained at Earls Colne, Greenstead Green and Colne Engaine. It was at the first-named church that she received the splendid tuition which has since enabled her successfully to ring some fairly heavy bells, for at Earls Colne there is a long draught and the bells need a lot of handling. By the way, it is rather regrettable to think that, out of the six who began ringing together in 1930, Miss Snowden is the only one who is left; the others all gave it up.

Miss Snowden rang her first peal in May, 1932, and her first two Surprise peals were rung in one day, in December, 1933. Her peals now number 60 and include Cambridge Minor, Major and Maximus, as well as peals in five other Surprise Major methods. The peal of Cambridge Maximus is a reminder of the fact that Miss Snowden and her brother frequently motor the 32 miles to Ipswich and back for practice. Recently, it will be recalled, she conducted the first peal on Stoke-by-Nayland bells, which are anything but an easy peal to ring. Altogether she has called seven peals and shared in the conducting of one other.

The following is a list of her peals: Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; London Surprise Major 7; Bristol Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 6; Superlative Surprise Major 7; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2; Belgrave Surprise Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7 (conducted 1); Bob Major 6 (conducted 2); Grandsire Triples 1; Surprise Minor, seven methods, 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 1; Minor in seven methods 2; Minor in four methods 5 (conducted 1, jointly conducted 1); Minor in three methods 2 (conducted 1); Minor in two methods 2 (conducted 1); Oxford Treble Bob Minor 1; Plain Bob Minor 3 (conducted 1); Bob Doubles 1; total 60.

In addition to her membership of the Essex Association, Miss Snowden is also a member of the Ladies' Guild, the Suffolk Guild, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, and St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.



MISS HILDA SNOWDEN.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th, when 40 members attended from Angmering, Arundel, Billingshurst, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Kirdford, Rudgwick, Storrington, Shoreham, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band. Short touches of several methods were rung during the afternoon prior to a short service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. I. Frost).

The tea and business meeting were presided over by the Rector.

All the outgoing officers were re-elected, three new members, viz., the Rev. H. T. Wisdom (Worthing), Major H. C. Hall (Wisborough Green) and W. Scragg (Rudgwick), were elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

## PEAL NOTES.

### NINE SPLICED MAJOR METHODS.

A peal in nine spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Willesden on April 5th. It will be remembered that recently an attempt was made for it, and, after being apparently successfully brought round, the conductor discovered that in copying the figures he had put a wrong method in one place, with the result that the peal was false.

Naturally such a contretemps was guarded against on this occasion, and this time the peal was actually rung with an umpire, who sat in the belfry and ticked off each method as it was called.

A feature of the composition, given below, is that the changes are more than usually evenly distributed between the methods, and there is not a predominance of London. Bristol and Rutland have 640 changes each, Ealing, London, Wembley and Watford 576 changes each, Yorkshire 512, and Cambridge and Superlative 480 each. It was the first time a peal had been rung containing these nine methods.

Congratulations to the band, which included one lady, Miss Kathleen Bradford, and particularly to the young composer and conductor, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner.

Here are the figures of the peal, which runs to 5,056 changes:—

23456	M	W	Methods
35642	—	2	Wem. S. B. Wat.
42356	2	—	R. B. C. or S. R.
32654	—	—	L. C. E.

25463	—	2	Wem. S. B. Wat.
63254	2	—	R. B. Y. R.
52436	—	—	L. C. or S. Wem.
34625	—	—	E. Y. L.
26543	—	—	Wat. C. E.

Repeat the last 5 courses three times, produces 43265. Then repeat the whole.

Peals of Spliced Surprise Major are not, in these days, altogether rare performances, although they are still rare enough to make them noteworthy. It is seldom, however, that two are rung in one day.

In addition to the one at Willesden, another was successful at Watford, where Mr. Harold Cashmore called a peal in five methods of his own composition. Peals of this description have seldom been rung by an entirely local band, but this one was rung by the Watford Society.

### VARIETY IN PEAL RINGING.

Probably our readers may have noticed the variety of methods in which the peals on eight and ten bells recorded last week were rung.

The Royal included Plain Bob, Double Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Bob Major, Double Norwich and St. Clement's College were in the Plain Major methods, and the Surprise Major included London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Rochester, together with a peal in six methods spliced, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland being among them, while of Triples there were peal of Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob.

The fiftieth anniversary of the augmentation of the bells at Whickham, Co. Durham, from three to six was celebrated with a peal of Minor in eight methods on April 2nd.

A peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was specially arranged for C. E. Jeffries, of Ampthill, who cycled 28 miles each way to Apsley End to take part. It was his first attempt at three of the methods, Alnwick, Munden and Netherseale—a very creditable performance.

Mr. George Thompson rang his 70th peal on his 70th birthday at Harwick, Essex, on April 2nd. It was also a birthday peal for the granddaughter of Mr. H. A. Wright, the tenorman, and the 50th peal rung by Mr. E. E. Davey, who was the conductor.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saxby, of Margate, was celebrated by a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on April 7th. It was the first peal in the method by all the band, except Mr. J. Waghorn.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert rang his one hundredth peal on the bells of St. James' Church, Bushey, on April 7th. The peals have been rung in 27 methods.

The peal last week was specially arranged for Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas scored her first peal of Superlative Surprise.

Mr. W. R. Hills has been a chorister at Willesborough Church, Kent, for upwards of 50 years, and on April 2nd the ringers celebrated his birthday by ringing a peal of Treble Bob Minor in his honour.

A 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. Frank Varty, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulford, Cheshire, was his fiftieth peal.

Another 'coming of age' compliment was the peal rung at Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, on Saturday, Mr. T. W. Crowe celebrating his 21st birthday by ringing a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major in the Ilkerton arrangement. The ringers take the opportunity of thanking the Rector for his hospitality after the peal.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales, and Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on Saturday, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Newell.

The first peal of Treble Bob on the bells at Acton, Cheshire, was rung on Saturday, when seven 720's of Kent Minor were brought round.

A peal of Bob Major at Burnham, Bucks. on Saturday, was rung after meeting short for a local peal of St. Clement's Major. Corporal Tocock, of the Royal Tank Corps, filling the gap at short notice.

(Continued in next column.)



# ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## REPRESENTATIVE NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at St. Andrew's, Halstead, on Saturday week, when 48 ringers attended, 21 towers being represented: Halstead, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Over (Cams), Cambridge, Saffron Walden, Sible Hedingham, Pebmarsh, Fulbourne, Hornchurch, Kelvedon, Wickham St. Paul's, Bocking, Braintree, Bishopsgate, Leytonstone, Great Yeldham, Waldingfield, Newmarket, Sawston and Great Tey.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (Canon T. H. Curling), assisted by the Rev. A. W. Swallow (assistant priest). In the course of his address, the Vicar welcomed the ringers and said he was very pleased they were again meeting at Halstead.

Tea was afterwards partaken of at St. Andrew's Hall, having been prepared by Mrs. Snowden, Mrs. Parmenter, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. A. Root, assisted by Mrs. G. Trendell and Mrs. Upstone. The provisions for the tea had been kindly given by parishioners.

The District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) said as they had been so kindly entertained to tea he would suggest that a collection be made for the hall repair fund.—This was done and £1 5s. 6d. was realised.

The business meeting followed, the District Master presiding. Miss W. Elliott (Kelvedon), Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. H. Smith were elected ringing members. It was agreed that the next meeting should take place at Stebbing on July 2nd.

The District Master moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for his services, to the ladies for the able way they had prepared and served the tea and to the parishioners for giving the provisions.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked Mr. Ridgwell for his kind words and for the collection, which, he said, was a kindly thought. He was very pleased to say that the fund was now nearing its goal. He was pleased that another lady had been elected a member of the association, and was glad that the Northern Division had chosen Miss Snowden as their secretary. It was necessary that a good ringer should hold the position and in their case he thought they had made the right choice.

The ringers then returned to the tower. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Bob Major, Grandshire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise. A gallant attempt was also made for Spliced Surprise.

# THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' SUCCESS

(Continued from previous column.)

Kelham Theological College students are making excellent progress, and on Sunday, April 3rd, rang their first peal.

From this training college come clergy of the future, and by the initiative of Mr. A. F. Sargent, who learned ringing in Glasgow when Mr. Stephen Wood was there, a serious attempt is being made to interest the students in ringing, not only for ringing's sake, but in order that they may have an interest in the art and in ringers, if at any time they are attached to a church with bells.

For a time they practised on borrowed handbells, but they were recently presented with a set, and assiduous use has been made of them. Two peals of Minor have recently been rung in Nottingham, with the assistance of Mr. Ralph Narborough, and now four of the students have rung a handbell peal of Bob Major entirely unassisted.

There is a graceful footnote to the peal, which says that it was 'rung as a token of appreciation to our benefactors.'

New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Claybrook, Leicestershire, on April 2nd, and was the first peal in the method by five of the band. It was the 25th peal together by Messrs. Alfred Ballard and W. A. Wood, hon. secretary of the Hincley District of the Midland Counties Association.

The peal was a compliment to Master G. Brown, Mr. C. W. Ballard and Mrs. W. A. Wood, whose birthdays occurred on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April respectively. It had been arranged by Mr. K. A. Roe, but he was unable to ring owing to illness, and the band wish to thank Mr. Edwin Lloyd for filling the gap at short notice.

As we have said before, 'stars' do not always indicate progress. Here is Dan Cooper, of Croydon, with a 'star' to his name for his first peal of Bob Royal. And Dan has rung London and all sorts of other Surprise Royal! This peal of Bob Royal was rung at Beddington, and was Mr. Tom Bannister's one hundredth peal.

The Vicar of Erdington's birthday was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Triples. Afterwards he and Mrs. Power kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

The ringers of the treble and sixth at East Meon on April 2nd scored their first peal of London Surprise. They were Leslie Tremear and Reginald Reed.

# PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

## PLIGHT OF POOR PARISHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the pre-Reformation bell at Hollesley, I, like many others, noticed this was set down in the church, where it is neither use nor ornament. It seems a most lamentable fact, while so many hundreds of pounds of bell metal is wasted, that the oldest ring of eight should be quite unringable for the want of a few hundreds spent in rehanging. The Rector of Horham is very keen on this being done, and has had tenders for the work, but the project has been turned down as quite beyond the means of the parish, which is in a very poor agricultural area. The district includes Gislegham, which has one of the finest sixes in the country, and where for years a fund has been started for rehanging. With only £100 to raise, the parish has decided not to go on with the scheme till a more favourable opportunity occurs. Yet less than ten miles away seven bells have stood on the floor of an unused church for more than 20 years.

Stoke Ash, Suffolk.

ERNEST F. POPPY.

# OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN NEWPORT PAGNELL DEANERY.

The Rev. J. F. Amies should be well pleased with the success of the meeting of the Newport Pagnell Deanery area of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, held at his church, Weston Underwood, on Saturday, April 9th. In addition to ringers of neighbouring towers, there were present the Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), with two of his ringers, Messrs. C. W. Smith and E. C. Lambert, and a welcome visitor in the evening was Miss M. Cross, of Twyford, Berks.

A homely service was held at 4 o'clock, with Mr. D. Cockings at the harmonium. Tea followed, at which the Rev. J. F. Amies voiced the sentiments of the ringers in welcoming the Deputy Master.

Ringing included rounds for the learners, of whom there were quite a few, and London Surprise and spliced methods for the experts.

# RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

## CELEBRATED BY QUARTER-PEAL AT KING'S LANGLEY.

On March 13th Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayward, of King's Langley, Herts, celebrated their golden wedding, having been married at St. John's Church, Devizes, Wilts, in 1888. Both come of generations of farming families, and resided in Staffordshire before going to Hertfordshire. They have three sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Hayward, who is 74, was married on his birthday. He has been a bellringer for 60 years and rang in the first peal in King's Langley Church. On Sunday, March 13th, in honour of his golden wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung, in which Mr. Hayward rang the tenor: A. V. Cook (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Rogers 2, D. A. Cook (first quarter-peal) 3, A. H. Hill 4, J. W. Lane 5, E. V. Rowe 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, J. Hayward 8.

# COMPLAINTS SILENCED AT BOWDEN.

## EFFECTIVE REMEDY AT A CHESHIRE CHURCH.

Complaints about the bells at Bowden, Cheshire, have been silenced by effectively bricking up and shuttering the louvres.

In 1935 ringing turned over from 'stone', and practices were commenced. Numerous complaints followed, but the church authorities did the wise thing. They did not stop the bells, or defy the objectors, but took the rational step of modifying the sound of the bells.

Bowden 'Parish Magazine' says: 'We can now claim to have freed ringing practice from all annoyance to those who live near the church. The shutters in the belfry, when closed, reduce the sound to a minimum. Indeed, in several houses quite near the church it is said that the bells cannot be heard at all. There cannot be good ringing without practice, and as at the present time there is a great revival of change ringing up and down the country, it would be a pity if Bowden tower was left out of it.'

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## NOTICES.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Welwyn. —A peal of six (tenor  $8\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.), recently augmented and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans at the morning service on Easter Day at 11 a.m. The bells will be available for ringing (by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. Bate) from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. First meeting, April 23rd, details later.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**BEXLEY, KENT.**—St. Mary's Parish Church. The augmented peal of eight bells, in new steel frame and latest fittings, by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by Dr. King, assistant Bishop of Rochester, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. H. Holden, Verger, St. Mary's.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Leicester. Towers open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (subject to weddings or services): St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10), Belgrave (8); 2.30 to 4.30 and 7 to 8 p.m., Cathedral (12). Committee meet at 3 p.m. in Church House, St. Martin's (side of Cathedral). Tea at 4.45 prompt at Oriental Cafe, Market Place, followed by general meeting. A room will be reserved at the Hotel Victory, Great Central Street, 7 p.m., till 11 p.m. Concert at 8.30 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual general meeting at Over on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells (8) available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom at 4 p.m., 1s. each, followed by business meeting. It is hoped that Swavesey bells (6) will also be available. No ringing allowed during the business meeting. Good train services. The 11.32 a.m. from Cambridge will stop at Swavesey by request.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, Cathedral bells (12) available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. The bells of St. Michael's, St. Stephen's and Sandridge (6 each) open by arrangement with your secretary. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with special preacher, followed by tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute. **If you want tea you must let me know, the latest by Easter Monday morning, post or phone 241.** Notice of alteration of rule: 'That the subscription be raised to 1s. 6d., commencing January, 1939.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 58th annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday, April 18th. The committee meeting will be held at 11.15 in St. John's Church Room. The association service will be held in St. John's, Margate, at noon; preacher, the Vicar, Rev. C. Tyrell. Lunch at 1 o'clock in the Artillery Drill Hall, Victoria Road, followed by the business meeting. The following are the ringing arrangements: St. John's, Margate (8), before the service and after the meeting (ringing may be curtailed in the morning owing to weddings); St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, after the meeting; St. Peter's, Thanet (8), Birchington (8), Quex Park (12), St. Nicholas-at-Wade (6), all from 10 a.m. to 11.30 and after the meeting. Major Powell Cotton has kindly offered to open his museum to ringers after the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (6) will be available from 10.30 a.m. and throughout the day. Tea at St. Peter's Church Hall at 4.30, to be followed by the annual meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos, Newport, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow in Water's Lane Mission Room.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 18th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.30 p.m. prompt; chairman, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m.; special preacher, the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester. Tea (non-members 1s. each) will be provided at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), from 10 a.m.; St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas' (6) and St. Swithin's (6), all from 11 a.m. Central committee meeting in St. Helen's Church House at 11.30 a.m. Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Selston on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Schools at 4.45. Meeting to follow.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting (60th year), Bristol. Easter Monday, April 18th. Programme: 10.30 a.m., St. Nicholas bells (10); 11 a.m., St. Mary-le-Port bells (8); 11.30 a.m., St. John's-on-the-Wall bells (6); 12 noon, All Saints' bells (8); 12.30 p.m., dinner at the Prince's Cafe, High Street, 2s. 3d. per head; 2 p.m., business meeting, St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street; 4.30 p.m., tea at Prince's Cafe, 1s. 6d. per head; 5.30 p.m., St. Mary-le-Port bells (8); 6 p.m., St. Stephen's bells (10); 7 p.m., St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells). Other bells may be available for ringing. St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8), available for ringing by arrangement on the day. There will be assistance from the association funds towards cost of dinner and tea, if members notify their intention of being present at either or both.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol, 2.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Dorking on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Long Sutton on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: St. Giles', Cripplegate, 19th; St. Andrew, Holborn, 21st; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, April 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford, Berks (8 bells), on Wednesday, April 20th, 6.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea by invitation of the Cathedral Society. Business meeting. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) will be available in the evening.—Charles R. Raine, Hon. Sec., 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD**.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) in Parochial House at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 19th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratfieldsaye on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 19th.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Annual meeting at Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells of the Cathedral available 3.30 to 4.15, S. Nicolas' Church (10) and Shalford (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Quarry Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at S. Nicolas' and Shalford. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, April 19th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Ipswich. The bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), St. Matthew (6) and St. Lawrence (5) will be available. Committee meeting in vestry of St. Mary-le-Tower 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon G. H. Round-Turner. Tea and meeting 5.15 at Co-op Hall.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Bassingham. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, the 20th.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Crewkerne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD**.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea should reach me first post certain, Tuesday, April 19th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

**LADIES' GUILD**.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 19th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD**.—The next meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Rd., Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Next meeting at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Hotel, 5 p.m. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, Branch Sec., Elm View, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northwich Branch.—A meeting will be held at Weaverham on Saturday, April 23rd. The bells will be ready at 3 p.m. All ringers are welcome, but will those who intend to be present kindly notify me for tea.—H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION**.—St. John's tower, Longton, bells (8) open for Surprise methods practice, 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., April 23rd. Do your best.—A. D. Steel, 7, Bath Terrace, Stoke-on-Trent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea at State Cafe at 1s. 6d., followed by the business meeting. Please attend and make the meeting a success. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Whickham, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory Hall, 1s. per head. Will those who require same notify Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, by Thursday, April 21st?—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The next meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at St. Mary's, Birkenhead. The tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is particularly requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Slough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 18th. Stoke Poges bells (8) available after business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rothwell (8 bells) on Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6), 2.30 to 9. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Please do your best to be present and send me a card for tea before Thursday, April 21st.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Rd., Retford

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Head. Kindly send in names by April 19th.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 30th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, April 30th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Barker Gate Institute, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Postcard for tea by Thursday, April 20th, to I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A special deanery service and meeting will be held at West Haddon, on April 30th, with the purpose of stimulating the interest in bellringing. The Rev. W. M. Watkins-Pitchford, Rector of Lamport, R.D., and who is well known for his broadcasts of church bells, etc., has very kindly promised to preach. The service will be at 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (tickets 9d.). Meeting to follow at approximately 5.45 p.m., when the Rev. N. Hatherly, R.D., will preside, supported by the Guild Ringing Master, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and others. We make a very strong appeal to all members of the branch and all interested in the ringing of the church bells in the deanery to attend. To facilitate the arrangements for tea, tickets should be applied for by the 25th to the undersigned. Ringers from outside branches are heartily welcome.—Rev. T. W. Long, Branch President, Ravenshorpe Vicarage; George Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 25th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome, but please remember to send a postcard to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, April 27th, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Trains leave Norwich at 1.4 p.m. and 2.20 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 27th?—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 27th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Visitors requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, April 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**PLYM TREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.**—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Pugh at the Rectory. Will all those expecting to be present please notify me by the 27th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, Cheltenham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 76, Calnfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, April 30th, commencing 3 p.m. A good muster of members, particularly those of the Northern District, is looked for. Tea will be served in the Church Hall at 5 p.m.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich (8 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. It is hoped that ringers will book this date and make the Harwich meeting a success.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

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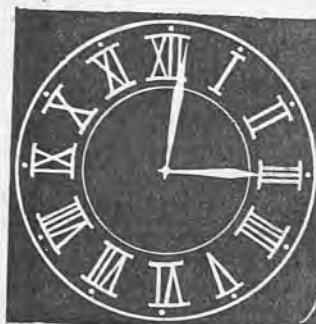
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The tower contains a very light peal of bells, specially suitable for boys to learn and ring on, and the parish badly needs ringers. There are competent instructors available, and the decision of the Council has been a serious blow to the building up of a young band. We do not know what, precisely, influenced the church authorities in the matter, whether their decision was on the ground of the physical or legal risks involved, but we can only imagine that, whatever the ground, it must have been arrived at from misapprehension. Of bodily risk to the youngsters in this instance—the tenor is less than five cwt. and the bells have been recently rehung—there can be no more than is involved in the physical jerks which they go through at school; indeed, on such a ring the mild exercise should actually be beneficial in strengthening the frames and the muscles of the juveniles.

What is probably most disturbing to the Parochial Council is their risk of liability in case of accident; although we are unaware of any special virtue in the age of fourteen years. Unless there is culpable negligence on the part of the Council in the way the bells, the belfry and the furnishings are cared for, there is no legal liability upon them for voluntary ringers and, if ringers are paid, the obligations of the Council are met, as for every servant in any employment, by insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Indeed, there is a scheme under which any band of ringers, voluntary or otherwise, can be insured through the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office for a small annual premium. Church authorities can in these days safeguard themselves very easily, and it would be a great pity if, through misapprehension, a band of young ringers, who are early in life becoming interested in church work, should have their enthusiasm and interest quenched.

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MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 10
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CHARLES F. SAYER ... 3	A. J. CORRIGAN ... 8
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*ARTHUR SKELTON ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal in the method.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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*WALTER LEE ... 4	PERCY NEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 2	† JAMES KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
*WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

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On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... 3	*ALFRED LOVERING ... 7
*JOHN H. GODFREY ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

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CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
*CHARLES CLARK ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

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Tenor 15½ cwt.

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	FREDERICK HOOPER ... 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
FRANK VERNON ... 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN PLATT.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

The above ringers are all bachelors.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
*NORMAN GOODMAN ... 4	*JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells since recasting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODWICH.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble	ERNEST J. KING ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*FREDERICK W. ALLEWAY ... 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 7
EDWIN L. MILES ... 4	FRANK MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

**A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT AND PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DOUGLAS WATSON ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
FRED HARTMAN ... 2	RICHARD LANGFORD ... 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal of Spliced Double Norwich and Plain Bob by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. MAYES ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	†STANLEY H. GRAVESTOCK ... 6
WILLIAM A. COLLINS ... 3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS ... 7
*JOHN CHURCH ... 4	†EDWARD W. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
† First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor's parents.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT C. LYON ... Treble	HARRY CARTER ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD BOURNE ... Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 4
EDWARD STEELE ... 2	JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 5
ARTHUR W. HALL ... 3	THOMAS HURD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HURD.

\* First peal and first attempt.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven different extents of mixed Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, with 101 changes of method.  
Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)

JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	RALPH BIRD ... 5
ALEC M. GENERY ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDER.

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal of Mixed Treble Bob by all and on the bells, and believed to be the first (of Minor) for the association.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent.

GEORGE LORD ... Treble	JOHN R. MATTOCK ... 4
ARTHUR GILL ... 2	DANIEL SMITH ... 5
ROLAND HILL ... 3	WILLIE GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MATTOCK.

First peal as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 9, 1938, in One Hour and Thirty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT M. ORCOCKS,

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

Being seven extents called differently.

*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 1-2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4
*EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 5-6	

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor in hand.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 1-2	REGINALD C. SHARPE ... 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Composed by B. H. SWINSON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 11, 1938, in Two Hours,

At VERNON HOUSE, FRIAR LANE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 1-2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... 4
*FRANK BRADLEY ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

\* First peal on handbells.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At 35, BERWICK ROAD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*BERNARD H. HALL ... 1-2	*JOHN H. FOSTER... 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

\* First peal on handbells in three Minor methods.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

SIDNEY BROWN ... 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5-6
ALBERT E. ADSTIN ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD... 7-8

REGINALD C. SHARPE ... 9-10

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR, Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

## RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

BELLS CELEBRATE FAMILY EVENTS.

On Thursday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, for the golden wedding of Mr. C. Belsey, captain of the band, and Mrs. Belsey: \*James Morris 1, \*Miss Joan Naylor 2, Miss Cath. Cheil (first with a bob bell) 3, C. Belsey 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, F. Cheil 6, G. Naylor 7, C. Webb 8. \* First quarter-peal.

Mr. Belsey was born at Little Mungeham, near Deal, and Mrs. Belsey at Chisle. They were married at Tonge in 1888 and moved to Rainham in 1896. Mr. Belsey at once joined the band there and has been captain for about 30 years. He has been a member of the Kent County Association for 40 years.

On April 2nd a peal of Bob Major was rung at Rainham in honour of the event. It was also a wedding anniversary peal for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Palmer, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, and a birthday compliment to their youngest daughter, Mrs. E. K. Parker, of Rainham, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Charley Belsey reside.

## FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, April 10th, in connection with the special Palm Sunday service at St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Hopgood 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss B. Mills 3, A. J. W. Hughes (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 4, E. J. King 5, H. E. Taylor 6, T. H. Francis (first quarter-peal on ten) 7, F. G. Southgate (first quarter-peal on ten) 8, P. A. Corby (first quarter-peal on ten as conductor) 9, F. W. Wicks 10. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wicks on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding.

HASTINGS.—On Sunday, April 10th, previous to Confirmation service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. J. Levett 1, A. S. May 2, W. J. Bradford 3, J. Pennells 4, N. H. Palmer 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett 7, A. J. Clift 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2, 4 and tenor.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with 7.6.8 behind: A. Tremear 1, E. Lane 2, J. Boniface 3, H. Newnham 4, L. Tremear (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6, W. Wearing 7, G. Allen 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2, first 'inside' by 3, and first as conductor.

## PEAL NOTES.

## NOT 'SPICED' BUT—WHAT?

The decision of the Central Council to debar the description 'spiced' to peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, where the change of method is made in the interior of a lead, makes for complications. A peal in which the two methods were used in, all the seven extents of a 5,040 of Minor has been rung at Wormingford, Essex. What is the correct way to distinguish between this peal and a peal of separate extents of Oxford and Kent, without using the word 'spiced' somewhere in the description?

In the report sent to us the word 'spiced' is used. We have substituted the word 'mixed,' without asking anyone's consent. Perhaps the Council at their next meeting will give these peals a proper description. In this peal there were 101 changes of method—a good many more than in some peals which can claim to be 'spiced.'

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on April 8th, as a tribute to the late Mr. A. E. Marsh, a prominent townsman and benefactor. The funeral had taken place earlier in the day, and the bells were rung both before and after the service. The whole pull and stand was rung 60 times (the deceased gentleman's age) just before the cortege entered the church.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Broadclyst, Devon, on April 9th, was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild) and to Mr. C. H. Lilley, the conductor. Afterwards the band were entertained to tea by Mr. Godfrey. The peal was the first of Major on the bells.

The peal of New Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich was the first by Messrs. J. Frank Smallwood and Leslie W. G. Morris, who made journeys from Bath and Leeds respectively to take part. Mr. W. P. Garrett, who rang the treble, has the unique distinction of being the only ringer to take part in the first peal of all the different methods of Surprise Maximus yet rung.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to George Pipe, the young son of Mr. Cecil Pipe, who rang the tenor.

A band, which included ten visitors from various parts of the country, had the privilege of ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on Aston's new bells on Monday afternoon in honour of the appointment of Aston's popular Vicar (the Rev. H. McGowan) as Archdeacon of Aston. The new Archdeacon is one of the vice-presidents of St. Martin's Guild.

Some of those who rang have scored peals in an extraordinary number of twelve-bell towers. Messrs. G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles, for instance, have now rung peals on twelve bells in 49 towers, and Mr. E. P. Duffield in almost if not quite as many.

Aston provides one of the instances where, in the old days, a bell opening was, indeed, a bell opening. A board of considerable dimensions in the ringing room proclaims that it was 'erected by order of the churchwardens to record two peals rung by the underwritten persons at the opening of the ten bells in this church, on the 17th and 18th October, A.D. 1814.' The peals were Grandsire Ten in and Grandsire Caters, both conducted by Henry Cooper.

Another board in the tower records peals of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Major rung by St. Martin's Society in 1776.

Mr. J. R. Mattock's first peal as conductor was rung at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when he called seven 720's of Minor in seven different methods from a working bell. That was a good 'kick-off.'

It was at Wath-on-Dearne, by the way, that 21 extents in 21 methods was rung as long ago as 1816.

Yeovil possesses one of the heaviest 'tens' in the country, the tenor being 40 cwt., and on Monday a peal of Stedman Caters was rung there.

Mr. Arthur Knights' composition of Grandsire Caters, No. 154, was rung for the first time on Saturday at Worsley, Lancs, where Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire 'completed the circle.'

A handbell peal in three Minor methods has been rung at Blackpool. We hope it is but the precursor of many more.

An interesting departure in the annals of Cheshire ringing was made at Bunbury on April 9th, when a peal of Spiced Double Norwich and Bob Major was rung, it being the first in these two methods spiced by all the band, in the county and by the Chester Diocesan Guild. It was a 20th birthday compliment to Douglas Watson, jun., who rang the treble.

A band of Norfolk bachelors scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Redenhall on April 9th.

Only 13 years of age, Leonard Bourne rang the treble to his first peal at the first attempt at Burslem on Saturday week. The peal—seven extents of Bob Minor—was a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Kenneth Thacker, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

(Continued from page 243.)

### REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 4th, 1937, page 373.)

The report was presented by the president as convener of the committee, and its adoption was also moved by him. Various matters not referred to in the report on which the committee's advice had been sought were also reported. These included assistance in dealing with architects and diocesan authorities on bell restorations at the request of bellfounders and others; considering steps in conjunction with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings to preserve an old bell frame which was unfit for further use, and which eventually was lifted higher in the tower to enable a new frame to be built. The question of whether damage may be caused in certain towers as the result of lowering bells in peal was dealt with by the president. His final remarks were: 'I can conceive that bells when part of the way down would get in step with the tower, and if they were to continue to ring the bells at that height it was possible it would do some damage to the tower, but they would have to do so for some considerable time unless the tower was so weak that they ought not to ring at all.'

The president also dealt with the subject of welding of bells, and stated that in his opinion only in very exceptional cases should welding be tried.

The report was adopted and it was also agreed on the president's motion to send an appropriate letter to the Church authorities with regard to All Hallows', Lombard Street, which was to be demolished, asking that when the bells were moved they be moved as a whole peal to a proper tower and be hung for ringing; to purchase a set of Davis silencers to be loaned out to any responsible persons for trial purposes on payment of postage both ways; to send a donation of £1 ls. to the Anti-Noise League and to endeavour to keep in close contact with that organisation; to take steps through the secretaries of affiliated societies to ascertain which of the Diocesan Advisory Committees had a member who knew anything about bells and bell-hanging and which of them had not, with a view to considering what could be done to make this knowledge available to all the committees. The information obtained to be circulated to all members.

### REPORT OF LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, pages 391-392.)

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presented the committee's report dealing with the various references to ringing which had been made in the London and Provincial Press during the year and the various broadcasts.

On his motion, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the report was adopted.

### REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARD COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, page 392.)

The report was submitted by Mr. W. H. Hollier, and on his proposal, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, was adopted.

As to the committee's request for instructions with regard to the details required, it was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, and carried, that as many details as are obtainable be recorded.

It was agreed to add Mr. W. G. Wilson to the committee, on the proposal of Mr. W. H. Hollier, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles.

### REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('The Ringing World,' June 11th, 1937, pages 392-3.)

The report was presented by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. The committee suggested that in view of the great variety and style of the photographs received, a separate photographic album was necessary, this to be cross-indexed to the biographical volume, and requested permission to incur an initial expense up to three guineas for the purchase of these albums, and where necessary to copy photographs at a cost not exceeding 1s. 6d. each.

The Standing Committee recommended that the most satisfactory method would be to keep the photograph with the biography, and to enable this to be done, to obtain reproductions of the photographs in a uniform size.

The Standing Committee supported the committee's recommendation that biographical details and photographs of members of the present Council be obtained, and those of future members when they come to the Council. These to be filed and added to the album when the subjects cease to be members of the Council.

The recommendations were accepted by the committee, and on the proposal of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the report and recommendations were adopted.

### REPORT AS TO CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

('The Ringing World,' June 18th, 1937, page 409.)

In order that members may have further opportunity to send in suggestions for incorporation in the final report, only an interim report was presented, which, on the proposal of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe, was adopted.

### REPORT AS TO MUFFLING OF BELLS.

('The Ringing World,' June 18th, 1937, page 409.)

The president submitted the report of the officers of the Council, the adoption of which was recommended by the Standing Committee. It was agreed to request all secretaries of affiliated associations to furnish particulars of local customs, and details of these if thought suitable to be included in the final report. The completed report to be considered

by the Standing Committee and after approval to be circulated to all members and finally to be submitted to the ecclesiastical authorities.

### THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

On the proposal of Canon G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, a vote of thanks was passed to all members for their work during the year.

### MOTION.

It was proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, that so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in (a) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made. (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block. (c) Twelve scores known as Morris' and Pitman's. (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.

2. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell. The motion was carried, the voting being 33—11.

NOTE.—The following was deleted from the original motion on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the motion to delete being accepted by the proposers:—

'At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.'

### PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

It was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, and carried, that the next meeting be held at Leeds.

### OTHER BUSINESS.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, it was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to the society on the occasion of their tercentenary.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES' GUILD.

On the proposal of Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, it was resolved to convey congratulations to this Guild on the occasion of their silver jubilee.

### RADIO BELLS.

The hon. secretary asked for members' views on broadcasts of bell records from churches by amplifiers and loud speakers and other imitations of actual ringing. Various views were expressed, but no formal motion was passed.

### AS TO PUBLICATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION.

No action was taken on Mr. A. J. Harris' suggestion that notices of motions should be in the hon. secretary's hands by December 31st to enable earlier circulation to members.

### AS TO RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

The president called attention to a resolution of the Council that bells should preferably be raised and lowered in peal, but if not it was desirable they should be raised or lowered singly and in order. He appealed to all members to follow the Council's recommendation themselves and also induce other ringers to do so.

### MEMBERSHIP LIST.

The hon. secretary invited all members to assist in the preparation of a booklet of the Council by sending full information regarding their societies and advising from time to time any changes in representation or addresses.

### DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUNDS.

On the proposal of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, the sum of £3 3s. was voted to the scheme for the alteration of the tower of St. George's, Bolton, as a memorial to the late Canon Elsee, and, on the president's motion, the sum of £3 3s. was voted in respect of the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, if the Ely Diocesan Guild promote a memorial fund.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury for the use of the Chapter House, to the Kent County Association for their kind hospitality, to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. Luck and Mr. T. E. Sone, and the committee of the Kent County Association for arrangements, to the various church authorities for the use of bells, and towerkeepers for their assistance, and to Mr. Morton Pierce for conducting members round the Cathedral.

On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for work during the year.

A vote of thanks to the president was passed on the proposal of Canon Coleridge.

The meeting terminated at about 5 o'clock.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): G. Prior 1, J. Irwin 2, J. Middlemas 3, C. R. Raine 4, H. White 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, R. F. Deal (conductor) 9, T. Pryde 10.



**CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.****NEW GUILD TO VISIT HERTFORDSHIRE.**

The 'ringing week' by clerical ringers, which has now become a well-established custom immediately after Easter, begins next Monday and centres round St. Albans. Last year, it will be remembered, the Guild of Clerical Ringers was formed while the 'week' was in progress, and this year the programme is being carried out under the auspices of the Guild, the annual business meeting having been arranged for Thursday. Headquarters are at the White Hart Hotel, St. Albans.

Among those who hope to be present for the whole or part of the week are the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Leeds), E. G. Benson (Burghill, Hereford), H. Benson (Quinton, Glos.), R. Copeman (Cambridge), C. Carew Cox (Lyme Regis), E. V. Cox (Bramford Speke, Devon), F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon, Oxon.), E. Bankes James (Fareham, Hants), F. S. H. Marle (Deane, Hants), E. S. Powell (Staverton, Daventry), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham, Bucks), W. H. R. Trehwella (Truro), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar, Bath), C. Elliot Wigg (Cheersley, Bucks), R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall, Notts).

The president, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne, Berks), will, it is hoped, be present at the business meeting.

The party, it will be observed, includes quite a number of guild and association officials, and there should be much useful 'comparing of notes' and interchange of views during the week.

The main body will meet on Monday at Sandridge, where they will ring on the six bells, then go on to Wheathampstead for tea. They will ring at Wheathampstead (6), and, after dinner at headquarters, ring at St. Peter's, St. Albans (10).

On Tuesday they visit Benington (8) for a peal attempt in the morning, and subsequent ringing includes Ware (8), Broxbourne (8) and St. Albans Cathedral (12).

Two simultaneous peal attempts are to be made on Wednesday, at Northchurch (8) and Great Gaddesden (6). Afternoon and evening ringing will be at Berkhamstead (8), Hemel Hempstead (8), Harpenden (8) and St. Michael's, St. Albans (6).

Thursday's programme also includes two morning peal attempts, at North Mymms (8) and Essendon (6). The two towers of St. Andrew's (8) and All Saints', Hertford (10), will be visited in the afternoon, and in the evening there is the business meeting, dinner and ringing at St. Stephen's, St. Albans (6).

The reunion concludes on Friday with a peal attempt at Knebworth (8) in the morning, subsequent ringing at Baldock (6), Hitchin (8), St. Ippolyt's (6) and Great Wymondley (6), with a final gathering at headquarters.

**NEW SURPRISE METHODS.****ICKLETON AND CLACTON.**

Below we print the figures of two Surprise Major methods which have been rung recently for the first time.

The first peal of Ickleton was rung on February 5th, 1938, at Ickleton, Cambs., conducted by H. G. Cashmore, who provided the method.

Clacton is another method from Mr. Lindoff's collection, and was rung for the first time at Helmingham, on February 16th, 1938, conducted by L. G. Brett.

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62483175	23457168
26481357	32541786
62843175	35247168
26834715	53274618
62387451	52376481
63278415	25734618
36724851	27536481
63742581	72356841
36475218	73258614
34657281	37526841
43562718	35728614
34526178	53782164
43251687	57381246
34256178	75832164
43521687	78531246
34512678	87513264
43156287	78153624
34516278	87516342
43152687	78156432
41325678	71854623
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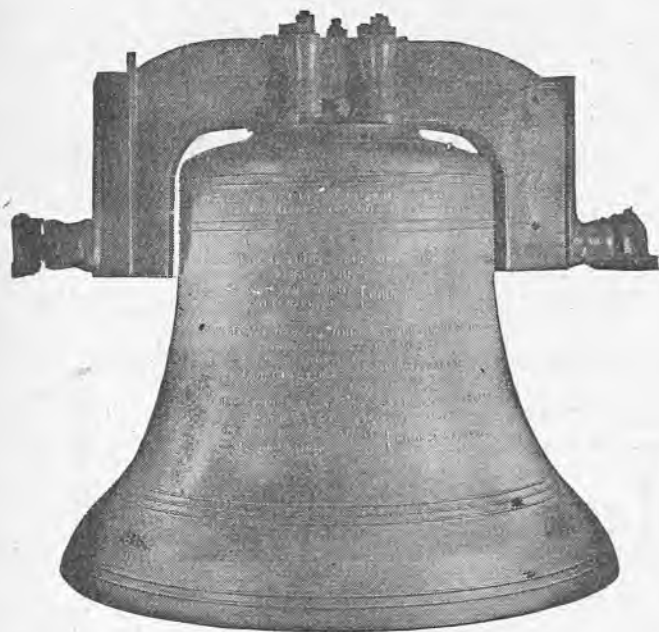
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two well-known Middlesex ringers are to be married to-morrow—Mr. Tom Lock, Ringing Master of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, and Miss Kathleen Bradford, of Twickenham.

Recent reference was made in these columns to the pre-Reformation ring of four bells at Thurlbeer, near Taunton, which were cast by Robert Norton about 1425. The tenor there is about 13½ cwt.

Robert Norton was also the founder of Nos. 4 and 5 bells at Mortehoe, Devon. According to the records of that church, the Chancellor of the period described Norton as having 'ontrewre ymagynacion, coneyn and desseit.' It would seem that even 500 years ago Chancellors were not too kindly disposed towards bellfounders.

Some of the 'bachelors,' whose peal arrangements for Monday at Wimborne, Dorset, fell through, made a trip to Leicester to join the gathering at the Midland Counties Association's annual meeting. Another example of ringers' enthusiasm.

To-day is the sixteenth anniversary of the longest peal ever rung by one set of men, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922, which occupied 12 hours 25 minutes.

On April 22nd, 1889, Mr. W. T. Pates called 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, a peal which was a record length of Caters at the time and is still the longest peal of Grandsire Caters that has been rung.

Seventy years ago next Wednesday, namely, on April 27th, 1868, the famous peal of 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Bethnal Green by the College Youths. At that time it was the longest peal rung by one set of men.

This peal recalls a much earlier attempt for a 15,000 of Treble Bob, Oxford in this instance, which was made by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Edmonton and which ended somewhat disastrously.

The peal had been in progress over eight hours when George Gross, the composer and conductor, in making an attempt to slacken his knee buckle, got his leg entangled in the rope, was elevated to a considerable height, and, in falling, broke his collarbone.

This was recorded in 'The Annual Register' of April 28th, 1800, as having happened 'a short time since,' but Mr. Gross must have made a very quick recovery, for on the very day the paragraph appeared he called a 10,112 of Oxford Treble Bob in the same tower.

Thirty-nine meetings, in twenty-six associations and guilds, are advertised in our notice columns this week to take place on Saturday, April 30th.

## INTENDED TO CLEAR MISAPPREHENSION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As Mr. Bailey's letter indicates that he is not in possession of certain facts vital to the argument, it would be futile for me to attempt to prolong the discussion.

My first letter was written with sincerity and was intended to clear the misapprehension which I felt that Mr. Bailey's speech was likely to create. I think it was necessary and I am glad it has been published.

I am not sufficiently acquainted with Mr. Bailey to criticise him, as opposed to criticising his speech, and would consider it a breach of good taste to do so in any case.

A hearty welcome awaits all, and Mr. Bailey in particular, at the next and all subsequent meetings of the Southern District of the London County Association.

P. A. CORBY.

Herne Hill.

## THE LATE DR. W. H. FRERE, D.D.

FORMER BISHOP OF TRURO.

The Church of England has lost one of its greatest scholars and historians by the death of the Right Rev. W. H. Frere, D.D., Bishop of Truro from 1923 to 1935, at Mirfield on Saturday, April 2nd. He was 74 years of age and had been in failing health for about a year. From 1902 to 1913 and from 1916 to 1922 he was superior of the Monastic Community of the Resurrection, and even at the Bishop's Palace he continued to live as a father of the order, attended by two brethren. His resignation in 1935 was the result of medical advice.

His body was laid to rest at Mirfield, and memorial services were held at Truro Cathedral and at All Saints' Church, Margaret Street, London.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Truro Cathedral on Tuesday, April 5th, in 55 minutes, by Miss M. Penrose 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. S. Roberts 3, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 4, W. E. Minors 5, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. Treloar 8.

## FORMER LLANDAFF BISHOP'S DEATH.

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Bishop Hughes (a former Bishop of Llandaff), whose funeral took place earlier in the day. The ringers were J. Lovett 1, G. Wines 2, W. Page 3, T. J. Hamlin 4, T. Page 5, H. Davies 6, F. Lasbury (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—15.****THOMAS E. SONE.**

Few ringers can have called a greater proportion of different compositions than Mr. Thomas E. Sone, who is one of Kent's most active conductors. Apart from having called Holt's Original four times 'round the circle,' which accounts for 32 out of the 197 peals he has conducted, he has called 146 different compositions (of which 98 have been different one-parts) by 41 composers.

Mr. Sone, who was born at Northbourne, Kent, on July 14th, 1895, is the son of a well-known Kent ringer, Mr. Chas. W. Sone, who, although now over 70 years of age, is still as keen as ever. Mr. Tom Sone began ringing at S. Michael and All Angels' Church, Marden, in August, 1909, and rang his first peal in the same tower in January, 1911, under his father's conductorship. His first peal as conductor was his fourth peal, Kent Treble Bob, at Headcorn, in November, 1919, but he did not take any real interest in peal ringing until 1925. Since that time he has carried his total to 283, two-thirds of which he has conducted.

He has made a hobby of calling a fresh composition as often as possible, and the fertile brain of Mr. Arthur Knights, of Cheshierfield, has provided him with a great deal of material.

Mr. Sone has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, and his peals have been rung in 74 towers, with 293 ringers, his father having rung in 191 of them. Among his interesting performances have been a peal of Bob Major and Canterbury Pleasure spliced at every lead. This was rung at Hadlow, Kent, in May, 1929. His one hundredth peal, rung in April, 1930, at Harrietsham, was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in which all the band rang their first peal in the method. In 1931 Mr. Sone called the first peals of

**MR. T. E. SONE.**

Grandsire Cinques (at Quex Park) and Erin Caters (at Maidstone) for the Kent Association. The former was the first peal of Cinques for all the band and the first peal on twelve bells for nine of them. The peal at Maidstone was the first of Erin by all the band and was rung at the first attempt. In addition to calling Holt's Original from every bell four times, Mr. Sone has also taken part in the peal non-conducted. He has rung every bell to a peal in no fewer than eight eight-bell towers and one ten-bell tower, and in six of the eight-bell towers he has called a peal from every bell.

Although there are no ringable bells in the village of Paddock Wood where he lives, Mr. Sone does his full share of service ringing. He has been attached to the band at All Saints', Staplehurst, since 1922, and lends a hand in service ringing and practice at his old tower of Marden and his father's tower at Linton. The towers in which most of his peal ringing is done are scattered, and no one appreciates more than Mr. Sone the efforts of the ringers in Mid-Kent, who have worked with him to 'keep the flag flying.'

Mr. Sone has been one of the Kent County Association's representatives on the Central Council since 1933.

**Next Week: Mr. Arthur Knights.****THE LATE MR. C. DRAPER'S PEALS.**

Mr. Charles Draper, of Duffield, whose death at the age of 73 years we recently recorded, rang, in all, 427 peals, of which 408 were credited to the Midland Counties Association. Of the rest 14 were for the Warwickshire Guild, one for the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society and four non-society. The total was made up as follows:—

Grandsire Triples 68, Stedman Triples 216, Union Triples 1, Bob Triples 6, Oxford Bob Triples 3, Court Bob Triples 1, Canterbury Bob Triples 3, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Plain Bob Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 11, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 21, Forward Major 3, Duffield Major 6, Kent and Oxford Spliced 1, Superlative 4, Grandsire Major 1, Grandsire Caters 7, Stedman Caters 26, Plain Bob Royal 1, Kent Royal 4, Doubles and Minor 11, handbells 12.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****DECISION TO INCREASE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Monday, when Mr. R. S. Cook, of King's Langley, was unanimously elected president.

The retiring president (Mr. G. Radley) welcomed among the visitors Mr. P. E. Haynes (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council).

The Hon. Secretary, in the 53rd annual report, said it was a pleasure to record that from observation and information received from the district secretaries, the association continued to flourish throughout the county. Also there appeared to be a greater urge, not only in Hertfordshire, but in similarly constituted bodies throughout the land, to make Sunday service ringing the pivot of true membership. As an aid to this, the personnel of a band was of the greatest importance, and it was incumbent upon the leader in each tower that no haphazard choice should be made in the selection of recruits for the belfry, who, quite naturally, should be confirmed members of the Church of England. That was where the parson, presumably conversant with the frailties of human nature in his parishioners, and possessed of a humour in which he 'could wink the other eye' when necessary, could become a real asset to his band and ringers in general. The Hertford County Association had been most fortunate in having an excellent backing from the clergy.

On the social side, district meetings had been arranged throughout the county (where possible with a service), and this method was still considered by ringers in general (in spite of changing conditions), the best means, not only of fostering and extending their art, but also in cementing that unique brotherhood that existed amongst ringers.

**THE YEAR'S PEALS.**

By the kindness of many incumbents permission has been most generously given for peal ringing, with the result that 46 peals had been rung upon tower bells, which, together with eight rung upon handbells, made a total of 54 for the year. Twenty-four tower peals had been rung on eight bells, five on ten bells and 17 on six bells. No twelve-bell peal had been recorded during the year. The time taken in ringing was 151 hours 3 minutes, and the total number of changes rung was 272,860. Sixteen of the peals rung on tower bells were Surprise methods, Knebworth, Langley, Ealing and Eastbury being rung without previous practice, all remarkable performances. The first handbell peals, consisting of five and six Spliced Surprise Major methods, had also been rung, being the first in history. Mr. Maurice Hibbert has called Swinson's variation of Carter's Odd Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples, the first time rung. The more difficult the composition the happier Maurice seemed to be. The Apsley band, with the assistance of Francis Kirk, of St. Albans, had scored three first for the association on six bells, in Surprise methods, viz., one peal in seven, one in eight, and one in eleven, under the conductorship of Mr. Walter Ayre. Eight ringers had rung their first peal and one his first as conductor.

After mentioning the losses by death, the Hon. Secretary went on to say that much restoration of bells and frames has been carried out, including augmentation of four new bells making a ring of six at Welwyn. At Wheathampstead, a battle, steel frame versus wooden frame, was fought between the Chancellor of the Diocese and others, and ended in a victory for wood. Hertingfordbury bells have been overhauled, and the Rector was anxious that his young band should be taught the elements of change ringing. John Briant's peal at Hatfield were also having a spring clean at the Loughborough Foundry and after being quarter turned and cleaned would be greatly improved in tone. Their Majesties the King and Queen visited St. Paul's, Walden Bury, in November last, where the Queen was born, and the event was celebrated by the first peal upon the bells. A new treble was to be added, making a ring of six. The bell was to be named Elizabeth, in honour of the Queen, and their Majesties have sent a handsome donation.

**CLOSER AFFILIATION WITH BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On October 22nd a joint meeting of the Beds and Herts Associations was held at Leighton Buzzard. This was the first result of the committee's resolution that they would welcome closer affiliation with the Beds Association by means of district meetings, etc.

Mr. W. Nash, it was regretted, resigned the office of district secretary for the St. Albans Division, which position he had held since Easter, 1918. He had given the association excellent service, and at the last meeting of the committee a resolution of thanks was passed, and had since been conveyed to him. 'Bill' Nash had given up his job, but before doing so he made sure of a successor in the person of Mr. H. V. Frost, to whom a hearty welcome was given.

Mr. C. H. Horton has arranged seven meetings in his district, in which he secured a combined attendance of 229. Two members of the district had been honoured by the conferring of the King's Coronation Medal.

Mr. D. Mears, Northern Division, reported the holding of six district meetings, the majority of which have been well attended, and that some good work had been done amongst towers which hitherto had no knowledge of scientific ringing.

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## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR.

#### Increasingly Sound Financial Position.

On Monday, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association celebrated its diamond jubilee, the annual meeting being held at Bristol. The Master (Mr. S. E. Romans), in his report, gave a brief resume of the 60 years' work of the association. Referring to the formation of the branches, now established in 13 centres, he said they were the backbone of the association, and the district secretaries were to be congratulated upon their success. It was pleasing to note the progress made in ringing for Sunday services throughout the dioceses, but he pointed out there were still many peals of bells which were not rung owing to lack of ringers. He appealed to the clergy to help in this matter by introducing young men connected with the Church who were willing to be taught ringing. Tower affiliation had not received the support that had been hoped for, and he appealed to leaders of bands to bring the matter to the notice of their respective church councils.

#### HON. SECRETARY'S SERVICES.

The Master went on to extend hearty congratulations and thanks to the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, for his valued services to the association. This year he completed 20 years in office. He had filled a difficult post with credit to himself and satisfaction to the members. In addition to the ordinary business of the association, he and the committee had organised and brought to a successful issue the following schemes: A national memorial to their Past Master, the late Rev. H. A. Cockey—a reredos at Bitton Church; a war memorial to fallen members—additional bells at Berkeley Church; and the national memorial to their founder and Past Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which consisted of the addition of two trebles and tuning and rehanging the other ten bells, and the furnishing of a Ringers' Chapel, at Tewkesbury Abbey.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said work had been steadily maintained throughout the 13 branches, but there were still some difficulties with regard to peal ringing qualifications and peal booking fees. There had, however, been a reduction in the number of members in arrears. During the year 27 peals had been rung by the association, in which six members had rung their first peal, and there was one new conductor. Special mention was made of Albert Tyler, who rang his first peal before he was 14 years of age, and his performance was the more remarkable, as it was a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Hon. Secretary said it had been urged that the affiliation fee scheme should be made an important feature, and he hoped with the collaboration of the Master and treasurer to put this matter in hand during the next few months. It would afford a greater measure of success if the members would consider the suggestion that the income from this source should be placed in the Belfry Repair Fund, to enable the officers to make more and larger grants when necessary.

The hon. treasurer's report on the finances was very encouraging. For two years in succession he had been able to report an increase of nearly £20 in the funds, by a combination of increased income and less expenditure. He was surprised to find that the association was worked so well at so small a cost.

The receipts during the year were £78 10s. 4d. and the expenditure £36 10s. 4d. on the general account and £20 15s. 8d. in the branches, leaving a balance of £118 15s. 9d., compared with £97 16s. 5d. last year.

#### PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

When the annual meeting was held at Bristol on Monday, many of the rings of bells in the city (6, 8, 10 and 12) were available. Owing probably to the fine weather, there was only a fair attendance, including members from Gloucester, Stroud, Fairford, Chedworth, Cheltenham, Swindon and Cirencester, whilst others attending were from Wootton Bassett, London, Bath, Wrington and Chew Magna.

Dinner at the Prince's Cafe, High Street, was followed by the business meeting, held at St. Thomas' Church Room. The reports from the Officers and Management Committee were adopted, as was also the balance sheet.

A resolution to invest £25 in a Building Society was passed.

The following officials were elected or re-elected: Vice-presidents, the Rev. N. E. Hope, the Rev. E. J. Phillips, Mr. S. Romans, Mr. W. Hale, Mr. F. J. Lewis, Mr. C. H. Gordon, Mr. J. Gould, the Rev. L. G. Cornwell; Master, the Rev. N. E. Hope (Chedworth); hon. treasurer, Mr. P. C. Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Guise; hon. peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; members upon Management Committee, the Rev. E. J. Staley, Mr. J. Austin, Mr. W. Dyer, Mr. C. W. Martin, the Rev. M. Paterson and Mr. J. K. Armstrong; advisers on bell restoration, Mr. F. G. Leaker, Mr. C. W. Martin and Mr. J. H. Shepherd.

Mr. J. Preston, of Birmingham, was elected a life member, and all the branch and belfry elections for 1937 were ratified.

It was agreed to hold the next annual meeting at Stroud on Easter Monday, April 10th, 1939.

Under 'any other business,' the Rev. M. Paterson said he had been asked to perform a very pleasant ceremony and that was to present Mr. E. Guise with some recognition of his 20 years' service as hon.

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, April 9th, and was attended by over 50 ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Cottingham, Drighlington, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Sutton-on-Hull, York Minster and the local company. Mr. R. Philpott, of St. Mary's, Portsea, Hants, was also present.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. O. Poole, M.A.) gave an address at the service.

Tea was most generously provided by the local company, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the president of the association, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, presided. Three new members were elected, Messrs. George Atkinson, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, John Howell, of Hull, and T. J. T. Wild, of Goole.

Market Weighton was selected as the next place of meeting in June.

The hon. district secretary, Mr. H. S. Morley, was re-elected, and Messrs. F. W. Dale and R. B. Smith were re-elected on the District Committee, together with Mr. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, who was elected in place of Mr. G. T. Miller, of Hull, who has resigned. Mr. Dale was also elected to a seat on the General Committee for three years. A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. Vigor, and the Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the association to Sherburn.

A vote of thanks to the local company for providing the tea and to the ladies for serving it was proposed by Mr. H. S. Morley and seconded by Mr. West, and, after the chairman and the Vicar had spoken of the splendid work done by Mr. E. H. Vigor during his three years at Sherburn, Mr. Vigor replied. He said he would shortly be leaving Sherburn for Northern Ireland. He wished he could have stayed a few years longer, and he asked the members to try and attend a practice meeting it was proposed to hold in May at Beverley Minster, and notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World,' as this would probably be one of his last meetings in Yorkshire before he left the district.

A collection was made in response to an appeal from Mr. P. Amos, on behalf of the fund for augmenting the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and realised 12s. 6d.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Further ringing on tower and handbells, including some 'four-in-hand' by Messrs. A. E. West and A. J. Hopper, concluded a very successful meeting.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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The subscriptions to the Benevolent Fund amounted to £2 12s., raising the total to £23 1s. 8d., while £1 10s. 9d. had been added to the voluntary bell fund, which now amounted to £1 10s. 9d.

Thanks were accorded to the Dean and clergy of Hertfordshire, also to the district secretaries 'for all their labours most unselfishly given, and most thankfully received by all, although sometimes that expression may be given in an odd way.'

The report was adopted.

The statement of accounts was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham) and also adopted. It showed a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2d., as against £7 9s. 11d. at the beginning of the year.

In spite of a certain amount of opposition, it was agreed to increase the annual subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. as from January 1st, 1939. The proposition was moved by Mr. C. H. Horton, with the support of the committee.

Mr. J. Watson, of the St. Peter's band, St. Albans, was elected a ringing member.

In addition to the president, the officers elected were: Hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Debenham; hon. librarian, Mr. H. V. Frost; and hon. auditor, Mr. W. Mercer.

Preceding tea and the annual meeting, the members attended evening song at St. Albans Abbey, at which an address was given by the Rev. M. P. G. Leonard, Rector of Hatfield.

Thanking Mr. Leonard for his address, Mr. Cartmel mentioned that he had heard every sermon preached to the association since 1885.

The Dean of St. Albans (the Very Rev. C. C. Thicknesse) and others were thanked for allowing the use of the bells.

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secretary. He asked Mr. Guise to accept on behalf of Mrs. Guise a gold wristlet watch and a cheque for himself.

He (the Rev. Paterson) stated that the good work of Mr. Guise was well shown by the appreciative response that had been received from the members towards the presentation.

Mr. E. Guise thanked the members on behalf of Mrs. Guise and himself, and stated that he had always felt proud as general secretary that he always had the confidence and respect of the members of the association, and he was particularly grateful for the genial companionship of his fellow officials.



## DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.

'FATHER' OF LAVENHAM RINGERS.

Passing of a Much Loved Personality.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, who passed away on Wednesday of last week at the age of 80 years. Over a long period Mr. Symonds has been the mainstay of ringing at his little town, and has rendered invaluable service to the art in East Anglia. He was looked upon as the 'father' of the ringers in Lavenham; indeed, several members of his own family are ringers there. He had been a regular ringer at his tower for over 60 years.

### AN APPRECIATION.

By 'ONE OF HIS BOYS.'

It was with very deep regret that we heard the sad news of the passing of Mr. Arthur Symonds, who to his many friends was more familiarly known as just 'Arthur' and to his own local company of ringers as 'the Old Chap.'

I wish my pen was able to pay better tribute to such a man. It has been my privilege to know him for several years, and surely the term 'one of Nature's gentlemen' never could have been more fitted to anyone than it was to him. In all the years I have known him, never once did I see or hear of him losing his temper. He was always just the quiet, dear old fellow, loved by everyone with whom he came in contact.

Arthur received his first lessons in ringing as far back as 1864 when he was only six years old, and rang for the first time in what was to become his beloved Lavenham tower in 1877 for Queen Victoria's birthday.

He rang his first peal on the Lavenham bells in 1888, and from then, until 1932, rang in every peal on the bells, some 112 in all, but he was never one who was keen to make records. He was far more happy when he could get hold of some young lad to instruct and teach him to become a ringer, and undoubtedly if all the ringers that owe their first instruction to Arthur could be numbered, it would certainly be a record that all would be proud of. It is needless for me to say that this part of his work will be very greatly missed, not only by the local company, but by many others in the surrounding district.

Until his health failed him just over two years ago, Arthur Symonds was a regular churchman. Very seldom did he miss a service on a Sunday; for many years he served as a sidesman and a member of the Church Council. When there has been a special service held on a Sunday afternoon, I have known him to go straight up the tower after the morning service and stay there until it was time to begin ringing again for the afternoon one. Such was his keenness that going without his Sunday dinner was a small matter to him so long as his bells were ready for service ringing. No one can ever know the number of hours (or perhaps it would be nearer the truth if I said weeks or even years) he has spent in his steeple. In fact, if ever I wanted to see him and he was not at home, there was only one other place to look for him, in his home from home, the tower.

What his loss to the local company will mean only time will show, and I am sure that even his son will agree with me when I say that no one can ever hope to take his place as leader at Lavenham, at least not in the hearts of the older members of the company. Some proof of this is shown by one small fact. I had often noticed, as all visitors to the Lavenham tower will remember, that Arthur had his favourite chair in the clock corner, and although it is over two years now since he last used it, that chair is still in its same place, but nobody ever occupies it, for, of course, it is looked on as his chair. But even if the chair was empty, we all knew Arthur's thoughts were with us and that he would be listening to his bells. That fact alone was enough to make the company try to give of its best when ringing.

I could write much more, but even then I should not have said all that one could wish to say about the dear old fellow. So, with this small tribute to a great innings well and truly played, I will close, not signing my name, but proud of the honour to be able to sign myself as just

'ONE OF HIS BOYS.'

**SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.**—On Friday, April 1st, a 720 of Spiced Treble Bob Minor in five methods, viz., Oxford, Sandel, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure: C. Lawson (first attempt for a 720) 1, J. Worth (conductor) 2, T. Taylor 3, Miss M. Fethers 4, S. Nobles 5, J. Whittaker 6.

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## NOTICES.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells of the Cathedral available 3.30 to 4.15, S. Nicolas' Church (10) and Shalford (8) 3 to 4.15 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church, Quarry Street, 4.30 p.m. Tea at Holy Trinity Parish Hall 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at S. Nicolas' and Shalford.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Ipswich. The bells at St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement (6), St. Matthew (6) and St. Lawrence (5) will be available. Committee meeting in vestry of St. Mary-le-Tower 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Address by Rev. Canon G. H. Round-Turner. Tea and meeting 5.15 at Co-op Hall.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 23rd. Towers open: East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6), 2.30 to 9. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratfieldsaye on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Basingham. Bells (6) available 2 to 9 p.m.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, at Crewkerne. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Slough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head. Stoke Poges bells (8) available after business meeting.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leighton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea at State Cafe at 1s. 6d., followed by the business meeting. Please attend and make the meeting a success. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Quatt on Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Please notify me those requiring tea.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughbough District.—Protracted negotiations with Castle Donington having been unsuccessful, please let us have a full parade at Diseworth on April 23rd to discuss situation. Excuse short notice.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**WELWYN, HERTS.**—The Northern District of the Herts County Association will hold the first meeting on Saturday, April 23rd, at Welwyn. The bells, which have been augmented to six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be available at 3 p.m. (by kind permission of the Rector—the Rev. H. R. Bate). Tea will be served at the Wellington Hotel, opposite the church. Nearest station, Welwyn North, 1½ miles, but Green Line and Birch buses pass the door. P.S.—They will stop if requested!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

**ALDENHAM,** Saturday, April 23rd. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, Social Club, 5.30. Usual meeting. Bells available till 8.30. Nearest Stations: Bushey and Radlett. Excellent bus service to church. Cycles can be stored at club.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 6 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thornecombe on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. A good attendance is requested.—C. H. Lathey.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Havant on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at King's Head at 5.30. Ringing after tea.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for April: \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 26th; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 28th. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 27th.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, April 30th. Service at St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at a charge of 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, not later than April 27th. The business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Baptist's, 10 bells, 3 to 4.45; St. Andrew's, 8 bells, 3.15 to 4.15; and at both towers after the meeting. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 8 bells, 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Nottingham, April 30th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, Barker Gate Institute, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea by April 27th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome, but please remember to send a postcard to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, April 27th, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. Trains leave Norwich at 1.4 p.m. and 2.20 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 27th?—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 27th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall. Visitors requiring tea must notify Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, not later than Tuesday, April 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (5) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Pugh at the Rectory. Will all those expecting to be present please notify me by the 27th?—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, Cheltenham.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, April 25th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**PLYMTREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.**—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 30th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Leverington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Ter-  
rington St. John, Wisbech.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, April 27th.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—Please note! The guild has decided to extend its area, and will in future be known as the Hawkhurst and District Guild. A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on April 30th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Short service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Roll up and give the new venture your support. A card from those requiring tea would oblige.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Brecon District.—The next meeting will be held at Talgarth on Sat., April 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify the district secretary, Mr. J. P. Hyett, Hay, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Charminster on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea and short business meeting to follow. Dorchester bells (8) available from 7 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Nice peal of 6. Service at 4.30. Please send cards early for tea.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6), recently recast, available only from 3.30 to 4.30. Short service and tea. Sandridge bells (6) are available for the evening. Good bus services. Please let me know if you intend to be present.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Middlezoy on Saturday, April 30th. Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Milton Keynes, Saturday, April 30th. 2.30, Ring up. 4 p.m., Service. 4.45, Tea. Business.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) open from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. T. Gifford, Branch Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Eynsham on Saturday, April 30th, next. Service 3.30 p.m. Visitors must please let me know by Thursday morning *first* post so that sufficient tea may be provided. Address: W. Evetts, Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells, recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Parish Room. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, 27th. C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. F. Gibson, Church House, Hungerford, Berks, by Wednesday, April 27th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. For tea, please advise Mr. E. Garside, 57, Stamford Street, Mossley, near Manchester.—Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Barnby Don. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged if sufficient let me know of their intention to be present by Wednesday, the 27th. Everyone can be catered for, so turn up in your dozens and don't forget tea cards.—E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements. Service at 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch. — The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Plowden Arms at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please let me know by April 27th, how many for tea. — E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Northbrook Hall, at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wraxall, instead of Blackwell, as previously proposed. The peal of 8 will be available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Kirby Moorside, on Saturday, April 30th. The peal of six bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. John Anderson, Avondale, Vivers Place, Kirby Moorside, not later than Wednesday, April 27th. Please try to be present. All ringers welcome. — Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6), Steeple Aston (6) open after tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at

Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Free to those who send in names by Wednesday, May 4th, to J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**STAVERTON**, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East and Western Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, May 7th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Church Institute, and will those who require same please advise J. A. Brown by May 5th? All ringers and friends welcome and a good attendance is requested. — F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, and J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Hon. Joint Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet, May 7th. Full particulars next week. — G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Thursday previous. — E. J. P. Davies and H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the historical castle will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle at 5 p.m., followed by tea and a short business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Edwards, Elliotts House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst, by Wednesday, May 4th? — Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. W. F. Ellingham, assistant ringing master of the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District) is now 35, Devon Way, Heston.

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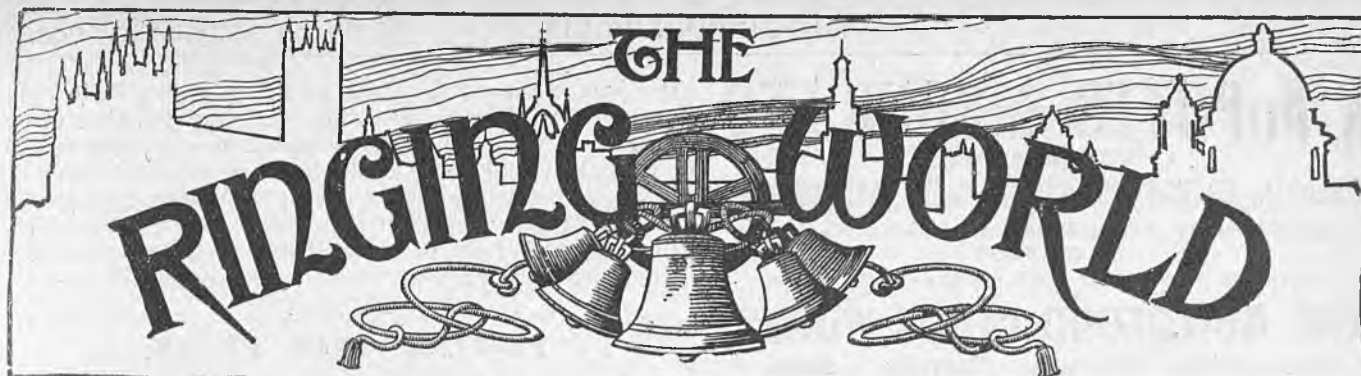
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But among ringers, almost everywhere, there is a tendency to leave things entirely to the officials. As long as things go well they are content to sit back and let those who will do the work. The best method of ensuring success in any organisation, however, is by the endeavour which every individual puts into it; and particularly is this the case in building up a strong membership. In towers where only part of the ringers have joined the territorial association it should be their constant aim and effort to bring in the remainder. The responsibility is theirs more than the officials', and yet there are hundreds of belfries up and down the country where only a half-hearted interest exists in the parent association, resulting in only a portion of the members supporting their county association or diocesan organisation. There is no cure for it until the ringers themselves realise what is due from them in loyalty and effort.

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the parent associations. It would be no hardship if in every tower there was a rule which insisted that every member of the band should be a member of the territorial association, and there could be no misunderstanding if this were made plain on entry. We cannot go into the matter at this point, but this opens up the whole question of whether the present financial arrangements under which associations work do not need reconsideration.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 8
RALPH COLES ... .. 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN... 9
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... 10
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 11
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6	EDWIN CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 39½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	†HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 8
*JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	†JOHN WORTH ... .. 9
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 11
†GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Treble	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 8
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
*MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
*EDWARD J. CHARMAN... .. 3	*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

\* First peal in the method.



BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
THOMAS F. KING ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN ... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
*KENNETH HILL ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
*THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 6
WALTER LYCETT ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 4	†GEORGE BERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Price.

## STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*DENNIS PARSONS ... .. Treble	F. A. ADAMS ... .. 5
RICHARD F. REECE ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 7
PERCY JARVIS ... .. 4	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED E. PARSONS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer.

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CHARLES SHAW ... .. Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 5
HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 2	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 6
ROBERT J. HULSE ... .. 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 7
DAVID SMITH ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First attempt for a peal of Major.

## GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	WALTER DORKING ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 2	HENRY WAIN ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	*LEONARD G. DAY ... .. 7
HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ARTHUR H. EVERETT

\* First peal of Major.

## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

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

CHARLES P. CHAIK ... .. Treble	GORDON A. BACON ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 2	HORACE S. MANSFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 3	FRANK CHALK ... .. 7
ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Perry, a local ringer.

## HEREFORD.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 17½ cwt.
GEORGE A. COUSINS ... .. Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 7
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 4	*LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells. Especially arranged and rung for the Easter festival.

## STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR D. BARKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	*WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. D. BARKER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 5
ROBERT H. ROBINSON ... .. 2	CECIL L. GUY ... .. 6
ANNE M. GUY ... .. 3	ALBERT R. WARD ... .. 7
FRANK S. TAYLOR ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

## HOLLAND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 5
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD ... 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD ... 6
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 3	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

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On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRED LACEY ... .. Treble	FRANK LORD ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 6
*HAROLD JUDD ... .. 3	*C. BERT CHESTER ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7
PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

Rung as a centenary celebration of a peal of Stedman rung by the Christleton Youths at St. John's Church, Chester, on April 19th, 1838.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

IN THE ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

WALTER NICHOLS ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 6
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. CLIFT ... .. 7
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Bradley, of Nottingham.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE JOHN ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY BAMFORD ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 6
LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 3	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. POWELL ... .. 4	†EDWARD DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

\* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards as priest-in-charge of the parish of Llanhennock, Mon., and to commemorate his year of office as Master of the association.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

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MOORSIDE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK LAWTON ... .. Treble	ISAAC GARTSIDE ... .. 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT ... .. 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 6
JOSEPH OGDEN ... .. 3	IVAN KAY ... .. 7
*FRED MELLOR ... .. 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

\* First peal. First peal for Oldham and District Society since reorganisation.

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On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT ... .. Treble	MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE HOBBINS ... .. 6
PHILIP BARNES ... .. 3	FRED JEFFERY ... .. 7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 4	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 5
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung in honour of St George's Day.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 7
*EDNA F. BEDFORD ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK

\* First peal in the method. Specially arranged and rung for the wedding of Thomas J. Lock and Kathleen M. Bradford, which took place on this day at Twickenham.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

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

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. G. HURREN ... .. Treble	D. G. FRANCIS ... .. 5
T. H. REES ... .. 2	G. E. PARMENTER ... .. 4
C. H. HAWKINS ... .. 3	J. C. HURREN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.

First peal by all except the conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure.

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. Treble	REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

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EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in 1 *Three Hours*,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Six different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*FELIX CHAPLIN ... .. Treble | VICTOR SOCKWOOD ... .. 3  
\*DONALD MITSON ... .. 2 | \*FRANK STERRY ... .. 4

THOMAS W. SOCKWOOD ... Tenor  
Conducted by THOMAS W. SOCKWOOD.

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

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in 1 *Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Three 720's of Kent, two each of Oxford and Cambridge.  
Tenor 12 cwt, in F sharp.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. Treble | FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4  
FRED WATKINSON ... .. 2 | HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5  
JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 3 | NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND

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

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, one of Oxford Bob, two of Kent  
Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob called differently.  
Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 19 lb.

\*MISS BRENDA BAYLES ... Treble | STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 4  
JOHN R. WILKERSON ... .. 2 | R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 5  
JEFFERY C. PRIEST ... .. 3 | \*DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

\* First peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-One Minutes*,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

RODNEY FLINT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 4  
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 2 | WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 5  
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 3 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

First peal as conductor.

SHELLY, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMANUEL.

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

Being 720 changes each of Carlisle, Chester, Canterbury, London, York,  
Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4  
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2 | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5  
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

KIRKBURTON, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

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

Being 720 each of the following 4th place Delights: Canterbury,  
Southwark, Abbeyville, Crowland, Vale Royal, Combermere and St.  
Werborg. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4  
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2 | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5  
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal of Minor on these bells.

MARCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Forty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

\*EDWARD G. HIGGINS ... Treble | \*RICHARD T. SARGENT ... .. 4  
\*NORMAN J. SPOKES ... .. 2 | NELSON E. SARGENT ... .. 5  
ERNEST CADLE ... .. 3 | \*FRED ABSOLOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CADLE.

\* First peal.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 24 lb.

\*JAMES H. G. HOME ... Treble | †BERT DEAN ... .. 4  
†CYRIL G. HURST ... .. 2 | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5  
\*RONALD H. LAWRENCE ... 3 | †ALBERT HURST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

\* First peal. † First peal on six bells and belong to Little Shelford.  
Rung for the Easter festival.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes*,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double  
Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Bob and  
Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS MARY BROWN ... Treble | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 4  
\*MISS MARY GARLEY ... .. 2 | †ARTHUR GARLEY ... .. 5  
†WILLIAM SHELFORD ... .. 3 | THOMAS GARLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in seven methods. An Easter  
peal, also rung to celebrate the coming of age of Miss Mary Brown and  
Miss Mary Garley.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in 1 *Two Hours and Forty Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4  
MISS DAISY ANDREWS ... .. 2 | HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 5  
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 3 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes*,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 720 changes each of Plain Bob, Sandal, London Scholars'  
Pleasure, Kingston, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR GILL ... .. Treble | J. THOMAS WHITE ... .. 4  
\*HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 2 | HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5  
ROLAND HILL ... .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in seven methods.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 17, 1938, in 2 *Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes*,

AT 25, WRST ROAD,

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

LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 1-2 | WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6  
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 3-4 | ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

### Mr. S. T. Holt Succeeds Mr. W. Short as Master.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association held its annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, when members and visitors attended from all parts of the county. During the morning and evening ringing took place on the various rings of bells available in the city, St. Swithun's and St. Nicholas' (6), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), and, for an hour, the grand peal of twelve at the Cathedral was available.

The business meeting was held in the College Hall and presided over by the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., president of the association), supported by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary), Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary), and Mr. William Short (Master).

The President welcomed the association to Worcester, explaining, at the same time, that he would be obliged to vacate the chair before the end of the meeting owing to business arising from a royal visit which would be taking place the next day. He expressed a wish that the meeting would not, on this occasion, lament the absence of young ringers, and referred to the number of youngsters in his Cathedral band.

Arising from the minutes, Mr. S. T. Holt reported that the 'annual peal' had been duly rung, this taking the form of a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral.

Several apologies were received from absent members. The Rev. J. F. Hastings explained that his absence was due to the illness of his wife, and Alderman J. S. Pritchett referred to his increasing years as the reason for his non-appearance, but, nevertheless, he expressed a wish that the meeting would be a successful one. In view of the illness of Mrs. Hastings, it was resolved that the secretary write to the Rev. J. F. Hastings expressing sympathy and hoping that she would soon be well.

### EIGHTY-THREE NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR.

In presenting the 53rd annual report, the secretary pointed out that the paid-up membership last year was 495, only one short of the record number. In addition to this, the branches had elected 63 new members this year, and, as will be seen later in this report, 20 were elected at the annual meeting, making a total membership of 578, which is a record for any one year for the association. Other points from the report were that during 1937 no less than £33 6s. 3d. had been paid in grants towards bell restoration, which was easily the highest amount paid by the association in one year for this purpose. The General Fund showed a credit balance of £7 1s. 3d. The Rev. J. F. Hastings, who last year resigned from his position of clerical secretary, had been successively curate and rector of Martley since 1891, this being a record for length of stay in one benefice equalled by only one other in the diocese. There had been only one change in the branch officers, Mr. T. Hemming having resigned from the office of Northern Branch Master, and Mr. J. Lloyd elected in his place. The branch secretaries were congratulated on their reports of meetings, which had appeared in the Press. The lay secretary thought that the year's work might be considered satisfactory, but there were still some 30 per cent. of the towers appearing in the Directory without ringing members. They must not rest content until every tower in the county with a ringable peal of bells was in active union with the association.

Two recommendations of the Central Committee were adopted, and as a result the annual dinner is to be held on the last Saturday in September. The committee appointed to arrange matters consists of Messrs. R. G. Knowles, C. H. Woodberry, W. C. Dowling, G. King, J. Hall, G. E. Large, with the Master and secretary. Rule 5 was modified to make the auditors, Central Council representatives, peals analyst and hon. librarian ex-officio members of the Central Committee, instead of co-opted members, which they previously were.

The balance sheet, which has been previously referred to, was adopted without discussion.

The librarian reported that 20 applications for books had been made involving 24 books.

At this point the chairman was obliged to leave, but before departing a vote of thanks was carried by the meeting thanking him for his presence during the afternoon. The clerical secretary was then voted to the chair, and the meeting proceeded with the election of officers.

The Dean of Worcester was re-elected president, and the whole of the vice-presidents re-elected with the exception of the Rev. V. C. Blyth, whose place is taken by the Rev. W. R. R. Brown.

### MASTER'S RESIGNATION.

Mr. William Short resigned his position as Master of the association. The Chairman expressed regret that Mr. Short was resigning, and thanked him for his past services. Mr. W. B. Cartwright, in proposing the election of Mr. S. T. Holt to the office, expressed regret that Mr. Short was resigning, but thought that the association should respect his wishes.—Mr. R. G. Knowles seconded the proposition and Mr. Holt was duly elected.

Mr. J. R. Newman moved that the association's thanks be given to Mr. Short for his past services. Mr. Short replied and hoped that Mr. Holt would be supported as he had been during his term of office.

The clerical secretary, lay secretary and the treasurer were unanimously re-elected, and Mr. J. R. Newman took the place of Mr. S. T. Holt as auditor, in company with Mr. E. E. Barber.

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## PEAL NOTES.

### INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT MANY PERFORMANCES.

The Rev. Ivor J. Richards, who, until Easter Monday, was Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, has been appointed as priest-in-charge of Llanhennock, Monmouthshire. To celebrate this appointment and in honour of his year of office as Master, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which he took part, was rung at Llanfrehfa on April 19th.

The first ringer to call a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major is Mr. Wilfred Williams, who completed this unique 'circle' at Ewell, Surrey on April 20th, when he called the peal from the treble. It was the first Spliced Surprise peal on the bells.

To celebrate the coming of age of two lady members of the Isham Society, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung on Easter Monday at Isham.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, was the first peal by all the band except the conductor.

Three ringers from the five-bell tower of Little Shelford, Cambs, rang their first peal of Minor on Easter Monday, on a visit to the neighbouring church of Harston. The band was made up of three Harston ringers, two of whom scored their first peal.

Miss Brenda Bayles, of Acle, Norfolk, who is only 14 years of age, rang her first peal on Easter Day, and her brother, who is only 16, was the conductor. It was a peal of Minor in four methods.

Mr. Arnold Brunton rang his fiftieth peal for the Lancashire Association when he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool on Easter Monday, and Mr. Leslie Gray brought his peal total up to the double century.

### CELEBRATIONS.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Market Drayton, Shropshire, was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Price, two of whose brothers took part in the peal.

On Easter Day, a handbell peal of Bob Major at Saffron Walden, Essex, celebrated the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ayre.

The fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Palmer, who were married on April 9th, 1898, was celebrated on Easter Monday by a peal rung at Staveley, Derbyshire, in which Mr. Palmer took part.

The first peal on the bells at Stoke Poges since they have been a ring of eight was rung on Easter Monday. It was rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Redrup and the christening of Roger, the infant son of Mr. William L. Gutteridge, who rang the tenor, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Welling. Williams played an important part in this peal, for they manned the back five bells.

Like Stoke Poges, Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, has recently had its bells increased to an octave, and the local band rang the first peal on them on April 21st, when Mr. Jack Bray conducted a peal of Bob Major.

The first peal for the reorganised Oldham and District Society was rung on April 21st—a peal of Stedman Triples at Moorside.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Great Waltham, Essex, since they were rehung was brought round on Easter Monday.

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## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING.

(Continued from previous column.)

A vacancy occurred on the Central Committee through the resignation of Mr. H. G. Bird. Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected to fill this office and Mr. Short co-opted as a member.

Twenty new ringing members were then elected by the meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Worcester, and the arrangements for the annual peal will be made by the Master. Mr. R. G. Knowles contended that this was the Master's job, and made a few remarks pointing out that he had attended about 50 annual meetings, but he did not remember one at which so many young members had been elected. He hoped that those new members and those who had introduced them would stick to ringing and be loyal to the officers of the association, as he was sure it was the best thing they could possibly do.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in making the meeting a success, and the chairman replied on behalf of the clergy.

Evensong at the Cathedral was attended by some of the ringers, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Buchanan Dunlop, Rector of All Saints', Worcester, an honorary member of the association.

As in previous years, tea was taken at the Co-operative Cafe, this being the final gathering before breaking up for evening ringing and home. During the evening further ringing took place, the cream of it all being Spliced Surprise Major in four methods on the back eight at All Saints' Church, a physical as well as mental effort.

The meeting was by no means the best held at Worcester from the numerical standpoint, but it was the conclusion of a year's work which can be only described as very successful and promising greater things in the future.



**PEALS FOR CHURCH FESTIVALS.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Ringers do not take sufficient advantage of the opportunities to arrange peals for the Church's festivals. Peals are rung, and, as an after-thought, all sorts of 'compliments' are tacked on, but the great festivals should be the ringers' first consideration, as they are the best justification for peal ringing. It is pleasing to read that peals at All Saints', Hereford, and Harston, Cambs, were 'specially arranged and rung for the Easter festival.'

It is, we always think, a mistake to say that a peal is rung in honour or in celebration of any event, unless it is specially arranged for the purpose, and this is particularly so in the case of birthdays which are often only thought of after a peal has been rung.

Ringers were present in large numbers at Twickenham on Saturday to witness the marriage of Mr. Thomas J. Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford, two popular members of the Middlesex County Association, who a few days before being united in matrimony both took part in a peal in nine Spliced Surprise methods.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in their honour was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, and it was accompanied by the wholehearted wishes of the band for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom.

A peal in three Minor methods—Kent, Oxford and Cambridge—was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on April 16th, after meeting short for a peal of Major.

On Easter Monday, following a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods at Shelly, the same band in the same order, but with a different conductor, rang a peal in seven Treble Bob methods at Kirkburton, the latter being the first peal of Minor on the bells.

Four of the same party scored a peal of Minor on the following day at Felkirk. It was Howard Scott's first peal in seven methods, three of which—Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston—he had never previously rung.

There is no 'age limit' in ringing. On Easter Monday, Mr. Edward G. Higgins, of Marcham, Berks, rang his first peal. He is 75 years of age! He rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which three others of the band also scored their first peal.

On Easter Monday, a band of twelve met at Trowbridge, Wilts, for a peal of Treble Twelve, but could not ring on account of serious illness near the church. They went on to Bradford-on-Avon and eight of them rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

With only one change of personnel, a band rang a peal of Double Norwich at Holland-on-Sea, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken on Bank Holiday. Both were conducted by Harry D. Lister.

The name of the ringer of the 2nd in the recent peal of Stedman Triples at Egham, Surrey, was Wilkins (and not Watkins) Massey.

**LONDON RINGING.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—If a round table conference is to meet to consider the subject of ringing in and around London, one of the first considerations would be the form an organisation could take. It appears to me that there are two opposing possibilities, viz. :—

(1) A central body, regarding London as a whole and taking in what are usually regarded as the dormitory suburbs.

(2) A separate body for each of the London dioceses.

It seems to me that the advantages of (2) far outweigh its defects. In the same way as in other church organisations, where a prosperous parish helps the poorer parishes of the diocese, strong companies of ringers would be able to help churches in the organisation where it is difficult to get the bells rung regularly. Ringers at the more humble churches would be able to look to their brethren at the more important churches and at the Cathedral church to give them a lead and help.

If anything is done in this matter, do not let us descend to bickering and personal interests. The affair is too important and should be regarded as something really big. Reference has been made to our position being recognised by the Church authorities, but if we ourselves could only recognise our position in the Church, ways and means would soon be evolved of ending the unsatisfactory state of affairs which we have inherited.

E. M. ATKINS.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****LADY TAKES PART IN CONTEST AT LONGWOOD.**

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Longwood on Saturday, April 9th. Four teams had entered to ring 600 changes with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: No. 1, Meltham; No. 2, Freizeland; No. 3, Liversedge; No. 4, New Mill. Meltham and New Mill rang Oxford, Freizeland rang Woodbine, and Liversedge rang Killamars Treble Bob.

The meeting was held in the Church Institute, Mr. J. Burgess being in the chair in the absence of the president (Mr. E. Farnshaw).

After the business had been dealt with, the judge, Mr. H. Haigh, of New Mill, gave his decision as follows: Meltham, 89 faults; Freizeland, 131 faults; Liversedge, 118 faults; New Mill, 104 faults. Meltham were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was presented to the Meltham conductor, Mr. E. Whiteley, by the Rev. W. M. Griffiths.

The success of Meltham is worthy of note, as they had ringing with them Miss M. Byrom. As she is believed to be the first lady member of the Halifax Association to compete, it was felt that this was a memorable occasion.

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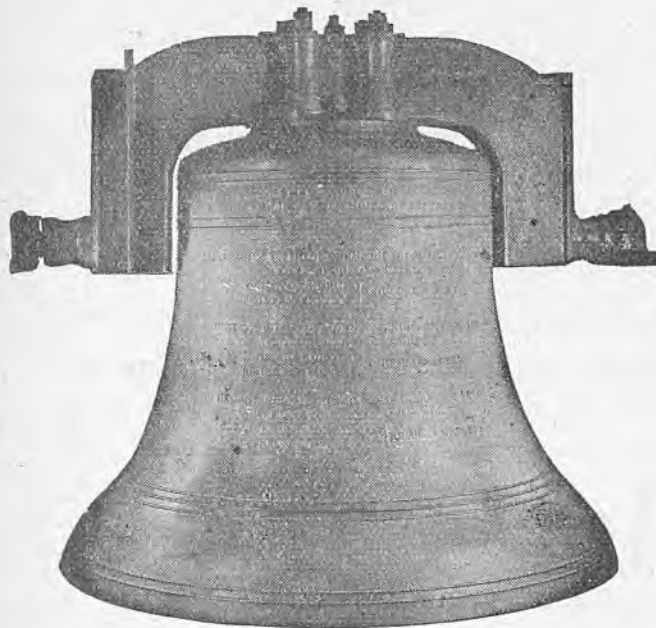
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Recent annual meetings of associations have provided several changes among officers. Mr. E. Denison Taylor has retired from the presidency of the Midland Counties Association, and the office has been taken by Dr. F. Stedman Poole; Mr. William Short has given up the Mastership of the Worcestershire Association and is succeeded by Mr. Sidney Holt.

Mr. E. Stitch was elected Master of the Llandaff and Mounmouth Association in succession to the Rev. Ivor J. Richards.

Two secretaries have retired: Mr. Malcolm Melville in the Warwickshire Guild, where he is succeeded by Mrs. Beamish, who returns to an office which she formerly held; and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith in the Guildford Diocesan Guild. His place is taken by Mr. G. L. Grover.

We are very glad to be able to report that Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, is well on the road to recovery from his illness. This news, we are sure, will delight his many friends in all parts of the country. He desires to thank them all for their kind inquiries and hopes soon to be among them to thank them personally.

As a balance to a statement too often made re non-service ringers, here is one of a 'positive' character. The Walgrave belfry, dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on April 11th last year, has a peal of five bells only. But there are 11 ringers, including a team of ladies, all of whom are in the choir, six men, of whom two are churchwardens and four are choirmen, and six of the eleven are members of the Church Council. This probably constitutes an unusual record.

The Norwich Diocesan Association, at their annual meeting on Easter Monday, decided to adopt a badge and to charge new members, other than life members, an entrance fee of 1s. to cover the cost of a certificate and badge.

A handsome shield was presented last year to the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, to be awarded annually to the tower showing most progress. Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a five-bell tower, are the first to win it, and received it at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Two hundred members attended the annual meeting of the Kent County Association at Margate on Easter Monday. A report of these meetings and of the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild last Saturday will appear in our next issue.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Saturday at Cheltenham to commemorate the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung there on April 22nd, 1889. Last week we said this was still the longest peal of Grandsire Caters, but we are reminded by Mr. George Holfield, jun., that a longer one, 16,271, was rung at Appleton on December 27th, 1932. Appleton holds the record for both Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter being the 'longest ever' by one set of men.

Among the bequests of the late Mr. Francis Scaife, of Pocklington, Yorkshire, who died on October 29th at the age of 82 years, is a sum not exceeding £300 to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pocklington Parish Church for the erection of two bells to complete the peal of eight bells, and £400 upon trust, the income to be applied for or towards the salary of three ringers, and a further £100 upon trust for the instruction of all the bellringers in Pocklington Church.

He left other sums to the church for a memorial window and the improvement of the choir, and £100 to the pastor and deacons of the Congregational Chapel for the benefit of the chapel.

Ringers often say hard things to one another, but it doesn't often interfere with friendships. An example: An official of the Royal Cumberland Youths and an official of the London County Association have recently been doing some 'hard hitting'—but they rang a peal together last Saturday. And that is as it should be.

A conjuror entertained the party at the social held after the Midland Counties Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday. The man of magic had, as his assistant during a card manipulation trick, a celebrated 'Fidler,' who was as mystified as the rest of the audience, until he came to undress at night and the seven of diamonds fell out of his shirt. There was only one in the audience at that time—but didn't she laugh!

## SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, April 23rd. The meeting attracted 45 members representing most of the towers, and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, of London, were visitors. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Broun, M.A., Vice-Provost of the Cathedral, who, in his address, gave an interesting account of the history of bells in the Church in Scotland. Mr. H. White, one of the young Cathedral ringers, acted as organist.

After service the association members were entertained to tea by the Cathedral Society.

At the business meeting which followed, 16 new members were elected, bringing the total membership to 97, the highest since the association was founded.

The Cathedral bells (10) were kept going till 7 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. The ringing was of a high standard for a meeting. The bells at St. Cuthbert's (8) were also rung till 8.30 p.m. in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Kent and a course of Double Norwich, which was rung for the first time at a meeting in Scotland.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—16.****ARTHUR KNIGHTS.**

There are some names in the Exercise that stand out like landmarks, and one such is undoubtedly that of Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield. He is known best as a composer, for he is among the most prolific producers of peals, but he has also no mean record as a conductor.

Mr. Knights was born at Brome, near Eye, in Suffolk, on December 17th, 1859, so that he is in his 79th year, and his actual first connection with bells began in his native village as long ago as 1868, when he learned to chime. Later on, ringing attracted him, and his first peal was rung at Diss, Norfolk, on May 19th, 1879, being the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Norwich Diocesan Association. He removed soon after to Chesterfield, where the rest of his long life has been spent. It was at this time that he became interested in composition, and his first peal as conductor was rung at Chesterfield on July 15th, 1882. It was a 5,216 of Kent Treble Bob Major of his own composition.

Mr. Knights has now rung 600 peals (including 19 on handbells), of which he has conducted 210, including nine on handbells. Of the total, 379 have been peals which he composed, and nearly all were rung for the first time. With the exception of Holt's Original and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Ten-part peals of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Knights has never called the same peal twice, and only upon two or three occasions has he rung the same composition more than once.

His peals include Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Double Norwich Major, Caters and Royal, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major and Royal and London Surprise Major.

Mr. Knights took part in the following first peals for the Yorkshire Association: New Cambridge, Bristol, Peterborough and Norfolk Surprise Major, Double Norwich Caters, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and the first and only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on tower bells in Yorkshire. His longest peal, which he also conducted, was 8,288 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by the late Arthur Craven), and rung on May 19th, 1900, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith.

Mr. Knights' two sons have shared in many peals with their father, and Mr. Ben Knights (now of Preston) has called 77 of them, and Mr. A. Percival Knights (of Sheffield) 46.

Up to the present Mr. Knights has never attempted a peal on five or six bells, and unfortunately he has, for some years, been without a 'home' tower. The famous tower and twisted spire of Chesterfield was pronounced unsafe for the bells to be rung in, and although restoration has been carried out, the ringing on the ten bells is still prohibited. But this does not curb Mr. Knights' enthusiasm.

His work as a composer is well known, particularly in the realm of Treble Bob, and some idea of his output may be gained from the fact that between 1,100 and 1,200 of his compositions have been rung, including some reverse variations of peals of Treble Bob Major. He has about 430 original peals of Treble Bob Major and over 300 of Treble Bob Royal.

**Next week: Mr. Thomas W. Last.**

**FATHER OF A RINGING FAMILY.****DEATH OF MR. JOE RUSSELL, OF BRAY.**

For nearly 50 years Mr. Joe Russell had rung the 26½ cwt. tenor bell at Bray, Berks, but on Friday last he died suddenly after only a couple of hours' illness, in his 67th year.

The family are well known for their dexterity with handbells, all five sons and four daughters taking part (one member could often be seen ringing six, i.e., three in each hand), and delighting many an audience with their tunes. Only three members, however, were tower-bell ringers, two sons and father, usually known as 'Old Joe.'

By request after evensong on Sunday with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (the method to which he loved to ring the cover) was rung, in which the two sons took part, Fred J. (present captain of Bray band) and Harry. The quarter-peal was well and truly rung in 53 minutes, followed by the 'whole pull and stand.' Those taking part were G. Gilbert (conductor) 1, F. J. Russell 2, M. Pocock 3, B. O'Neill 4, H. Russell 5, J. E. Taylor 6. Ringers of 1, 4 and 6 from Burnham, and 2, 3 and 5 from the Bray band.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Bray Church.



**MR. ARTHUR KNIGHTS.**

**CENTRAL COUNCIL.****AGENDA FOR THE LEEDS MEETING.**

The third session of the sixteenth Council (46th annual meeting) will be held in the Civil Court of the Leeds Town Hall, Leeds, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1938, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30, or as may be decided.

**AGENDA.**

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership and payment of subscriptions.
2. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Election of honorary members.  
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. A. Walker.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of accounts.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.  
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.  
To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
  - (a) Standing Committee.
  - (b) Peal Collection Committee.
  - (c) Methods Committee.
  - (d) Peal Analysis and Records Committee.
  - (e) Towers and Belfries Committee.
  - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
  - (g) Peal Boards Committee.
  - (h) Biographies Committee.
  - (i) As to the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'
  - (j) As to the muffling of bells.

**MOTION.**

11. This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis, resolves that peals of Doubles, as already defined, may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes.  
Proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.
12. Other business (if any).

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**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, April 9th, at Warwick. About 50 members and friends attended, and ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells of St. Mary's Church. A short service, held in the chancel of the church, was conducted by Canon C. A. H. Russell.

After tea at the Porridge Pot, an adjournment was made to the vestry of the church for the business meeting, which was presided over by Canon Russell. Owing to illness, Mr. Malcolm C. Melville, the hon. secretary, was not present, and Mrs. Beamish deputised for him. Arising out of the minutes, the proposed Bell Restoration Fund was discussed, but, on being put to the vote, the proposition was lost.

Mr. Melville had given notice that he would propose that new members joining the Guild for the first time at or after the quarterly meeting in July be required to pay 1s. only as subscription for that year. In his absence, the motion was proposed by Mr. F. W. Perrens. It was seconded by Mr. D. H. Argyle and carried.

The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand at the end of 1937 of £20 16s. 8d., was adopted.

Of the officers of the Guild retiring automatically at the end of the year, only Mr. M. C. Melville did not seek re-election. Mr. Perrens, therefore, proposed that Mrs. Beamish be appointed hon. secretary, with Mr. C. E. Rayson as assistant.—Mr. J. Beale seconded. This was carried unanimously.

The remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

The following meeting places were decided upon: Fillongley for May, Solihull for June, Monk's Kirby for July.

The Rev. Mostyn Robinson, Vicar of Wolvey, was elected an hon. member, and the Rev. H. Benson, F. N. Maskell, G. A. Stocker, W. Haves, E. Hewlett, A. T. Price, D. Smith, Miss E. F. Wootton and G. F. Cantrill were elected ringing members.

A letter was received from Mr. P. Amos appealing for a small subscription to a Northampton Bell Restoration Fund, and it was decided to have a 'whip round' at the close of the meeting.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to Canon Russell, the organist and Mr. E. H. Adams, and a return was then made to the belfry.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### MR. E. DENISON TAYLOR'S RETIREMENT.

#### Dr. F. Stedman Poole the New President.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday, and, following the usual rota, took place at Leicester. From an early hour the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Belgrave (8) were rung by friends and visitors, from far and near, throughout the day, with the exception of breaks for funerals and marriages.

The committee met in the afternoon in the Church House of the Cathedral. In the course of their business it was decided that the association handbells, left by the late president, Sir A. P. Heywood, should be insured and a new carrying bag provided for them, and that, as is usual, they should be transferred yearly to the centre where the annual meeting is held. Three places for the next quarterly meetings were suggested and left to the general meeting to decide.

Tea was served at the Oriental Cafe, Market Place, and a good repast partaken of by some 120 or more members and friends. These represented all the seven branches of the association, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham. Visitors who were welcomed included Messrs. T. H. Taffender, W. Williams (London), F. E. Collins, R. Davies (Croydon), F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Messrs. F. W. Perrens, F. E. Pervin (Warwickshire Guild), R. G. Black, A. Pettitt, W. Rogers (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), W. Fernley (Hazel Grove), A. Hewitt (Gainsborough), W. Rhodes and friends (Birmingham), A. Sargent and members of Kelham Theological College, C. E. Smith (Godalming), O. Sippetts, K. Snelling, Miss Wyman (Crawley, Sussex), Mr. F. E. Darby (Beddington) and others.

Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president) was in the chair at the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (general secretary) and a large number of committeemen.

The President gave a review of the past quarter's work, the peals rung, etc., and he voiced the committee's hearty greetings and welcome to Leicester to visitors from long distances. He stated that during the first three months of the year the association scored 33 peals, 28 on tower and five on handbells. The former included Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at the two Leicester twelve-bell towers. The handbell peals included two by students of Kelham Theological College, to whom he gave a hearty welcome into the ranks of the Midland Counties Association, and expressed a hope that they would continue to flourish and carry on the art after leaving college for parochial work. The association had lost an old and valued member in the passing of Mr. Charles Draper, of Derby and Duffield, who died on March 28th at the age of 73. Mr. Draper was one of the famous 'Wednesday' band, and altogether had scored 407 peals for the association. The President referred to the loss the Exercise had sustained in the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, of the College Youths and St. Paul's Cathedral. In this connection the members of the M.C.A. were glad that their association was represented in the memorial peal at Southwark Cathedral rung by twelve secretaries of different associations and guilds. As their own general secretary was fortunately able to go and take part in this unique performance, he suggested that this peal should be noted in the association's records.

As a token of respect to the memory of these two gentlemen, all the company present stood in silence a moment.

Mr. Taylor tendered apologies for absence from Mr. William Willson and Mr. J. Oldham, in both cases due to illness at home. He added that thanks were due to the Provost for use of the Cathedral bells, and the Vicars and towerkeepers for other bells available that day, and he hoped visitors had enjoyed the opportunities thus provided.

#### MR. TAYLOR'S FAREWELL.

In closing, Mr. Taylor wished the members 'Godspeed,' as that was to be his last meeting with them as president. He felt that he must now give place to a younger man, having served for eight years. Although retiring from this office, however, he assured them he would not lose his interest in the association's welfare or the art in general.

Mr. A. J. Harris, in proposing thanks to the retiring president, said it was with deepest regret they were parting with Mr. Taylor from that office, but they did so with happy memories of his work and society with them. Never had they had a gloomy meeting while Mr. Taylor was in the chair, and his opening speeches were model ones—equal to anything they heard from the B.B.C.! He left office with the good wishes and respect of all members, and they most certainly would accept his offer to 'come up and see me some time' at Loughborough. In conclusion, Mr. Harris said he was happy to announce that the thanks of all those present were due to Mr. Taylor for his generosity in providing the sumptuous tea free to all.

The whole company then rose and sang 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' after which Mr. Taylor suitably replied.

New members proposed since the last meeting, viz., 16 ringing, five life, four honorary, were duly elected. The new hon. members included the Ven. Archdeacon of Leicester (the Rev. Canon Matthews) and Col. Sir Frederick Oliver, O.B.E., who both sent apologies for absence. The ringing members included seven from Kelham College, and after election Mr. Sargent spoke of their work and rendered thanks to Nottingham and Southwell members for help given.

Places chosen for the next three quarterly meetings were then confirmed, viz.: Bottesford, June; Wirksworth, September; Hugglescote, January, 1939.

(Continued in next column.)

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### 'THE BROTHERHOOD OF RINGERS.'

A happy little gathering took place at Dorking Parish Church on Easter Monday, when 38 ringers attended a meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association. Twenty-three towers, in six different dioceses, were represented, and the Vicar and Rural Dean of Dorking, the Rev. Oswald A. Hunt, commented on this further piece of evidence of the brotherhood and fellowship of ringers, when he presided at the business meeting.

Ringling commenced at 3 o'clock, and continued until 5 o'clock, when the Vicar, assisted by the Rev. A. Dawson (curate) conducted the usual ringers' service. He welcomed the association to Dorking, and referred to his former association with bellringers when he was at St. Mary's, Portsea, and later at Godstone Parish Church. Prefacing his remarks with the Psalmist's phrase, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord,' he hoped that their ringing would be heard and understood by many of the holiday-makers as they passed through Dorking that day, and serve to remind them of the welcome that always awaited them in God's house.

He went on to tell of the traditions of the church at Dorking; how the old Saxon church was burnt down by the Danes when they invaded Dorking in A.D. 851, and of the erection of three different buildings on the same site: (a) The Ancient Church—1377 to 1834; (b) the Intermediate Church—1837 to 1872; and (c) the present church—from 1873. After describing the construction and architecture of the chancel, nave and Lady Chapel in turn, he referred to the very noble spire of Dorking, which is a landmark for all the surrounding district and can only be surpassed in the south by the spire of Salisbury Cathedral. The top-stone of the spire, which is 200ft. high, was laid on St. Mark's Day, 1877, as a memorial to Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Winchester, who was thrown from his horse and killed as he rode from Dorking towards Guildford. Bishop Wilberforce had consecrated the church in 1874, the year before he met his death.

The bells are a mixed ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. in D, by Robert Catlin, 1746. The 7th, 6th and treble are by Thomas Mears, 1827 and 1842, the 5th by John Wilner, 1826, and the 4th, 3rd and 2nd, by R. Phelps, 1709. They are a melodious peal.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting the Vicar drew attention to the great distances which ringers travelled to meet one another. He congratulated those present on their good fellowship.

Six new members were elected (two honorary, one compounding and three ringing members), and it was announced that the annual dinner of the association would be held this year on October 1st at Croydon. Members are asked to note this. The business meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the caterers for all they had done to make the meeting a success.

## DR. POOLE'S UNANIMOUS ELECTION.

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. J. H. Dean, one of the auditors, moved the adoption of the balance sheet as printed in the annual report, which was seconded by Mr. C. Harrison and carried.

Next followed the election of general officers. Mr. Ernest Morris stated that each district had nominated Dr. F. Stedman Poole as president, and he had much pleasure in formally proposing him. Mr. F. H. Dexter seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Poole thanked the members for the honour thus conferred upon him in placing him in this office. He trusted that all would bear with him if at subsequent meetings his work as doctor and surgeon prevented his attendance. He would do all he could for the association's welfare, and in passing voiced the plea of the 'beginner.' Much good work might be done in this direction, which was sadly neglected by many bands. Opportunities could, and should, always be found for youngsters in the art. He also suggested to the Kelham College band that they would do well to follow the example of the Cambridge University Guild by having annual reunions for members, who were somewhat scattered after leaving college.

For the office of vice-president, Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough, was unanimously elected. It was suggested and carried that the retiring president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, also become a vice-president.

Mr. Wm. E. White was re-elected as hon. treasurer and Mr. Ernest Morris as general secretary, and both these gentlemen suitably acknowledged the honour again conferred on them.

In closing the business meeting, it was announced that the association's handsomely written and illuminated peal books were on show for any members who wished to see them.

After further ringing at the Cathedral, members and friends assembled at the Victory Hotel, where a splendid entertainment had been arranged by the local committee for their pleasure. A clever illusionist from the Leicester Magic Circle caused Mr. Colin Harrison to lay a few eggs, the Fidler to fiddle with pound notes, and bewildered the company with some magical tricks. Delightful songs and handbell ringing enlivened the proceedings, the latter including a course of Stedman Cinques by G. S. Morris, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, F. E. Pervin and J. Morris. It was noticed that the Kelham College 'boys' were enjoying themselves, and Mr. Sargent's short recitation was appreciated—it was brief and to the point! It is hoped these students will come again and bring others to the fold.

The meeting, with ringing arrangements and the evening's entertainment, was one of the 'best ever.'



**DEVON GUILD.****EAST DEVON BRANCH PROGRESS.**

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held on Easter Monday at Dalwood. Nearly 70 members and friends attended, most of the towers in the branch being represented. Among those present were the Rev. F. C. Butters (Vicar of Dalwood and Stockland), the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. A. A. F. de Salis (branch chairman), the Rev. G. Greenslade (Vicar of Harpford), Mr. T. Laver (general secretary, Devon Guild), Mr. C. R. Lilley (Exeter Branch chairman), Mr. G. Burrows (Ringing Master), Mr. J. H. Godfrey (hon. secretary and treasurer), and visitors from Kenn, Newton Abbot, Trull (Somerset), Lyme Regis (Dorset), Exeter and Plymouth.

A service, held in St. Peter's Church, was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Butters. The Rev. A. A. F. de Salis gave an impressive address on the message of Easter tide—'Now is Christ risen'—adapted as the voice of the bells.

Tea, provided by the branch in the Church Hall, was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the branch chairman. The hon. secretary and treasurer reported an increase in membership of ten, while the balance in hand was now over £17.

The chairman, hon. secretary and treasurer and Ringing Master were all re-elected, while Mr. P. Davis (Sidmouth), Mr. W. E. Dickens (Honiton), Mr. C. J. Turner (Ottery St. Mary) were elected to represent the branch on the General Committee.

Colyton was chosen for the annual meeting in 1939, and Harpford for the autumn meeting, to be held on September 24th.

Mr. R. J. Curneli (Bucknell), Mr. C. Flower (Harpford) and Mr. T. J. Holland (Harpford) were presented with certificates by the chairman, who said that some day he hoped to become qualified to receive one himself.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar were suitably acknowledged, and the Rev. E. V. Cox paid tribute to the progress of the branch and the work of the hon. secretary.

During the afternoon and evening the bells of Dalwood and Stockland were made full use of. The six at Dalwood, tenor 9 cwt., are in excellent order, having been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. about two years ago. The Stockland six are heavier. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were the methods rung.

**MID-DEVON MEETING AT KINGSKERSWELL.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Kingskerswell, near Torquay, on Saturday, April 23rd, when ringers were present from Milverton (Som.), Exeter, Brampford Speke, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh and Collaton. The ring of six bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were found to be in splendid going order, and the ringing during the afternoon included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and an excellent touch of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. R. D. Mills), and in the course of an address the Vicar of Kingskerswell (the Rev. G. C. Dawe) extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

The party next adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by the chairman. The secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) reported that two combined practices had been held at Cockington.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting on Saturday, October 15th, and it was first recommended that this be held at Highweek. A discussion, which arose from a complaint, followed, and it was afterwards decided that the meeting should be held at Cockington, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The secretary reported that the collection in church for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 8s. 4d.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Kingskerswell for the use of his bells and for his excellent address, to the organist for his assistance, and to the ladies for the excellent tea arrangements. To this the Vicar suitably replied. This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

**DEATH OF ANOTHER LOUGHTON RINGER.**

We regret to report the death of Mr. Luke George Carter, who passed away on Saturday, April 8th, in the London Hospital, following an operation. Deceased, who was 74 years of age, was a valuable member of the Loughton (Essex) Society for over 50 years and was an enthusiastic ringer. He had rung about 30 peals in various methods, including several 'George' peals, of which he was justly proud. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association.

The funeral took place on April 13th at St. John's Church, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Peregrine Maitland, M.A.). The interment took place in Loughton Cemetery.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung over the grave on handbells, and in the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled on the church bells as a last mark of respect. Mr. Carter is the second ringer Loughton has lost within a month, Mr. Walter Clark having died on March 14th.

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church tomorrow, Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 30th. Service in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 4.30 at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 1s. 6d. per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Hillingdon on Saturday, April 30th. Service at St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4.45 p.m. Tea in St. John's Hall at a charge of 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting will follow. Ringing arrangements: St. John-the-Baptist's, 10 bells, 3 to 4.45; St. Andrew's, 8 bells, 3.15 to 4.15; and at both towers after the meeting. St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 8 bells, 8 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Linton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.45. Tea is by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Haire. Everybody will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Silverton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (recently augmented to eight) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church of St. Michael's and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 30th, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Hon. Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Leverington on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terlington St. John, Wisbech.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at the Bishop Blaize Hotel at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea (1s. per head) and business meeting to follow in St. Mary's Hall.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**PLYMTREE, NEAR CULLUMPTON, DEVON.**—Festival service and rededication of the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Special preacher, the Rector of Rewe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, April 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, April 30th. Nice peal of 6. Service at 4.30. Please send cards early for tea.—Arthur Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6), recently recast, available only from 3.30 to 4.30. Short service and tea. Sandridge bells (6) are available for the evening. Good bus services. Please let me know if you intend to be present.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Eynsham on Saturday, April 30th, next. Service 3.30 p.m.—W. Evetts, Hampton, Tackley, Oxford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Combe Florey on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ichester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting at Ruyton XI. Towns, April 30th. Six bells, recently restored. 2.25 'Midland' bus from Square, Shrewsbury. Names for tea.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Parish Room.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Barnby Don. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Everyone can be catered for, so turn up in your dozens and don't forget tea cards.—E. Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Plowden Arms at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bathford on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wanstrow on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Wraxall, instead of Blackwell, as previously proposed. The peal of 8 will be available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Kirby Moorside, on Saturday, April 30th. The peal of six bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting immediately after tea. Please try to be present. All ringers welcome.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and short business meeting. Lower Heyford (6), Steeple Aston (5) open after tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.**—Ring of six restored by Bowell, of Ipswich. Dedication service on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 o'clock. Ringers welcome.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pilton on Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Colmworth on Saturday, April 30th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing St. Clement Danes, Strand, Sunday, May 1st, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, May 9th and 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary, Lambeth, May 31st, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—This is to remind members that the Northern District is holding its first meeting of the year to-morrow, Saturday, April 30th, at St. George's, Jesmond, starting 3 p.m. Osborne Road trams (No. 38) stop at the church.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available at 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Northbrook Hall, at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, April 30th, is postponed for several weeks.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—Re-dedication of the bells will take place during the evening service on Sunday, May 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 3rd, Southwark Cathedral; 10th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow; 12th, St. Magnus'; 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.); 24th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Special practice next Wednesday, May 4th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Free to those who send in names by Wednesday, May 4th, to J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A combined meeting of the Gainsborough and Grimsby Districts will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Thursday previous. — E. J. P. Davies and H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Branch Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—Next branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 4th if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow at 5.15 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mrs. D. Massey, 47, Coverts Road, Claygate, Surrey, by Wednesday, May 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the castle grounds will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle grounds at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Also bus from War Memorial at 2.24 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Edwards, Elliott's House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst, by Wednesday, May 4th?—Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom. Those requiring tea (which is very kindly provided by the Church Council) please advise Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, not later than first post on Wednesday, May 4th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Marden on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, May 3rd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Pain, Goodworth Clatford.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Please come and encourage this band of fifteen ringers, all belonging to the above tower. All welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tattenhall on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those who require tea kindly communicate with me not later than the previous Thursday?—J. W. Clarke, Way-side, Circular Drive, Chester.

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**STAVERTON**, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on May 7th. Bells (recently augmented to eight and rehung in new frame) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Leatherhead District. — A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Brewery Inn at 5.15. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. G. A. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by May 5th. — A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. E. Plant, 12, Westwood Terrace, Leek, Staffs, not later than May 5th? A short committee meeting after tea. — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Bicester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, May 7th, at Piddington (5 bells). Tower open 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden tower (8 bells) open after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next practice meeting will be held at Heversham on May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — N. M. Newby, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Thrapston Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. — W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rochdale Branch. — Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. — Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the Branch will be held at Thorverton on May 14th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Will bands and visitors kindly notify me by May 9th? — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. — A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District. — You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. Usual Rolleston tea arrangements for those who reply by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North and East District. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed. — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Chertsey District. — The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, for tea. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church. — F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** — North-Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible? — J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, May 9th? — R. Brook, 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The shield contest will be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 9th. Tower closed for practice after June 11th. Entrance fees 6s. per band, and money for prize fund must reach me not later than Saturday, June 25th. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** — The address of Geo. L. A. Lunn, Ringing Master, of Gainsborough District of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, is now 248, Lea Road, Gainsborough.

#### DEATH.

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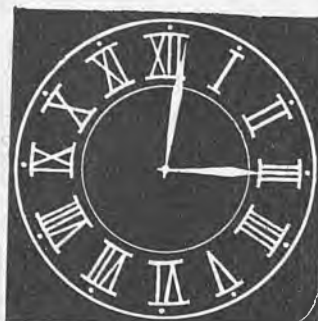
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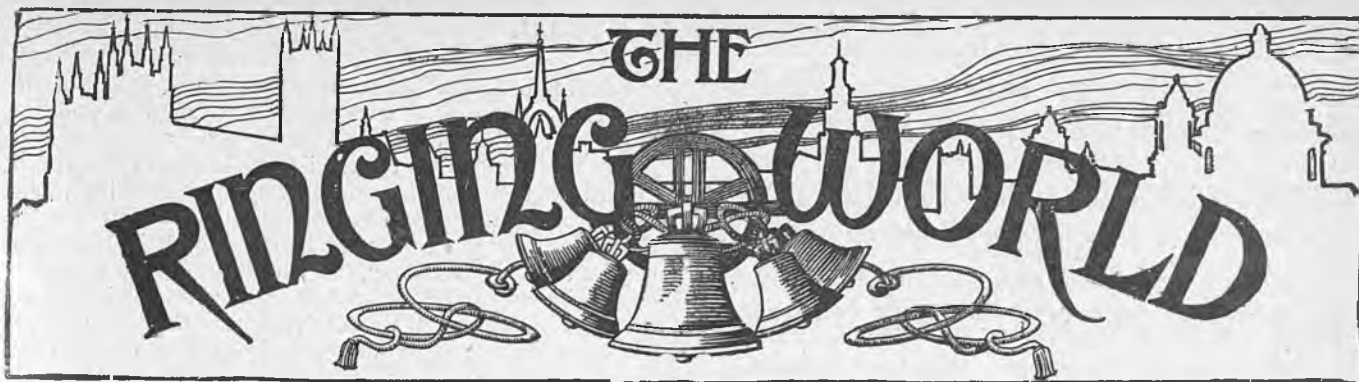
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## THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The interesting report of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which we print in this issue, gives a complete survey of the peal activities of the Exercise in 1937. It is compressed into two pages of this journal, but it represents a year's work by the committee, carried out with the utmost care. Those who are responsible for it deserve the gratitude, not only of the Council, but of ringers at large, for it is both an exacting task and a most valuable record. It is nearly sixty years since the compilation of the statistics was begun, and the work increases as time goes on on account of the growing variety introduced into peal ringing, with the consequent extension of the scope of the tables. When the analysis was started very little beyond the standard methods was rung, and in the first year (1881) the total number of peals was only 156. To turn back over some of the old tables and compare them is instructive, for it is a means by which the progress of the art, as revealed in peal ringing, can be gauged.

Last year's rise in the aggregate number of peals rung—the total was 1,902 compared with 1,749 in 1936—can possibly be accounted for by the additional inducement provided by the Coronation. No fewer than 259 peals were rung for this event, while the increase over the total of 1936 is only 153. The number of peals rung, however, is not the best guide to the progress made; there are other more important factors, such as first peals and the extended variety of methods rung. Some interesting comparative details will be found in the committee's report, and there is no need to touch upon them here. Not all of the particulars revealed point to improvement, but in judging the general position a comprehensive view must be taken. The fact that peals in certain classes show a falling-off, is not necessarily a sign of retrogression, as long as other standards are maintained and improved. Peals of Caters, for instance, show a considerable decrease; but when it is noted that peals of Royal have almost made up for them, and that Surprise Royal has increased, there is, on the face of it at any rate, really a net improvement. And although we may regret the increase in the number of peals of Doubles in one method—which may or may not indicate stagnation—there is more than compensation in the fact that peals in one method of Minor have decreased to a much larger extent. The most gratifying feature of all, however, is the increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peal. The number in 1937 was 555, compared with 517 in 1936. We are still not back, by a long way, to the figures of 1935, when there were 643; but there is some satisfaction that the falling-off has been stayed.

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The importance of keeping up the supply of new peal ringers cannot be overrated. It is true that peal ringing is not, and ought not to be, the be-all and end-all of a ringer's ambitions, but peal ringing is one of the greatest incentives to a ringer, not only to maintain his interest in the art, but to improve his standard of striking and thus to render better service to the church in his Sunday ringing. It is not easy, as everyone knows, to keep young ringers interested, and they need every inducement that can be offered to them. The more the young ringers can be encouraged to take part in peals the more likely are they to retain their connection with the belfry, and it is worth the while of the rest of the fraternity even to suffer the 'pangs' of somewhat indifferent ringing sometimes in order to enable a young ringer to score his first peal. A spirit of tolerance, with kindly coaching, may do a deal to keep beginners in the Exercise.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	PERCY L. RAINEY ... 9
FRED PRICE ... 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5	JOHN S. MASON ... 11
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

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

\* First peal in the method and on 12 bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM DYER ... 6
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 2	*CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	*THOMAS BOREHAM ... 8
JOHN AUSTIN ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 9
GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 5	REUBEN HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Caters by the Cheltenham Branch of the association.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

THOMAS D. WHORTON ... Treble	*KENNETH PARDON ... 6
JOHN GOODMAN ... 2	HENRY HUBBALL ... 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 3	RONALD GOODMAN ... 8
HENRY GOODMAN ... 4	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 9
HAROLD SHUCK ... 5	SAMUEL WEBB ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. John Goodman, sen., on the first anniversary of his death.

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## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;  
Tenor 30 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN HAYES ... .. Treble	GILBERT GERRARD ... .. 6
*HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7
*JOHN BEST ... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 8
*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 4	*HARRY PYE ... .. 9
*MARTIN HARRIS ... .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. WORTH.

Conducted by JAMES SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of Treble Ten and rung at the first attempt. First peal of Royal as conductor.

## STAFFORD.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Treble	HARRY T. HIGGINS ... .. 6
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 2	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... .. 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 9
WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 5	JOHN WARRILOW ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

On Tuesday, April 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	*ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 6
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## YORKTOWN, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(FARNHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, April 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*VICTOR WILKINSON ... .. Treble	FRANCIS J. EWENS ... .. 5
THOMAS E. DENVER ... .. 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 6
*STANLEY G. BUNCH ... .. 3	CHARLES W. DENVER ... .. 7
FREDERICK MARCHANT ... .. 4	EDWIN HUNT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENVER.

\* First peal.

## WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... .. 2	HARRY PETTITT ... .. 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 4	J. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LAVENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

The first peal in this method, Lindoff's No. 77.

## LYMM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5
ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 2	WALEER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
*MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 3	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7
KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 6
HENRY TOOKE ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 4	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6
KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 3	† H. W. FRANKLIN ... .. 7
SIDNEY CHENEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method.

## CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART, No. 59.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST WILSON ... .. Treble	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 2	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 3	JOHN H. COLLEY ... .. 7
*ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in the method.

## HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PRATT ... .. Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 6
WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday greeting to the conductor and to F. Corke. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. J. Lock and Miss Kathleen M. Bradford.

EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

J. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Treble	ALBERT PLOWMAN ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2	HARRY PETTITT ... 6
MISS EVELYN STEELE ... 3	WALTER PERKINS ... 7
*C. RAYMOND FORSTER ... 4	SAMUEL FOSKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM ARMOUR ... Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR ... 5
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 2	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 6
THOMAS STEPHENSON ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOR ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOR.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the installation of the first five bells in the church.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JOHN W. GARDNER ... Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Superlative.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in C.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 5
CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE, R.N. ... 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6
CHARLES W. LOOME ... 3	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOWLETT.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

WILLIAM PERRY ... Treble	HENRY S. WILSON ... 5
ALBERT E. NORTH ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 3	HORACE S. MANSFIELD ... 7
JOHN FOWLER ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
DAVID WRIGHT ... 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... 6
EDWIN L. MILES ... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... 7
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 4	*ALBERT E. BACON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, KENNINGTON, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS W. WYATT ... Treble	ALBERT DISERENS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	HARRY PARKS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First peal in the method 'inside' and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DAVID J. BOWEN ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. T. J. Lock and Miss K. M. Bradford.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTY,

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

*PETER S. BELL, Rover Scout, 3rd Staines St. Peter's ...	...Treble
†HAROLD REDMAN, Patrol Leader, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 2
*FREDERICK ALLFREY, Troop Leader, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 3
*ERNEST HOWELL, Rover Mate, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 4
*HAROLD F. WOOD, Second, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS, Assistant Scoutmaster, 1st Arundel ...	... 6
CECIL H. WOOD, Rover Scout, 1st Billingshurst ...	... 7
RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN., Scoutmaster, 1st Billingshurst ...	...Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by R. P. WOOD, JUN.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal rung by Boy Scouts. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938 in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*VICTOR W. LAMBERT... ..Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	HORACE H. BARDEN ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	E. GEORGE MORRELL ... .. 7
†RICHARD A. MUNN ... .. 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... ..Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal rung in the method.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.  
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Friday, April 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
REV. HUGH BENSON ... ..Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 5
REV. E. V. COX ... .. 2	REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 6
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... .. 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... .. 7
REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX  
The first peal rung for the above newly-formed Guild.

BUSHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES ... ..Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method.

**RUISLIP RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On Easter Monday, at St. Martin's, Ruislip, for the wedding of Mr. Jack Bunce (one of the local ringers) and Miss Elizabeth Nichols, a touch of 600 Grandsire Doubles was rung: C. Poulter 1, W. Bunce, jun. 2, W. Bunce, sen. 3, H. Ive 4, Tom Collins 5, F. A. Braybrooke 6. After the ceremony a further touch of 240 was rung, both touches being conducted by the bridegroom's father.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and April Day, and 12 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*GORDON W. DALE ... ..Treble	JOHN H. BAILLESS ... .. 4
FRANK BAILLESS ... .. 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 5
E. HAROLD FARMER ... .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILLESS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

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

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MANIFOULD ... ..Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 4
NORMAN MEAKIN... .. 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	STANLEY NOBLES... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS TAYLOR.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band to commemorate the completion of 40 years' service ringing by Messrs. J. Manifold, J. W. L. Slack and T. Taylor, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack.

HARROLD, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..Treble	*RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 4
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... .. 2	HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 5
DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the 30th anniversary of the wedding of H. W. Gayton.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KINGTON DISTRICT.)

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one twelve-score of Pitman's arrangement and 40 six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

WALTER S. EVANS ... ..Treble	THOMAS GIDDINGS ... .. 4
TREVOR JONES ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
HARRY T. CHANDLER... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to commemorate the reopening of the augmented peal after rehanging, and in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, the donors of the new treble bell.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being an extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

*DOUGLAS BARKAWAY... ..Treble	ALBERT L. BIXBY... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY... .. 2	RALPH BIRD ... .. 5
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven plain methods by the rest and on the bells.

**DEATH OF A YORKSHIRE SECRETARY.**

We regret to record the death, which took place suddenly on Sunday week, of Mr. Fredk. Clarke, of Bentley, Doncaster. He was a member of the band at All Saints', Arksey, and hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1911.

## TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 21, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven 720's, different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL TABERNER ... .. Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4
†HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	*CHARLES R. COLLINS ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor and first in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

## WALTHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5840 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH J. WILLOWS ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... .. 2	FRED JEFFERY ... .. 5
PHILIP BARNES ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal.

## WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

## FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN.

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

## TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDMUND HULSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO ... .. 4
*FRANK HULSE ... .. 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 5
*JOSEPH HULSE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

## HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5840 CHANGES;**

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD ROGERS ... .. Treble	GEORGE GOWING ... .. 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2	ROBERT J. GARDINER ... .. 4
HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the Easter festival and St. George's Day.

## EWYAS HAROLD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 21 differently called 240's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALLAN COLCOMBE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR H. OAKLEY ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KIDSTON ... .. 5
TRACEY H. YOUNG ... .. 3	HORACE D. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung for St. George's Day.

## COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Single and Double Court; (4) Wavertree and College Single; (5) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (6) Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	HARRY CARTER ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 3	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 14 methods by all and on the bells. There were 162 changes of method.

## FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal of London Surprise by all the band.

## NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

WALTER EVANS ... .. Treble	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2	ALFRED OWENS ... .. 5
*BRIAN ELSMORE ... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire.

## WATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising extents of Double Court, St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4
A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in more than one method on the bells and by A. H. Holliday.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BLACKPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 58, EAST TOPPING STREET,

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

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

BERNARD H. HALL ... .. 1-2	JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 3-4
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)



## PEAL NOTES.

### BOY SCOUTS' PEAL.

A peal was rung by Boy Scouts at Billingshurst, Sussex, on St. George's Day, and is believed to be the first peal by a band of Scouts. They were fortunate in being able to provide no fewer than six of the ringers from the Billingshurst troop, of whom one rang his first peal and three their first in the method. The band was completed by a Rover Scout from Staines and the Assistant Scoutmaster from Arundel. After the peal, which was Bob Major, the Vicar entertained the party to tea.

That well-known Northants ringer, Mr. Walter Perkins, and his wife recently celebrated their golden wedding, and in honour of the event Mr. Perkins arranged four peals. On April 21st Stedman Triples (the first peal on the bells since they were rehung for the Coronation) was rung at All Hallows, Wellingborough, and on April 23rd, Grandsire Triples, the first in the method on the bells, was rung in the old Saxon tower at Earls Barton. Both were conducted by Mr. Perkins, and in the latter Mr. Samuel Foskett rang his first peal for 35 years.

On April 9th a peal of Double Norwich was lost at Irthlingborough after ringing an hour, and Stedman Caters at Kettering on Easter Monday was put off owing to illness. Mr. Perkins would like to couple with the peal at Wellingborough Mr. B. Morris, who was unable to take part, and to thank Messrs. Arthur Harrison and James George, who stood in at short notice.

St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, have rung a peal of Minor in 14 methods, the first in this number by all the band, the first on the bells and by the Northern Division of the Essex Association. There were 162 changes of method in the peal, which had 94 bobs and 24 singles. It was rung at Colne Engaine.

Mr. Clifford Skidmore's first Surprise peal as conductor was Cambridge, rung at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, on April 23rd, as the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch. It was also a birthday compliment to his wife.

A peal report from Giggleswick, Yorks, has been sent to us without the time.

### THREE NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

Peals in three new methods are recorded this week. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 77 was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, on April 22nd, and, after it had been brought round, the band decided to name it Lavenham in memory of that great friend of all who visited Lavenham tower, the late Mr. Arthur Symonds.

Another method was rung at Nuneaton and has been named Stratford. The composition used was Johnson's variation of Middleton's famous peal.

The third was rung at Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, and named Apsley. The method and composition are by Mr. Harold Cashmore, who conducted the peal, which was his 150th. It was also Mr. J. E. Rote's 50th peal for the Hertford County Association.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the bells of Southwell Minster was rung in honour of St. George's Day. Afterwards the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, and thanks are extended to them for their hospitality; also to Mr. R. Narborough for ringing at short notice, and to Dr. F. S. Poole and Mr. Colin Harrison for the transport of the Leicester contingent.

The first five bells of the Church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, were installed in 1898, and to commemorate the fortieth anniversary a peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells, now augmented to eight, on April 23rd. Two of the original members of the band, Mr. Joseph W. Parker and Mr. Robert L. Patterson, took part, and it was their 78th peal together.

We are pleased to see Mr. John H. Cheesman able once more to take part in a peal. He rang in a peal of Superlative at Dartford on April 25th, his first since last November, when, in the course of his work, he fell from a low scaffold and broke an arm.

By ringing the treble for a band that met short at Northfleet, Kent, on April 27th, Victor Lambert was able to score his first peal at the first attempt. It had been arranged in honour of the wedding anniversary of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

Incidentally, the peal was also a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. C. Taylor and R. A. Munn, who took part, and Miss M. Butcher, sister of the conductor. It was Mr. G. J. Butcher's 125th peal.

A peal of London Surprise Minor, the first by all the band and in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild by resident members, was rung at Frampton, Lincs, on April 23rd. It was the late Rev. H. Law James' composition.

Members of the Cathedral band at Chester rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on St. George's Day, and six of the ringers scored their first peal of Treble Ten at the first attempt. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. John Best and Mr. Edward Price, two respected members of the Chester Branch.

The conductor, Mr. James Swindley, and Mr. Gilbert Gerrard rang in the first peal of Major in the city of Chester. That was in 1896 and was also rung at the Cathedral.

In addition to the peal at Ealing recorded last week, peals in honour of the wedding of Mr. Tom Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford, which took place at Twickenham on April 23rd, were rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, and Woolton Hill, Hants.

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Twickenham Church was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing, while a band of married couples lost a peal of Stedman at St. George's Church, Southwark.

### LONDON PEAL AFTER 39 YEARS.

After a lapse of 39 years, a peal has been rung at the Church of St. John the Divine, Kennington, London. It was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, specially arranged to commemorate St. George's Day, and was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender.

The previous attempt for a peal on this fine ring of bells was made in 1919, when Superlative Surprise was the method with the same conductor. On that occasion, to prevent any interference whilst the ringing was in progress, every precaution was taken, but after three hours' good ringing and in the final course, the then Vicar obtained access to the ringers and demanded the bells to cease immediately on account of nearby sickness. The last peal rung on the bells was Bob Major on October 21st, 1899, conducted by G. E. Symonds.

The clerical 'ringing week' finished happily on Friday with a peal of Bob Major at Knebworth, Herts, the first peal by the new Guild of Clerical Ringers.

The members who rang in the peal represented eight different counties as follows: Treble, Gloucestershire; 2, Devon; 3, Notts; 4, Northants; 5, Dorset; 6, Herefordshire; 7, Berks; tenor, Oxfordshire.

Mr. Joseph J. Willows, of Waltham, Lincs, is the first ringer of that parish to score a peal. He rang the treble to seven plain and Treble Bob methods on April 22nd.

Arranged for Mr. Donald Ferguson, of Repton, Derbyshire, and rung for St. George's Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored at Aberavon on April 23rd.

### AFTER FORTY YEARS.

Fancy ringing for 40 years in the same tower, and ringing peals individually, but never one together! That is what Messrs. J. Manifold, J. W. L. Slack and T. Taylor, of Sutton, Cheshire, did. They never even attempted one.

Now, to commemorate their 40 years' service at Sutton, they have 'broken the ice' and scored a peal, rung entirely by the local band. We hope it is only the first of many, despite the fact that Anno Domini is creeping on.

The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack. The thirtieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gayton's wedding was celebrated on Easter Monday with a peal of Minor at Harrold.

A peal of Darlston Bob Triples, a method produced by the late Mr. John Carter about 50 years ago, was rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on April 23rd, and was Mr. John Jefferies' 100th peal for the Worcestershire Association.

Mr. Daniel Matkin called a round 5,000 of Stedman Cinques at West Bromwich on April 23rd. The composition, by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, was rung for the first time. The first change is at backstroke, so that the peal comes round at hand.

This unusual way of starting is not entirely new. We remember it was employed in the record handbell peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 1912 (also composed by Mr. Lindoff). The full composition was 22,222, but the peal had to be curtailed on account of the late hour—it was nearly midnight.

By the way, the peal at West Bromwich was the first of Cinques by Arthur H. S. Rainey, who filled a vacant place at the last moment and filled it with competence. He had not rung on twelve bells until his arrival in Birmingham three weeks before.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Edgar Hancox, and to Mr. F. Corke, who was unavoidably prevented from taking part. The peal at Woolton Hill was a birthday compliment to the conductor there also, Mr. Harry E. Balaam.

On the first anniversary of the death of that fine old Dudley stalwart, Mr. John Goodman, sen., a half-muffled memorial peal was rung at Dudley on April 23rd, conducted by his son, upon whom the mantle of leader of the tower descended after his father's retirement.

The first peal of Minor in three methods on the bells at Wellington, Herefordshire, was rung on April 23rd.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Frant, Sussex, in honour of St. George's Day, was the fiftieth peal together by Messrs. A. F. Lewry and W. A. Kitchenside, and the 25th together by the latter and Mr. E. J. Ladd.

A peal of Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham on April 23rd not only celebrated St. George's Day, but also the 49th anniversary of the 15,227 Grandsire Caters rung in the same tower, in 9 hours 43 minutes, on April 22nd, 1889. Mr. Albert Humphris, who rang the tenor to the long peal, rang the treble to the commemoration. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Ballinger, daughter of the conductor.

Not much is ever heard of the heavy peal of eight at Lymm, Cheshire, but on St. George's Day the first peal of London Surprise on them was rung. The tenor is 32 cwt.

The bells of New Radnor, Radnorshire, have been augmented from five to six and rehung on ball bearings. They were opened on Easter Day by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. On Easter Monday the first peal was rung on them in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, the donors of the new treble, but on the following Saturday a half-muffled peal was rung for the passing of another generous donor to the funds, Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire.

The ringers wish to acknowledge what the Rector, the Rev. R. D. Wynne, did to secure the restoration and augmentation of the bells and to thank him for entertaining them after the first peal, and Miss Meredith for her hospitality after the second peal.

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT MARGATE.

The 58th annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held at Margate on Easter Monday, and, in spite of the wintry conditions which prevailed, 200 members braved the elements and put in an appearance. Ringing was permitted at intervals until 12 o'clock, when the association service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tyrell. Mr. E. H. Lewis read the lesson, and the Vicar, after giving the association a hearty welcome to Margate, delivered an inspiring address, far above the average listened to on these occasions. He wished them all Godspeed in their work and urged the elder members in all their work to set a good example to the younger which would have a lasting effect upon them. He said he was sorry he could not join them in their business, as he had to leave after the service for the West Country to have a course of treatment.

A collection for the association's Benevolent Fund realised £2 12s.

Luncheon followed in the Artillery Drill Hall, and was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a vice-president of the association, supported by some of the officers.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. F. White (Cranbrook) submitted 'The Archbishop and Clergy of the County,' which was responded to by the Rector of Eythorne (the Rev. Horsley) in a very witty speech.

The business meeting was then held, and was of a most harmonious character. A letter of apology for absence was received from the Mayor of Margate.

### ASSOCIATION'S GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) submitted the annual report, which first congratulated Mr. C. Slingsby upon attaining the age of 100 years last May. The report went on to say that occasionally the attendance at some towers left much to be desired and often there were not sufficient ringers for the bells in the towers. An appeal was made to all members to attach themselves to a tower for Sunday service ringing, to be punctual and regular in their attendance, always remembering that this is the first call on all ringers, and to see to it that the ringing was of the best. There were 119 towers in union. The life members number the same as in the previous year, hon. members total 71 (two less than 1936), adult practising members were 944 and junior members 46, a total of 990, which is 68 less than in the previous year.

The report recorded bell restorations at Chislehurst (St. Nicholas'), Sundridge, Goodnestone, Hernhill and Bexley. Peals numbered 142 (including 17 for the Coronation), 14 more than in 1936. The peals were rung in 56 towers, including two in Sussex. Twenty-two members rang their first peal and four their first as conductor.

In view of extra commitments during the year, the committee authorised the sale of part of the War Loan, and this realised £68 0s. 9d. In the general fund the subscriptions of members showed a reduction of £5 17s., and the balance in this account is £71 16s. 1d. The belfry repairs fund was increased during the year by £10 15s. 3d. to £139 1s. Assistance to two members was given from the Benevolent Fund, which stands at £297 0s. 9d. The total funds from all sources amount to £988 1s. 9d., an increase of £17 1s. 4d.

On the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Holden, the report was unanimously adopted.

The hon. auditor, Mr. G. H. Cross, submitted the various accounts, which were also adopted.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and, in replying to the thanks for his work, Mr. Mitchell reminded the members that this would be his tenth year as their hon. secretary and treasurer, and he was glad to retain their confidence. He thanked the district secretaries for their work and help, also Mr. Saxby, of Margate, for the trouble he had taken to make the meeting so successful. He also thanked them all for their response in the application for tickets for lunch, as with only one exception all applied by the appointed time.

The usual thanks to all concerned concluded a meeting which was quite the reverse to the weather.

The towers that were open in the district were well patronised, and a large party accepted the kind invitation of Major Powell Cotton, of Quex Park, to visit his museum, which was much enjoyed, especially as the Major told of his thrilling experiences in obtaining some of his wonderful collection of wild game.

## PEAL NOTES.

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Three brothers rang their first peal when they took part in seven 720's of Bob Minor at Ticknall, Derbyshire, on April 23rd. It was a notable, if not unique, performance. The three ringers were Edmund, Frank and Joseph Hulse. Edmund has been ringing only about six months. The visiting ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Hulse for their kind hospitality after the peal.

Mr. Christopher Wallater, of Willenhall, took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Trysull, Staffs, on April 21st, and thus completed the series from six to twelve bells.

Thomas W. Lockwood conducted and Victor Lockwood rang in the peal of Doubles at Earl Stonham, Suffolk, on April 16th. The names appeared in our last issue as Sockwood—but we disclaim responsibility.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### A DECLINE IN MEMBERSHIP.

#### Apathy Among Ringers.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Guildford on April 23rd, nearly one hundred members being present from within and without the diocese, including 21 affiliated towers.

The customary service was held this year at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. G. E. Hope, the address being given by the Vicar of Horsell (the Rev. F. A. Woodard), who is a ringer.

After tea in Holy Trinity Hall, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), who presided, thanked the preacher and the organist. At the business meeting Mr. Harrison was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (retiring hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (secretary-elect) and the Rev. F. A. Woodard.

### COMMITTEE'S APPEAL TO CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

In the annual report, the committee once more appealed to the Church authorities throughout the diocese to support the Guild in the work which it was endeavouring to perform. There were various ways in which they could do this, and one of the most important was that they should encourage their own ringers in that co-operative effort which was necessary to produce the true diocesan spirit. There had been a regrettable loss of members through unpaid subscriptions. Compared with 1936, there was a loss of three honorary and 18 ringing members, which followed upon a loss of one honorary and 17 ringing members in the preceding year. As far as the committee was aware, there was no reduction in the number of ringers in the diocese, and the falling off was, therefore, due to the apathy of the ringers themselves. It was probable that if the Church authorities took a more direct interest in the ringers of their respective towers and encouraged them to support their diocesan organisation, this indifference might be overcome to a considerable degree. Indeed, the committee ventured to go further and suggest that, where the ringers were entirely voluntary, it would be only a slight recognition of their services throughout the year if the Parochial Church Councils undertook to pay the small annual subscription to the Guild. Another direction in which the Guild could receive valuable support would be by the active participation in ringing of the younger clergy. Compared with many other associations in the country, the Guild was sadly lacking in clerical ringers, and the committee appealed particularly to the junior members of clerical staffs to take up the art of ringing, and to incumbents to encourage them to do so, as a means of giving the ringers greater recognition and a closer association with church life.

Apart from 'compounding' members, the membership of the Guild was now 67 honorary and 374 ringing members. The committee urged members to use their influence with their colleagues, who were outside the Guild, to persuade them to join, and also to use their best endeavours to obtain honorary members from among the congregation.

In reviewing the work of the year, the report recorded 30 peals rung in 15 towers. Three methods had been rung for the Guild for the first time, and 15 members had rung their first peal. The committee concluded their report with an appreciation of the work of the retiring secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose resignation had been received with sincere regret.

### INCREASED BALANCES.

The report was adopted, as was also the statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £26 4s. 8d., an increase of 16s. 5d. Among the receipts were £7 10s. from affiliation fees and £20 4s. 9d., representing 50 per cent. of the district contributions.

The hon. treasurer reported that the Benevolent Fund had been increased during the year from £29 12s. 3d. to £56 13s. 2d., and that the New Cathedral Bells Fund stood at £16 18s. 7d.

Mr. G. L. Grover said that the New Cathedral Bells Fund was a little disappointing, as so few towers had contributed.

Mr. T. W. White moved that the amount donated from the general fund to the New Cathedral Bells Fund should be increased from £1 1s. to £2 2s. In reply, Mr. Corbett said the balance in hand on the general fund was very small and did not really provide a working balance for a Guild of their size.

Mr. F. Nye successfully amended the motion that they should endeavour during the year to increase the donations from the towers and not deplete the general fund. The report and balance sheet were adopted. Three new members were elected.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Vice-presidents, Mr. W. Harrison, the Right Rev. Bishop Golding-Bird, the Ven. Archdeacon Newill and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. librarian, Mr. A. C. Hazelden. The Library Committee was re-elected en bloc.

### GUILD'S GENEROSITY.

In proposing Mr. Goldsmith as vice-president, the chairman spoke of his good work, which they appreciated. In reply, Mr. Goldsmith said that what they had done that night was the greatest honour accorded him in connection with ringing. One thing which would live with him in connection with his secretaryship was the tremendous number of friends he had made all over the diocese. That was a point he would like to emphasise among the younger members of the Guild. If they put something into the work they would get something (Continued in next column.)

**GUILDFORD GUILD'S GENEROSITY.**

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out. The Guild since its inception had been a generous one. Out of the central fund over £20 had been voted to bell restorations and from the district funds over £28. In addition £80 was raised for the Admiral Walker Memorial for the recasting and rehangings of the bells of Old Woking. They had raised £46 13s. 2d. for the benevolent fund, and apart from that £30 was collected for a special case. For the Cathedral Bell Fund they had raised £17, thus making a total of over £200. This was all extraneous to the working of the Guild itself. He hoped that spirit would continue.

Speaking of Mr. Grover's appointment, Mr. Goldsmith said he had served a long apprenticeship in the job, having been secretary of the Guildford district for nearly 10 years. They had a man in Mr. Grover without equal for the position, and they were fortunate in getting him. He hoped they would give Mr. Grover the support and same friendly welcome in their towers that had been given to him.

In reply, Mr. Grover said he would do his best.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at Farnham on July 9th, and the next annual meeting will be held at Guildford, the date being left to the Executive Committee.

Two alterations were made to rules, one to secure that a member elected to the committee should serve for three years (instead of submitting to annual election), and the other to empower district committees (instead of the Executive Committee) to fill casual vacancies among district officers, subject to confirmation by a district general meeting.

A sum of one guinea was voted for the memorial to the late Mr. J. J. Parker.

Mr. Pulling called attention to the Central Council's request for suggestions for increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' and said if any member had any suggestion it should be sent to him without delay.

Mr. F. Nye: I can give you one suggestion. Every member of the Guild should buy a copy (applause).

The meeting concluded with a comprehensive vote of thanks.

During the afternoon good use was made of the bells of the Cathedral, St. Nicolas' Church and Shalford, and the two latter towers were also open after the meeting.

**A WATERY MEETING.****UNEXPECTED HAPPENINGS AT GUILDFORD.**

Water twice played an unexpected—and unwanted—part in the proceedings connected with the Guildford Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on April 30th. During the sermon in St. Mary's Church, a hissing, like the escape of steam, broke in upon the voice of the

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**RINGING—GOOD AND BAD.****A NEW 'STANDARDS' SCALE.**

A new and ingenious scale for judging ringing was introduced by someone with a humorous turn of mind at a Surrey Association meeting at Dorking on Easter Monday, but it might, after all, serve a useful purpose if ringers would thoughtfully weigh up their performances on these new standards.

Each touch, on completion, was placed in one of the following four categories according to its merits:—

1. Broadcast. 2. Goodcast. 3. Faircast. 4. Outcast.

To attain the 'broadcast' standard, a touch had to be perfectly rung without a fault from start to finish; an even rhythm being maintained throughout. Clipping by any bell for only one blow, uneven rounds as the treble pulled off, or failure of any ringer to set his bell after the conductor called 'Stand,' would disqualify a touch for this class.

It was not attained at Dorking. Some 'Goodcast' touches were rung, in Surprise methods, without a trip, but they were not free from clipping. The perfect rhythm was thus disturbed, and the touches failed to attain the 'Broadcast' standard. Incidentally there were also some touches of the 'Outcast' or nondescript variety rung, but—'shush'!

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preacher. It became louder, and then came the hurried exit of the curate from his stall and of the verger from his seat.

The preacher continued unperturbed, with just a glance behind him, to make sure that he was safe. The congregation was curious.

St. Mary's Church is built upon the side of a hill and the east end is some four or five feet above the nave. The organ is on the higher level, and after a few minutes of hissing, the cause was revealed to the congregation. Water came cascading down the steps into the side aisle, and made its way in a small stream through the church, as far as the main aisle, where it disappeared through the grating into the pit of the heating apparatus. The water pipe for the hydraulic operation of the organ had given out. Eventually the supply was cut off, but not before damage had been done to the instrument, which, of course, was put out of action.

The final hymn was sung to piano accompaniment.

The other contretemps occurred on the river before the service. Two of the Aldershot juniors went out in a canoe, and when, on returning, one of them attempted to land, he pushed the frail craft from under him and found himself in the water.

Nothing daunted, he scrambled out, went back to Aldershot by bus, changed into borrowed clothing at the house of a friend—we think he must have been afraid to go home—and returned to Guildford to the meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, will be 81 to-morrow. Good wishes will be extended to him by his hosts of friends.

There ought to be a celebration of some kind at Edmonton to-morrow, for it is the 150th anniversary of the opening of the bells by the Royal Cumberland Youths, who rang '5,280 Oxford Treble Bobs,' composed and conducted by John Reeves.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild is to try the experiment of Wednesday meetings, and the first is to be held at Croydon, a six-bell tower in the Farnham District, on May 18th.

To-morrow is the fiftieth anniversary of the peal of 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Foxearth, Essex, on May 7th, 1888. Mr. George Maxin, of Waltham Cross, is now the only surviving member of the band.

Whilst the various bands of ringers were waiting their turns to ring at the opening of Plymtree bells, Devon, they occupied their time competing at darts and skittles. Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, who was present to represent the founders, was one of the finalists in the skittles competition, but was ultimately beaten. As, however, there are more bell openings coming off in Devon in the near future, Mr. Fidler will have further chances in similar competitions whilst waiting his turn to ring.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, a revised set of rules was adopted. A report will appear in our next issue.

## GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

### CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW SOCIETY.

The first annual meeting of the Guild of Clerical Ringers was held at St. Albans on April 28th, during the week's tour in Hertfordshire.

The president (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge) presided over an attendance of 14 members and referred in sympathetic terms to the tremendous loss which had been sustained by the Guild, and particularly by the Central Council, in the recent death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and said how much his death was regretted by everyone.

The hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) reported that the Rev. E. Banks James was prevented from being present by illness, and an apology was also received from the Rev. J. P. Pelloe. He announced that the membership of the Guild now totalled 33.

A set of rules of constitution was drawn up. Among other things, membership is limited to bishops, priests and deacons, who are change ringers and competent to ring at least Doubles or Minor, whilst honorary members, who can only be elected at the annual meeting, will be welcome. The objects of the Guild are stated to be as follows: To foster a closer fraternity amongst the ringing clergy; to promote the art of change ringing amongst the clergy generally; to encourage incumbents in the care and proper use of their bells and belfries, and in the cultivation of scientific change ringing and good striking amongst their own ringers; and to bring the art to the notice of theological colleges. The payment of 5s. enables any clerical change ringer to become a life member.

The accounts were presented and showed a balance in hand of £5 13s. 7d. It was pointed out that the expenditure of £2 17s. 7d. during the past year was, for the most part, of a non-recurrent nature.

The officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge; vice-president, the Rev. E. Banks James; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. E. V. Cox; two members to complete the committee, the Revs. C. Carew Cox and E. S. Powell.

It was agreed that the 1939 tour should take place in Devonshire from April 17th to 22nd, and that the committee should select the best centre.

A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the hon. secretary for the work which he had done in arranging the programme of the current week's tour.

## A LANCASHIRE REVIVAL.

### PROMISING MATERIAL IN BOLTON BRANCH.

The Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their monthly meeting at Horwich on Saturday last. The bells were going shortly after 3 p.m., and, with the exception of about an hour for tea and business, were kept going until 8.45 p.m. Even the tea time was made use of for ringing by some members with handbells.

There were a number of visitors from the Wigan and Preston Branches and some really useful work was done. At this and the last few meetings there has been a marked increase in the number of recruits attending. On this occasion there was a tower full, all youth of a good standard in education. The youngest, a boy of nine years, was the admiration of all when he raised the 4th and rang the 2nd in rounds. If the more experienced members will now come forward the Bolton Branch will very soon be in a leading position both in numbers and methods.

Since the hon. secretary joined the 'Idle Gentlemen' Brigade, he has been visiting the towers on practice nights and 'rounding up' members who used to be regular in attendance at meetings.

The next meeting at Walkden (where there is a grand peal) promises to be better than Horwich—the football fans will then have had their fill for this season.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—17.

### THOMAS W. LAST.

In a company which possesses several conductors and where the conducting is shared in a most unselfish manner, there are limits to the number of peals a man can call. For some few years now the Helmingham, Suffolk, band have been distinguished for the example they have set in ringing fresh methods, and as a local company they must, we think, hold a record. One of this band is Mr. Thomas W. Last. He has shared the progressive spirit of his colleagues, and some idea of what these men have done can be gained from Mr. Last's own performances. His 296 peals, of which he has conducted 95, have been rung in no fewer than 52 methods, of which nearly 40 are Surprise Major methods.

Mr. Last was born at Helmingham on April 8th, 1879, and, in addition to having been a service ringer there since 1900 and a member of the choir, he is also a sidesman. He rang his first peal on Boxing Day, 1903, at Helmingham, a peal of Bob Major, composed and conducted by the late Dr. F. E. W. Meadows, of Otley. His first peal as conductor was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, also rung at Helmingham, on Feb. 8th, 1913, and his first step in 'something different' was to call the first peal of Little Bob Major for the Norwich Association in 1914. In 1922 he called the first peal of Erin Triples for the Norwich Association, and this and his own first peal of London Surprise Major at Helmingham in September, 1924, the first in the method by seven of the company, he looks upon as his most interesting performances.

Mr. Last conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples and Double Oxford Bob Major for the Suffolk Guild and took part in first peals ever rung of Kent, Edmundsbury, Daventry, Woodbridge, Bosmere, Yoxford, Orwell, Deben, Droitwich, Marina, Huntingdon, Lincoln, Chester, Leeds, Cornwall, Devon, Otley, Minsmere and Clacton Surprise Major. He conducted the 'first ever' of Helmingham, Silchester, Dunwich, Coddensham and Monewden, and the first peals by a local band of Lincolnshire, Ipswich, Camdon, Waveney and Double Dublin. He also rang in the first by the Helmingham band of Pudsey, Rutland, Premier, Clarendon, London, Rochester, Edinburgh, Ashted and Suffolk Surprise Major.

Although measured by some modern standards Mr. Last's peal total may not be considered very large, it represents some excellent work and a spirit of enterprise not often to be found centred in one band. Moreover, his peal ringing has been limited by circumstances to towers within cycling distance, and he has shared the conducting with men like L. C. Wightman, G. Whiting and L. G. Brett, as well as one or two budding conductors. But it has been this factor which, in no small measure, has led to the success of the Helmingham company. They have shared the honours for the common good.

### Next week: Mr. Ernest Morris.

### A DEVON RESTORATION.

Once again the ringers of Plymtree are happy, the restoration of the peal of six bells in the Parish Church is an accomplished fact. The rededication of the bells was carried out at a special service on Saturday, April 30th, by the Rural Dean, the Rev. F. Perry, Vicar of West Hill, the special preacher being the Rev. T. Young, Rector of Kewee, a popular visitor to this church.

Like many another country village, the bells occupy no small part in the life of Plymtree, and the villagers responded quickly when it became known that urgent work had to be done to the bells.

The work, placed in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, included tuning the bells, carefully restoring the old timber frame and rehanging the bells on ball bearings.

After the dedication service the restored bells were well tested. Ten visiting bands of ringers were allotted a half-hour each, and every company made good use of the time at their disposal. All expressed great satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells and the marked improvement in the tone.



MR. T. W. LAST.

## CHRISTLETON COLLEGE YOUTHS.

### AN OLD CHESHIRE SOCIETY.

By JOHN W. CLARKE.

During the early part of the last century a keen band of ringers flourished in the picturesque Cheshire village of Christleton. Their tower contained a ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt., and although the tone of the bells was not all that could be desired, they were a useful peal for change ringing. The company achieved considerable fame locally, and after the fashion of the times styled themselves the Christleton 'College Youths.'

It is unfortunate that many of their records, known to have existed until comparatively recently, have been lost or destroyed, but sufficient can be gathered from peal boards in the tower to judge of their activities. Their leader and conductor was Thomas Mayers, and three others of the same family rang in the peals recorded. The Youths were evidently in their heyday between 1830 and 1845, although it is more than likely that the society existed as such for a considerable time after that date.

On September 15th, 1830, Mayers called Holt's ten-part from the sixth, and a footnote claims this as the first peal of Grandsire in the county of Cheshire. The Youths later turned their attention to Treble Bob, and on October 1st, 1834, in three hours and 38 minutes, rang J. Reeves' 6,720 of Kent. Mayers called this and all subsequent peals, save one, from the treble.

The next performance was one of which the company was justly proud. In 1837 on January 26th they brought round the first peal of Stedman in the county. Mightily pleased, they repeated this peal on February 3rd and again on April 13th following.

Up to this time the Youths had evidently confined their ringing to their own tower at Christleton. This was necessarily so because there were few eight-bell towers in the neighbourhood, and travelling in those days presented considerable difficulties. There was, however, one ring of eight in Chester, three miles away. This was at the Church of St. John, in which tower Abram Rudhall had, as long ago as 1733, added two trebles to the peal of six which he had cast in 1710. To this tower the Christleton men doubtless paid occasional visits, and on Thursday, April 19th, 1838, they realised a great ambition, which in their zeal they recorded as 'The first peal of Stedman's Trebles ever accomplished by any society out of their own tower.' They rang 'in masterly style' J. P. Powell's peal, which contains 382 calls—240 Bobs, 120 Common Singles and 22 Holt Singles. Details of the peal can be seen in 'Stedman,' by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies.

An elaborately worded record, headed by a drawing of St. John's Church as it was at that period, hangs in Christleton tower. The society had apparently by this time dropped, for some reason or other, the title of College Youths in favour of 'The Christleton Society of Change Ringers,' and 'desirous to bequeath some memento of their labours which may excite posterity to emulate them in the science of ringing, caused this inscription to record an excellent Peal of Changes, rung on the eight bells of this church by the persons whose names are inscribed hereon.' The peal occupied 3 hours 1 minute, and the weight of the tenor is given as 16 cwt., although this is probably an exaggeration. The band stood as follows:—

Thomas Mayers	... ..	Treble	Joshua Lamb	... ..	5
John Venables	... ..	2	William Mayers	... ..	6
Thomas Brown	... ..	3	Joseph Mayers	... ..	7
William Lunt	... ..	4	George Mayers	... ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Mayers.

It is perhaps of more than passing interest to note that the bells of St. John's, the first and for 150 years the only ring of eight in Cheshire, were, before the end of the century, lost to the Exercise. In 1831 the lofty tower, which had been a local landmark since its erection in 1581, crashed, and although the bells were miraculously saved, they have since hung 'dead' in a turret built for the purpose.

The centenary of this peal was celebrated with a peal of Stedman Triples at Christleton, recorded last week.

The only remaining evidence of the activities of the Christleton Society appears in Snowdon's book on Double Norwich, which, quoting from the 'Era' of September 15th, 1844, states: 'On Wednesday evening last, the 11th instant, the Change Ringers of Christleton, Cheshire, ascended their own tower and rang in excellent style a true and complete peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, consisting of 5,376 changes.' The peal was composed by J. Lates and conducted by T. Mayers from the tenor.

### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

#### OCTOGENARIAN'S 100 PER CENT. ATTENDANCE.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Charlie Lord, one of the local ringers.

'Old Charlie' walks three miles to the tower every Sunday before 9.15 a.m., no buses being available at that hour. Last year he scored 100 per cent. for attendances, having been present twice on Sunday and every practice night, in addition to 'extras.' The quarter-peal was rung by W. Crowsley 1, J. E. Jones 2, P. Thrift 3, H. Pendry 4, E. Hookham 5, Tom Collins (conductor) 6, W. Bunce 7, S. Smith 8. The composition was by James George, an old Pinner ringer. Afterwards 163 Grandsire was rung, with 'Old Charlie' ringing the second.

### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### ENTRANCE FEE TO BE PAID BY NEW MEMBERS.

Norwich was again the venue of the Diocesan Association for the sixty-first annual meeting on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael at Coslany and All Saints' were placed at members' disposal from 10 a.m., and at noon service was conducted by the president (the Rev. Hugh McMullan). Ninety-nine ringers heard the Archdeacon of Norwich (the Ven. T. J. Perowne) speak on the ministry of ringers.

Luncheon was served at the St. Peter Mancroft Parish Hall. At the business meeting the president was supported by Canon G. M. MacDermott, Messrs. C. E. Borrett and A. L. Coleman (vice-presidents), N. Golden (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. L. Duffield and W. J. Lee (branch chairmen), W. J. Eldred, A. G. Harrison, J. G. W. Harwood and H. Tooke (branch secretaries), G. Bailey, R. William Barber, E. G. Bennett, R. W. Cooke, W. C. Duffield and J. A. Godfrey (members of the Standing Committee), and representatives from Acle, Alburgh, Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Cromer, Dersingham, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Garveston, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happingburgh, Hethersett, King's Lynn, Kessingland, Lowestoft, Mulbarton, Northrepps, North Walsham, Pulham Market, Redenhall, Reedham, Rockland, All Saints', Saxlingham, Sheringham, Snettisham, St. Faith's, Winfarthing, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham, Yarmouth and the city churches. Messrs. T. H. Francis (London) and W. C. Porter (Oxford), both annual subscribing members, and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), a keen life member, were also present.

The President welcomed the members and said he valued the bells tremendously. He could not imagine St. Peter Mancroft without the bells, and the Vicars of other parishes would say how much they valued the services the ringers rendered in their respective belfries. Continuing, Mr. McMullan said he sometimes thought some of the ringers nullified their own efforts by thoughtlessness in the belfry when shouting was indulged in.

The report and balance sheet for 1937 were adopted, and Mr. Coleman congratulated the secretary on his first report.

All the officers were re-elected, and Canon MacDermott, who was president for nine years, was elected a vice-president.

Mr. Golden acknowledged his indebtedness to the branch secretaries and the members of the Standing Committee for their invaluable help.

Six new members were elected and one transferred to life membership.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that the association adopt a badge was confirmed, and it was decided that new members, other than life members, pay an entrance fee of 1s. to cover the cost of a certificate and badge in addition to the current year's subscription. The deletion of certain words in an obsolete rule raised a heated argument on the interpretation of the association's rule 11.

The Secretary referred to the various requests he had received from the Hethersett Bell Restoration Fund Committee and the Canon Elsee and Joseph W. Parker Memorial Committees. It was decided to leave this question of finance over to the decision of the Standing Committee.

On Mr. R. T. Woodley's proposition, it was resolved to send a message of sympathy to the College Youths on the loss of their former secretary, the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, the Ven. T. J. Perowne and Mr. R. J. Maddem Williams, organist at St. Peter Mancroft, concluded the business of the meeting.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Over on Easter Monday. The attendance was not large, but an enjoyable time was spent in this Cambridgeshire village. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Weston), who also presided at the business meeting.

Miss K. Willers was re-elected general secretary. Mr. T. R. Dennis was re-elected auditor. The Diocesan Committee was elected as follows: Messrs. A. J. Abrams, T. Chenery, R. W. Crofts, H. Fields, E. G. Hibbins, F. W. Lack, F. Wigmore and W. Seekings.

Mr. F. Warrington was elected to serve on the Bishop's Advisory Committee.

It was decided to hold the 1939 annual meeting in Cambridge, and the date of the summer festival this year was fixed for July 23rd, subject to permission from the Vicar of Wisbech.

A grant of £2 2s. was voted to the restoration at Doddington. As the Walsoken bells are not to be rehung, it was decided that the memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake take the form of a tablet in Watlington Church.

Mr. Cousins and Mr. Parker said the Wisbech and the Huntingdon Districts respectively had started a belfry repair fund.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for presiding, and to Mrs. Weston for playing the organ. Last, but not least, Mrs. Warrington and her helpers received warm thanks for the generous tea they provided. It was extremely good of them to give up their bank holiday to cater for the needs of the ringers, and their self-sacrifice was much appreciated.

### EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD GAIN SHIELD FOR PROGRESS.

#### Vicar Pleads for Better Belfries.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Selston. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Schofield), assisted by Mr. James Rawson, who has been for over 20 years an hon. member of the association). The Vicar took as his text, 'I stand continually on the watch tower,' and said that bellringers were custodians of a very important part of the Church, which played a great part in the worship of God. He would like to see all belfries equipped as part of the church and made more beautiful and clean. Why should they be places for cobwebs and dust? he asked. It was as much a part of the church as the chancel. The Vicar concluded his address by saying, 'You are, indeed, real missionaries, for by your art you are drawing men to church, so I pray that not only in your bellringing, but in your daily lives you may be drawing men to worship the living Christ.'

Tea was arranged in the Church Schools by the wives of the Selston ringers, and about 70 sat down to a splendid meal.

The annual meeting followed, presided over by Mr. W. Dobb, supported by Mr. John Hobbs (vice-president), the Rev. H. W. Schofield, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. England).

The members stood in silence in memory of two departed ringers, Mr. Charles Rogers, a member of the Executive Committee, and Mr. William Piggin, a member for 48 years.

The balance sheet and auditor's report were accepted and considered favourable. The report showed a membership of 115, while ten new members and one hon. member were elected at this meeting.

Last year was the jubilee of the association, and an anonymous donor had presented a handsome shield, to be awarded each year to the tower showing the most progress. It is hoped that this will stimulate interest amongst young ringers. The Executive Committee awarded the shield on the following basis: Out of 100 points, 55 to be allotted for attendance for Sunday service ringing, 35 for actual progress in ringing, and 10 for representation at association meetings.

The shield was awarded to Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a five-bell tower, with seven ringers, whose attendance for service ringing reached the high total of 91 per cent. This band had rung, during the year, new methods as follows: Stedman, St. Simon's, New Doubles, Canterbury, Union, Reverse Bob and Reverse Grandsire Doubles, six quarter-peals in four methods were rung for services, and one peal, four members scoring their first peal.

The Rev. H. W. Schofield presented the shield to Mr. Tom Clarke, captain of the Kirkby band, who suitably expressed the appreciation of his ringers, and remarked that, excepting himself, all the ringers were under the age of 21.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. Wilson Dobb; vice-president, Mr. John Hobbs; Ringing Master, Mr. Tom Clarke; treasurer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote; secretary, Mr. J. W. England; auditors, Messrs. J. Machin and T. Hand; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. A. Ashman, A. Elliott, T. Jennings and H. Doughty.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Ripley, and quarterly meetings at Ashover, Denby and Mansfield.

A proposal to increase the annual subscription was heavily defeated.

It was unanimously decided to inaugurate an annual dinner, to take place on the first Saturday in October.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and ladies for providing tea brought the meeting to a close, and further ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m.

### NEW RADNOR BELLS AUGMENTED.

#### NOW A LIGHT RING OF SIX.

The five bells at St. Mary's Church, New Radnor, were originally cast and hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1851, and were the gift of Sir W. S. R. Cockburn, Bart. The tenor, which weighs 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lb. and is in A, was recast in 1865.

These bells have now been quarter-turned and rehung with wooden headstocks and ball bearings in the original oak frame by Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., who have also added a new treble in a separate steel frame, the gift of Mr. A. E. Prichard, of Wychbourne, Kington.

The new bell and the other work were dedicated at a service on Easter Sunday afternoon by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, assisted by the Rev. R. D. Wynne (Rector).

The bells were opened with a few rounds by the local band, assisted by Mr. Trevor Jones (Ringing Master, Kington District) and Mr. H. T. Chandler. The towers represented were Kington, Lyonshall and Clifford, and Mr. J. P. Hyett represented the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

The parishioners are very pleased with the 'splice' and the ringers with the 'go' of the bells, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on a very fine job.

After the service of dedication and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of two 120's Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five 240's Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, was rung by Alfred A. Hughes 1, James P. Hyett (conductor) 2, Harry T. Chandler 3, G. James R. Price 4, William Richards 5, John Thomas 6.

On Easter Monday a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate the opening and in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard, while on Saturday another peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Major Thompson, of Newcastle Court, Radnorshire, a generous subscriber to the bell restoration fund.

## ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1937.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ASOCIATION	Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	GATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES	TOTAL	Number Corresponding with First Column
1 Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	22	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1
2 Bath and Wells...	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3 Bedfordshire...	21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4 Cambridge U. Guild...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5 Chester Diocesan...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6 Cleveland and N. Yorks...	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7 Devonshire...	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8 Dudley and District...	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9 Durham and Newcastle...	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10 East Derby & Notes...	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11 Ely Diocesan...	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12 Essex Association...	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13 Gloucester & Bristol...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14 Guildford Diocesan...	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15 Hereford Diocesan...	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16 Kent County...	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17 Ladies' Guild...	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18 Lancashire Assoc...	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19 Lincoln Diocesan...	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20 Llandaf & Monmouth...	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21 London County...	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22 Middlesex County...	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23 Norfolk Counties...	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24 North Norfolk...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25 North Wales...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26 North Wales...	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27 North Wales...	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28 Oxford Diocesan...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29 Oxford Society...	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30 Peterboro' Diocesan...	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31 St. Martin's Guild, B'ham...	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
32 Salisbury Guild...	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
33 Shropshire Association...	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
34 Staffordshire Assoc...	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35 Staffordshire Assoc...	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
36 Suffolk Guild...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
37 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
38 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
39 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
40 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
41 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
42 Surrey Association...	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
43 Warwickshire Guild...	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
44 Wm. & Forten's Dio...	24	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45 Worcester & Districts...	35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
46 Yorkshire Assn...	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
47 Unaffiliated Societies...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
48 Non-Association...	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.



## TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR &amp; DOUBLES, 1937.

Association.	MINOR							Total.	DOUBLES							Total.	Grand Total of Peals
	Number of Methods.								Number of Methods.								
	8 to 80	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		6-14	5	4	3	2	1		
Anc. Soc. Col. Y...	a1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	a1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Bath and Wells ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	10	a1	2	2	1	12	18	28
Bedfordshire ...	—	20	—	1	2	—	—	—	7	30	—	—	—	—	6	6	42
Chester Diocesan ...	b7	5	—	4	4	3	4	7	54	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	36
Cland & N. Yorks ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Devonshire Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	6
Dur. and Newe'le ...	c2	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
E. Derbys. & N'ts. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Ely Diocesan ...	d1	8	2	1	1	2	—	5	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Essex Association ...	e1	11	1	1	6	5	—	10	35	a1	—	—	—	2	3	38	
Glos. & Bristol ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	6	2	8	9
Guildford Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Hereford Dio. ...	—	1	—	—	1	2	—	5	9	—	1	3	2	15	21	30	
Hertford County ...	f2	6	—	—	—	—	—	6	14	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	17
Kent County ...	—	—	3	—	2	4	1	5	15	—	1	—	1	3	5	20	
Lancashire ...	—	2	—	2	2	4	—	6	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
Lincoln Diocesan ...	g10	19	2	3	5	4	1	5	49	a1	—	—	—	1	—	2	51
Llandaff & Mon. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	6
Middlesex County ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	2
Midland Counties ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	6	11	—	1	2	1	2	3	9	20
North Notts. ...	h3	14	—	—	—	3	—	2	22	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	23
North Staffs. ...	—	7	—	1	—	—	—	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	14
Norwich Diocesan ...	14	2	—	1	2	5	4	9	27	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	29
Oxford Diocesan ...	j4	5	—	—	1	1	—	2	13	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	18
Peterborough Dio. ...	k1	2	—	1	—	1	2	2	9	b2	3	1	1	2	9	18	
Salisbury Dio. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	c3	—	—	1	9	13	18	
Shropshire Assoc. ...	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	6
Stafford Arch. ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	1	2	2	5	8
Soc. Roy. Cum. Y. ...	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Suffolk Guild ...	—	7	1	5	9	12	—	7	41	—	1	1	2	1	5	46	
Surrey Assoc. ...	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Sussex County ...	—	1	—	1	1	5	—	3	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	14
Swansea & Brecon ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	4
Truro Diocesan ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3
Warwickshire Gd. ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	4
Win'c. & P'm'th ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	—	—	1	—	3	4	7	
Worcester & Dis. ...	6	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	12	—	—	—	2	9	11	23	
Yorkshire Assoc. ...	k1	17	—	—	1	5	—	2	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Unaffiliated ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	2
Non-Association ...	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	8
TOTAL ...	37	147	11	24	44	67	17	117	464	9	6	6	11	31	106	169	633

MINOR: a—in 9 methods. b—in 73, 35, 25, 23, 19, 17 and 9 methods. c—10 and 8 methods. d—12 methods. e—8 methods. f—11 and 8 methods. g—in 80, 25, 21, 14, 11, 10, and four in 8 methods. h—in 20, 14 and 12 methods. i—in 14, 11, 9 and 8 methods. j—one in 9, three in 8 methods. k—14 methods.  
DOUBLES: a—in 6 methods. b—in 7 methods. c—in 14, 10 and 7 methods.

## HANDBELL PEALS, 1937.

Association.		MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL		CATERS	MAJOR		TRIPLES	MINOR	TOTAL								
		Plain Bob	Stedman	Oxford Treble Bob	Granta "	Kent Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Six Spliced Surprise	Five "	Kent Treble Bob	Spiced P'n Methods	Gainsboro' Little B.	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Minor one method	TOTAL
1	Cam. Univ. Gld....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
2	Chester Dio. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
3	Ely Diocesan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
4	Essex County .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
5	Glos. & Bristol .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
6	Hertford Co. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
7	Kent County .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
8	Kent County .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
9	Lancashire Assoc. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
10	Lincoln Dio. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
11	Middlesex Co. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
12	Midland Counties .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
13	Norwich Dio. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
14	North Wales .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
15	Suffolk Guild .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
16	Worcester & Dis. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
17	Yorkshire Assoc. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
18	Unaffiliated Soc. ....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
	Non-Association ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
		1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6	2	2	1	4	1	1	16	1	12	51

(a)—London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland.  
(b)—London, Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative and Ealing.  
(c)—St Clement's and Crayford College Bob.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

## REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1937 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday:—

The year 1937 has shown an increase in the number of peals rung, as compared with 1936. This is no doubt accounted for by the large number of peals rung for the Coronation.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1936		1937	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus ...	9	—	16	1
Cinques ...	35	—	53	1
Royal ...	54	6	72	8
Caters ...	91	11	66	8
Major ...	618	37	689	25
Triples ...	305	7	312	13
Minor ...	412	10	464	5
Doubles ...	150	4	169	—
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>1,674</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>61</b>

## TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus have increased by 7. There is a decrease of 3 in the Surprise methods, an increase of 6 in Kent Treble Bob. Cinques have increased by 18, Stedman by 13 and Grandsire by 4.

Royal have increased by 18, Surprise by 9, Treble Bob by 13 and plain methods have decreased by 4. Peals of Caters show a very considerable decrease, Stedman being 17 less and Grandsire 8. Major methods show an increase of 71. Surprise methods have increased by 48, London by 7, Cambridge by 27, Superlative by 9, Bristol by 9, Yorkshire by 2, new Surprise methods by 4. Spliced Surprise have decreased by 2 and sundry Surprise methods by 8. Kent Treble Bob have increased by 22, Oxford by 2, other methods by 3. Double Norwich have decreased by 3 and there are six new plain methods. Sundry plain methods have decreased by 11. Plain Bob have decreased by 3.

Triples have increased by 7. Stedman show an increase of 15, Grandsire a decrease of 1, and other Triples methods a decrease of 7.

There is a still further increase in peals of Minor, viz., 52. In one method peals have decreased by 21; in two methods there is an increase of 5; in three methods an increase of 16; in four methods an increase of 7; in five methods an increase of 6; in six methods an increase of 5; in seven methods an increase of 46; in methods over seven a decrease of 12.

In Doubles there is an increase of 19. In one method there is an increase of 9; in two methods an increase of 15; in three methods a decrease of 9; and in methods over three an increase of 4.

## HANDBELLS.

Peals in hand have again decreased this year by 14. There has been one peal each of Maximus and Cinques; Royal have increased by 2; Caters have decreased by 3; and Major by 12. Triples have increased by 6. Minor have decreased by 5 and there were no peals of Doubles.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association, with an increase of 14 over last year's total, still head the list. Next come the Midland Counties and the Norwich Diocesan Association with 108 each, the former showing an increase of 25 and the latter an increase of 40. The Suffolk Guild follow with 106, an increase of 18, the Chester Guild 101, an increase of 24, and the Lancashire Association 101, a decrease of 11. No other association reached 100 peals. Twenty-four associations show an increase and 25 a decrease.

## PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

5,024 Edmonton Bob Major, by the Middlesex County Association, September 4th.

## NEW METHODS.

- 5,024 Devon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 8th.  
5,184 Coddensham Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, January 22nd.  
5,152 Lutterworth Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, February 3rd.  
5,024 Knebworth Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 6th.  
5,088 Lessness Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, February 22nd.  
5,024 Droitwich Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, February 22nd.  
5,040 Spiced Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, by the Chester Diocesan Guild, April 10th.  
5,184 Otley Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, April 12th.  
5,024 Spiced Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Crayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 12th.  
5,120 Watford Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 12th.  
5,040 Rochester Surprise Royal, by the Suffolk Guild, May 15th.  
5,056 Langley Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 29th.  
5,184 Wymondham Bob Major, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, June 6th.  
5,056 Painswick College Bob Major, by the Kent County Association, July 16th.



- 5,184 Spliced Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, July 24th.  
 5,088 Minsmere Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, July 28th.  
 5,056 Wheatley Surprise Major, by the Kent County Association, August 14th.  
 5,184 Pulford Bob Major, by the Kent County Association, September 24th.  
 5,120 Eastbury Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 20th.  
 5,216 Norwich Court Bob Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, November 20th.  
 5,084 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus, by the Worcestershire and Districts Association, December 4th.  
 5,024 Monewdon Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, December 17th.

## HANDBELLS.

- 5,088 Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Ealing Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 12th.  
 5,088 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing and Rutland Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, November 12th.  
 5,040 Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob Major, by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, November 20th.

## GENERAL.

The outstanding performances of the year were the two peals on handbells by the Hertford County Association in five and six Surprise methods, and the peals of Minor in 73 methods by the Chester Guild, and in 80 methods by the Lincoln Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1937 and 1936:—

	1937	1936		1937	1936
January	... 116	227	July	... 118	89
February	... 137	178	August	... 148	170
March	... 110	110	September	... 150	126
April	... 144	150	October	... 181	152
May	... 315	139	November	... 162	148
June	... 134	116	December	... 187	144

## FOOTNOTES.

It is gratifying to see an increase in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The number is 555, as against 517 in 1936. On eight bells and over, 71 rang the treble, 107 inside and 41 the tenor; on five and six bells 115 rang the treble, 172 inside and 47 the tenor. The number who rang their first peal in a different method or method on a different number of bells is 1,240, a decrease of 194. Ringers of their first peal inside number 70; away from the tenor 11: Maximus 32; Cinques 13; Royal 41; Caters 10; Major 72; Triples 43; Minor 54; Doubles 43; on twelve bells 39; ten 35; eight 49; six 1; Surprise 38; in hand 8; in method in hand 15. New conductors number 72, an increase of 15; conductors in new methods number 136. New conductors on handbells number 4.

Other footnotes show that 52 were the first on the bells, 134 the first in the method on the bells, and 47 the first since restoration or augmentation.

On the occasion of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, the number of peals rung was 259, which constitutes a record, as on no previous occasion have so many peals been rung for one event. For Royal birthdays seven peals were rung; birthdays 134; weddings (including silver and golden) 80; church festivals and dedications 34; anniversaries 29; welcome and farewell 47.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 70,608:—

1881	... .. 156	1921	... .. 1,632
1898	... .. 1,002	1932	... .. 2,199
1905	... .. 1,519	1934	... .. 1,784
1913	... .. 2,359	1935	... .. 1,863
1917 (war year)	... .. 130	1936	... .. 1,749
1919	... .. 1,048	1937	... .. 1,902

(Signed) G. L. GROVER.  
 GEORGE R. PYE.  
 CHARLES DEAN.  
 WALTER AYRE.  
 EDITH K. FLETCHER.

## WELCOME TO NEW INCUMBENT.

At St. John's Church, Redhill, Surrey, on Friday, April 29th, prior to the institution to the benefice of the Rev. William A. R. Ball, M.A. (formerly of St. George's, Ramsgate), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Harold Moon 1, George Olliver 2, Ronald Tuffin 3, Alfred Gear 4, Robert Andrews (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, Walter Claydon 6, Arthur Webb (conductor) 7, Charlie Aldworth 8.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

## MEETING AT ASTON.

A quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham—the first of the year—was held at Aston Parish Church. This used to be the custom for many years before the bells became unringable, and now there is a good peal of twelve there, it is even more popular. A company of about 50 attended, and the bells were kept going from 3 o'clock to 4.30. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Rev. — Strickland (curate), who also gave a helpful address on the significance of the bells and their influence on the daily life of the community.

An excellent tea was generously provided by the Aston company and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the vice-president, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

Before commencing the ordinary business, the Chairman referred to the loss the Exercise in general had sustained by the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who, as everyone knew, had just retired after being hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 46 years. He had been the perfect secretary, and it was fitting that the funeral service should be held in St. Paul's Cathedral, where he had been in charge of the ringing for so many years. He asked the company to stand for a moment in silence as a last token of respect.

Apologies were read from the Master and the Ven. H. McGowan, Archdeacon of Aston.

The hon. secretary raised the matter of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, pointing out that, as the Imperial Hotel was not closing down, the Connaught Room would again be available if booked in good time.—On the proposition of Mr. J. Preston, it was decided to return to the Imperial Hotel and that the date of the dinner be fixed for the first Saturday in March each year.

Mr. M. J. Morris referred to the absence of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. John Neal through sickness, and suggested that the secretary should write a letter to each of them expressing the sympathy of the Guild and their best wishes for a speedy recovery.—This was agreed to.

A letter was read from the librarian of the Birmingham Reference Library acknowledging receipt of a menu card and toast list of the Jubilee Henry Johnson Dinner and a copy of the souvenir invitation sent out for the first dinner, and stating that these would be preserved in the archives of the library.

A letter was also read from P. Amos with reference to the St. Andrew's Church Bells Appeal Fund, Northampton, and it was decided to let this lie on the table.

The following new members were elected: R. I. Shepherd, A. Pettigrew and A. J. Allen (all of Aston), J. Surman (Alvechurch), W. R. Loveridge (Hall Green), W. E. Box (Harborne), all as ringing members; Mr. B. P. Morris, of Kettering, as a life member. The tower election of C. F. Andrews, of Melksham, H. Howell, of Walsall, and W. E. Raxter, all as life members, were duly ratified.

Several places were suggested for the next quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday, July 2nd, but, on being put to the vote, Hampton-Arden was carried by a big majority. It was decided to visit the Parish Church, Smethwick, for the bi-quarterly meeting on Saturday, May 14th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon of Aston for the use of the bells and to the Rev. Strickland for his address was proposed by the chairman.—In responding, the Rev. Strickland remarked that although not a ringer, he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit to the belfry.

The secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the local ringers, who had so generously provided tea, and to their ladies, who had so efficiently prepared and served it. It had been a very enjoyable meeting, and in a great measure this was due to the excellent arrangements they had made. Mr. W. Davies responded on behalf of the ringers and the ladies, stating it had been a pleasure to them to see everyone happy.

Several touches were then rung on handbells, whilst others returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds for the learners to Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus.

## DEATH.

RAXTER.—On Saturday, April 30th, Robert Malcolm, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Raxter, of 22, Queen Street, Droitwich, aged two years and eight months.

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**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. Bells at Christ Church from 2 p.m. Bells at Emmanuel Church from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after tea. Service at Christ Church at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. L. G. Brewster, M.A. Tea at 5.15 in Schools. Will those who attend service be in church at 4.30 prompt?—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow at 5.15 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn were closely connected with Hever, where the next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th. By the kindness of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, the castle grounds will be open to ringers. Tower open at 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon F. W. Lace. Visit to castle grounds at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Half fares will be paid up to 2s. Train leaves Tunbridge Wells West at 2.12 p.m. Also bus from War Memorial at 2.24 p.m.—Alec. E. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Pain, Goodworth Clatford.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged. Please come and encourage this band of fifteen ringers, all belonging to the above tower. All welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**STAVERTON**, near Daventry, Northants. — Dedication of the bells by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northampton on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers who notify the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Powell, of their intention to be present, and a special bus will run from Daventry in time for the service. The former five bells have been recast into a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banwell on May 7th. Bells (recently augmented to eight and rehung in new frame) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A practice has been arranged at Stony Stratford (8 bells) on Saturday, May 7th, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Brewery Inn at 5.15.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, May 7th, at Piddington (5 bells). Tower open 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden tower (8 bells) open after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Heversham on May 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—This Saturday, May 7th, at Toddington. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers. There are plenty of buses and bikes.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet to-morrow, May 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Schoolroom.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 8th, commencing 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Norman Summerhays, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 10th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow; 12th, St. Magnus'; 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.); 24th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Mitcham Parish Church on Wednesday, May 11th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Potheary, 73, Fernlea Road, Mitcham, by Monday, May 9th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. Usual Rolleston tea arrangements for those who reply by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, the 11th, for tea. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, May 9th?—R. Brook, 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bosley on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Please send names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to J. Tipper, 8, Arlington Drive, Macclesfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Chicheley on Saturday, May 14th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning, Berks (8 bells) on Saturday, May 14th, 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. R. S. Cook, High Street, King's Langley, by Thursday, May 12th. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Frant on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting will be held at Barkway. This fine peal of eight will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston. The larger the crowd, the better, but don't forget that card. Everything from Rounds upwards—depending on you! Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bull and Dog Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 10th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Higham on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea in Schools at 5. All ringers welcome. Please let Rector know how many to expect for tea. Reports available.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Croft, near Leicester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea, please notify me by the 12th inst. All welcome.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Guy, Lunt Lane, Sefton, Blundellsands, not later than Wednesday.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, May 14th, and not Weston Favell as advised. Names for tea by May 11th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8 bells), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 2 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

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**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Stoke Trister and Wincanton bells available. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil. Phone, North Cadbury 230.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—New ground again. Garboldisham. We meet on Saturday, May 14th (not 21st as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Methods to suit all. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Fox, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. This time card for tea, please, by Thursday, the 12th. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, near Rotherham, not later than Wednesday, May 11th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at the Old Church, Smethwick, near Birmingham. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon branch.—Monthly meeting at Lydiard Millicent on Saturday, May 14th. Six bells open at 3 p.m. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Swindon, Wilts.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING.**—**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—An experimental mid-week meeting at Crondall on Wednesday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Cricketers 5.15. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by first post, Monday, May 16th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower opens at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, May 18th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 18th. All ringers welcome.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.,

followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend? Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, May 17th. All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. W. Hick, Chapel Street, Tadcaster, by the first post on Thursday, May 19th. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heston, Bradford.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—To avoid clashing of meetings, the visit to Harthill has been put forward to Saturday, May 21st. The eight bells will be available from 3 till 8.30 p.m. Please send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guild Festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the Secretary by Monday, May 16th. Further details next week.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Summer festival at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd. Please make a note of the date.—Kitty Willers.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Ernest Stone, Griff, Nuneaton, is now 99, Keresley Road, Coventry.

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Although contests for prize money have, very rightly, been eliminated from the activities of ringers, there are competitions in a number of areas for encouraging ringing in various directions. Prize ringing, of course, originated when bellringing was looked upon purely as a sport, and competition was, in a sense, a natural corollary. That it led to abuses no one denies, but in those earlier days the clergy and Church folk themselves did not, presumably, raise any real objection. The changed relationship between ringers and the Church has altered all this, and such competitions as now exist are on a purely friendly basis for the encouragement of good ringing. In some cases there are challenge trophies awarded for the best exhibition of ringing; in others certificates are given for the best records in Sunday service ringing. In the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, as we recorded last week, a new shield has been presented for a competition which has been framed on novel lines. It is to be awarded annually to the company making the best progress during the year, and the committee have set up a three-part standard, viz., attendance at service ringing, actual progress in method ringing, and attendance at association meetings. We think they have chosen wisely in the subjects in which they hope to encourage their members.

There will be among our readers some who disagree entirely with all forms of competition among ringers, and who will probably condemn the award of any trophy for any purpose connected with our art. Art for the art's sake, service for the sake of service is the line they take, and it is a high ideal. But there is something to be said for holding out a prize for efficiency. As long as a ringing competition is conducted in the right spirit, to create friendly rivalry among ringers to raise the standard of their work, we can see no more harm in it than in a musical contest in which church choirs compete. The object is the same, to lead to an improvement in the service they render to the Church. The fact that the ringers have to conduct their competition in a part of the church is not their fault; it could be run nowhere else for want of the necessary instruments. Moreover, it cannot be denied that the practice which a competition requires must have a valuable influence upon the efficiency of the ringing of those who take part, and there is in it a disciplinary training which must count for good. We are quite sure that if ringers everywhere would practise up to competition standard, the ringing in many places would be far better than it is now. There is a great deal too much slipshod service ringing, and anything which will improve its quality ought to be welcomed.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... 2	*AMOS W. CLARK ... 8
FRANK E. DARBY ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 9
DANIEL D. COOPER ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
*JAMES E. COOPER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 11
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First twelve-bell peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Croydon to present new colours to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*SYDNEY TUSON ... Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 6
*ADAM BLOGG ... 2	FRED BLACKLEDGE ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 3	*WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 8
*JOHN JACKSON ... 4	*ALFRED BLOGG ... 9
HARRY FRANCE ... 5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (275). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Kent Royal. First peal of Royal on the bells. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Argyle, M.A.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
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On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†R. DONALD BOREHAM ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	†NORMAN H. MANNING ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside.'

CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*A. H. Blewitt 1, G. Crofts 2, J. Graves 3, J. Wilkinson 4, W. C. Rhodes (conductor) 5, \*F. Harvey 6. \* First quarter-peal. A birthday compliment to Brian Rhodes.



## WORSLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 1 <i>Treble</i>	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 6
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 7
FRED GRUNDY ... .. 3	JAMES GROUNDS ... .. 8
BENJAMIN THOMAS ALLRED ... 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 9
CECIL RADDEN ... .. 5	*ARTHUR JAMES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a memorial to the late Mr. T. L. Pollitt on the first anniversary of his interment.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN ADDLETON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST HALL ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	† REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
* FREDERICK J. HINTON ... 3	REGINALD J. CHANCE ... 8
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT ... .. 9
KEITH SALTER ... .. 5	† FREDERICK G. YATES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Caters and 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. <i>Treble</i>	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
* HAROLD P. REED ... .. 2	* REGINALD BROWN ... .. 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 8
* GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 4	* REGINALD A. REED ... .. 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PVE.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 61st birthday.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## HOOK NORTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

* BERNARD H. NICHOLS ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	RICHARD A. POST ... 7
WILLIAM J. DIXON ... .. 4	* ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

JOHN GOODMAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 5
* THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 6
HENRY HUBBALL ... .. 3	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 7
HAROLD SHUCK ... .. 4	WILLIAM GREEN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Townsend, also to the wife of the ringer of the tenor, who was 74 the day before.

## KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in C sharp

NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 2	* WILLIAM BARRETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	TONY PRICE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	* ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7
* GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... 4	JOHN GILSON ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

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(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
* REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 2	ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	* RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5
* WILLIE GREEN ... .. 2	ALBERT NASH ... .. 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
† WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. HARMAN.

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

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

First peal on the bells. A birthday peal to Miss Bowyer's mother.

ECCESTONE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 5	SAMUEL JONES ... .. 5
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JOHN MAYES ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 5	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... .. 5
*HORACE OVER ... .. 2	JACK BAILEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM BROOKER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the last day of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert's incumbency of Seale, and especially arranged as a farewell to a very good friend and one who fully appreciated the work of ringers.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RALPH BIRD ... .. 5	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 5
ALRC GENERY ... .. 2	*DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... .. 6
*DONALD JENNINGS ... .. 3	*VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 7
ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the institution of the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers as Dean of Bocking.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 5	*JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
*GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*DAVID WHITING ... .. 5	FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 5
*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 6
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 7
*ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the association.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... .. 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. ARBON ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MISS BOWYER.

\* First attempt for a peal of Superlative. Miss Bowyer's first attempt for a peal in a Surprise method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	KENNETH C. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 4	*HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 5	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 5	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	*ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne; (4) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (5) London, Wells, Cuneastre; (6) Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Annable's London; (7) Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. 4
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal in 28 methods.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

NORMAN RANDALL ... .. Treble	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 4
JAMES W. BERRYMAN ... .. 2	HENRY LAWRENSON ... .. 5
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 3	HARRY E. BALAAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY E. BALAAM.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Tom Lock and Miss Kathleen Bradford on their wedding day. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Consisting of 38 extents with 10 variations of calling, and two of Morris' 240's.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Treble	† LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 3
*HARRY NEWNHAM ... .. 2	*HAROLD P. REED ... .. 4

\*REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4
RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 5
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

HINTON BLEWIT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT BABER ... .. Treble	KENNETH G. FORD ... .. 3
EDWIN J. AVERY ... .. 2	JOHN TOSSELL ... .. 4

HAROLD BLACKER ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BLACKER.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 4
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,!

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

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

Being 720 each of Rossendale, Durham, York, Beverley, Wells, London and Cambridge.

*RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
*LEONARD WILLIAMS ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
*REGINALD HOUGHTON ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CLEMENT W. CRACKNELL Treble	FRANK BORLEY ... .. 4
FRANK W. J. ROPER ... .. 2	ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by E. A. CRACKNELL.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 27, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising an extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
*EDNA F. BEDFORD ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN DALE ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. KINSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. W. R. Allison, for 35 years schoolmaster of Sutton.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BRIAN ELLESMORE ... .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3
THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 2	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4

ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*PERCY PAGE ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. SMITH ... .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal in six methods. Arranged for and rung on the birthday of Mr. P. Page.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**SHERWOOD YOUTHS.****MR. R. NARBOROUGH ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held on Saturday, April 30th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Nottingham. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Institute for tea and the business meeting.

As the Mastership was vacant through the lamented death of Mr. Albert Coppock, through whose efforts the society was revived in 1924, the chair was taken by Mr. W. E. White, one of the trustees, who referred briefly to the history and traditions of the society and the wonderful work of W. D. Crofts, and urged all to do their best to forward the work of the society.

The accounts were presented and passed, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. R. Narborough; treasurer, Mr. W. Nichols. Mr. R. A. Hickton and Miss I. B. Thompson were re-elected steward and hon. secretary respectively. Two new members, Mr. Francis and Mr. Furmidge, were also elected.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for their work in preparing such an excellent tea concluded the business.

In response to an appeal from Mr. P. Amos on behalf of the Bell Fund of St. Andrew's, Northampton, a collection was taken, which amounted to 3s. 6d., and this has been forwarded to Mr. Amos.

Handbell ringing and further ringing in the tower was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening.

Thanks are extended to those members and friends who, by their presence and support, helped to make a happy and successful meeting, and at the same time all members are asked to rouse themselves and give more help to each other and to the society by better attendance at the meetings and prompt payment of subscriptions. It is only by these means that a society worthy of the traditions of the Sherwood Youths and of a city and district like Nottingham can be kept alive.

**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. G. HUGHES.**

The spring meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was held at Wednesbury. The attendance was not as large as usual, but this did not prevent some useful practice being put in. A variety of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening, including a well-struck course of London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Spencer, and the address given by the Rev. D. P. Lane, whose subject was 'The Resurrection.' An adjournment was then made to the Parish House for tea.

After proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Jones (who was unavoidably absent), for the use of the bells, etc., to the Revs. J. H. Spencer and D. P. Lane for conducting the service, and to Mr. G. Harper, who officiated at the organ, the Rev. C. H. Barker mentioned the compliment paid to the hon. lay secretary, and, incidentally, to the Stafford Society, in being invited to take part in the peal at Southwark Cathedral by members of the Secretaries' Association, which was rung half-muffled to the memory of the late hon. secretary to the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. William T. Cockerill.

It is proposed to erect a memorial tablet in the belfry of St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, to the late Mr. George Hughes, who for many years was conductor there. A fund has been opened for the object, and it is probable that many old friends of his may like to associate themselves with the scheme.

The Rev. Canon Elsee memorial appeal was introduced, and it was decided that the matter should be left over till the annual meeting, which is to be held at Lichfield on June 25th.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****MR. E. STITCH ELECTED MASTER.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at St. Woolos', Newport, on Easter Monday. The ten bells were available from 2 o'clock and were made good use of, under the direction of the Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards), until 4 o'clock, when service was held, the Dean (the Very Rev. J. L. Phillips, D.D.) officiating. Tea, which had been kindly provided by the Dean, followed in Waters Lane Mission Room, and there was an excellent attendance from both dioceses.

At the business meeting, the Dean occupied the chair, and, at the outset, welcomed everyone to the parish.

Augmentations and restorations which had taken place during the past year were reported on and instructors' reports were also submitted. The report on the year's work was given by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones).

A number of new members were elected, and St. John's, Cardiff, was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, Baglan for the next quarterly Glamorgan meeting, and Trevechin for the next Monmouth quarterly meeting.

Mr. E. Stitch, of Aberavon, was elected Master for the ensuing year, and the hon. secretary and auditors were re-elected.

After the usual vote of thanks, the meeting closed, and the bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' rung until a late hour.

The meeting was splendidly attended, and although, owing to considerable debate on various matters, it was prolonged, was a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

**PEAL NOTES.****VETERAN GUILD MASTER CELEBRATES 81st BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday by calling a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at North Stoneham. The years still sit lightly upon him, and we hope he will long continue to be as mentally and physically active as he now is.

This peal was the 300th in a Surprise method by Mr. F. W. Rogers, who is hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, and it was the first peal of Cambridge Royal by four of the band, all of this quartette having learnt their Surprise ringing in this tower under Mr. Williams' tuition. The brothers Reed are only 16 and 19 years of age respectively.

As he left the parish on Saturday, April 30th, Canon H. E. Fitz-Herbert, who has resigned the living of Seale, Derbyshire, to become secretary of the Bishop of Derby's Appeal Fund, visited the belfry before the commencement of a farewell peal and wished the ringers success, and said good-bye to the four local members, Messrs. W. H. Curson, W. E. Clayfield, W. Brooker and J. W. Cotton.

It is interesting to note that six members of the farewell peal band, Messrs. J. H. Swinfield, A. E. Rowley and the above mentioned members of the Overseale tower, rang in 'welcome' peals to him on December 20th, 1930, the day following his induction as Rector of Seale.

Another farewell peal to a Vicar was rung on the same day at Leyland. The Rev. F. W. Argyle has left this Lancashire town to take up the incumbency at Sevenoaks, Kent. After the peal he visited the belfry, congratulated the band and thanked them for the compliment.

It was the first peal of Royal on the bells and the first by the Preston Branch of the association since they were increased to ten, thus happily ending the friction which has existed for a time among the ringers at this place. Sydney Tuson and Adam Blogg made their first attempt for a peal on ten bells, and four others of the band scored their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

When the 'brass hats' are not peal-ringing at Kidderminster, Mr. C. H. Woodberry, leader of the band there, invariably fixes up a peal for the benefit of those who have not rung on ten or twelve bells before. On previous occasions many ringers have achieved their first peal of Grandsire Caters at 'Kidder,' and last Saturday, continuing the good work, 'Charlie' got together a band, who were successful in ringing Grandsire Caters. One rang his first peal of Caters 'inside,' another his first on ten bells, while Reg. Woodyatt rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters and completed 50 peals, which include a good variety of methods.

It was also a birthday compliment to Reg. Chance, his natal anniversary occurring on the same day as the peal attempt. Just to show how disinterested 'Charlie' Woodberry's endeavours are in fixing up these peals, he turned the calling over to George E. Large, thus allowing that gentleman to call a peal of Caters from a working bell.

**WHERE JOHN BUNYAN RANG.**

The first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods on the bells of Elstow, Beds, was rung on April 26th. Elstow has a detached campanile, and it was here that John Bunyan was a ringer in the days before he thought that ringing was one of the pastimes of the devil.

Another church with a detached tower is Pembrige, Herefordshire. It has five bells, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung there on April 30th.

A peal of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on April 25th, enabled Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. R. W. Steward to complete peals of Minor in from one to seven methods. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Bowyer's mother.

Another birthday peal for Miss Bowyer's mother was rung at Hollesley, Suffolk, on April 30th. It was the first peal on this beautiful ring of bells (tenor 17 cwt. in F), cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and dedicated on March 26th. It was also a christening peal for the youngest son of Mr. Cecil Pipe.

Miss Bowyer added to her claims to distinction on May 2nd, when she called her first peal in a Surprise method. She had not previously attempted a Surprise peal as conductor, but she called this one from an 'inside' bell. It was rung at Framsdon on May 2nd.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, the first in the method on the bells, was brought round at Diss, Norfolk, on Sunday, May 1st.

Queen Mary visited Croydon on Saturday to present new colours to the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, and the occasion was marked by a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Parish Church. It was also a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. E. and D. D. Cooper, and Dan's 200th peal with Charlie Kippin. Incidentally, of course, it was Charlie's 200th peal with Dan.

Beddington and Croydon, where these two are in command, may be rival twelve-bell towers in the near future, if present plans mature. At Rochester, Staffs, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major—also the first in the method on the bells—was rung on April 30th as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Bourne, of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

A half-muffled memorial peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Worsley, Lancs, on April 30th, on the first anniversary of the funeral of Mr. T. L. Pollett, formerly secretary of St. Mark's Church Council.

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**DOUBLES TO CINQUES AT SIXTEEN.**

(Continued from previous page.)

It is no bad record, at the age of 16, to have rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Harold Reed completed this sequence when he rang a peal on the five bells at Bishop's Sutton, Hants, on April 25th. His brother, Reginald Reed, who is 19, can also claim peals of Grandsire 'all the way up.' The peal was the first on the bells.

Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, one of the foremost conductors of spliced ringing, took part in a peal in 28 Minor methods at Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, on April 16th. The peal was called by that Minor expert, Mr. Horace Day.

Three Yorkshiremen, Messrs. Nash, Green and Gill, who played truant from Wembley, rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Leatherhead, Surrey, on Cup Final day. It was their annual journey 'south.' Their Willie rang his first peal in the method 'inside,' and Leatherhead's Willie rang his first peal of Yorkshire.

Derek M. Sharp rang his one hundredth peal on May 6th at Crayford.

Arranged for and rung on the birthday of Mr. Percy Page, hon. secretary of Ashford District of the Kent County Association and of the Romney Marsh Guild, a peal of Minor at Willesborough was his first in six methods.

Mr. John Bass, of Stourbridge, waited 30 years to ring a peal at Perry Barr, his native place. He accomplished the aspiration on April 30th, when he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples.

The first peal on the bells of Kingston-on-Thames since they were rehung was scored on April 30th, when a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on the back eight. Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne (captain) and W. Barrett (secretary), of the local band, rang their first peal in the method.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Netherton, Worcestershire, on April 30th, was a birthday compliment to Mrs. William Green, who was 74 on the previous day.

Her husband, who rang the tenor to the peal, is one of the oldest members of the Worcestershire Association. He rang his first peal at the neighbouring parish of Old Hill as long ago as 1886. That peal, incidentally, was the first on the bells.

The peal at Netherton was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Townsend, who rang his first peal in the method, and it was Mr. Harold Shuck's 25th peal.

Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, has now conducted and Mr. J. Morgan, of Pulford, has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus. A peal of Kent Minor at Waverton on April 26th, arranged for the purpose, completed the series.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT RETFORD.**

There was a disappointing attendance at the 51st annual meeting of the North Notts Association, held at Retford on Saturday, April 23rd. Only 38 members, out of a total of about 150, were present. Even allowing for those unable to be at the meeting owing to being at work, and for other reasons, the attendance was not nearly so good as it has been at previous 'annuals.' Nevertheless, the bells at East Retford and Ordsall were rung during the afternoon and evening, and those at West Retford, as well, after the meeting.

A short service was held at East Retford Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. James), who also gave an interesting address. He referred first to the departure from religion, religious thought and ideals by many of our fellow-men, and then to the Archbishop's 'Recall.' This, he pointed out, was primarily a movement on the part of all the clergy, but there were others who played a less prominent, unseen part, and among these were the ringers up and down the country, whose call from the towers of our churches could be heard by most people if they would only listen and realise what it meant.

After tea in the Ebsworth Hall, the business meeting was held. The Vicar turned over his duties as chairman to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, but before doing so he expressed his pleasure in having the association at East Retford. He was glad, too, that he had a ringing curate who might some day succeed Mr. Wilkinson as the ringing parson of North Notts (laughter).—The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Vicar for taking the service and for allowing the use of the bells and of the hall.

The secretary's report stated that one tower had seceded from membership (Collingham), and at one other the bells were rung at irregular intervals on Sundays (West Retford).

The number of peals rung in 1937 was 34, of which Mr. C. A. Vessey conducted 22. A record was created by the ringing at Barnby of 20 methods in a peal, while at Worksop the first peal of Gainsborough Little Bob Major for the association was rung. Four peals were rung for the Coronation. Five non-resident members were elected and eight ringing members. A grant of £2 2s. was made to Harthill Bell Fund, and the new peal was opened on April 27th, while on Coronation Day members from the surrounding district rang during the afternoon and evening.

The report and balance sheet were both unanimously adopted. All the officers were re-elected, as well as seven new members and four vice-presidents.

Afterwards ringing continued, and at East Retford touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Little Bob Major and Cambridge Minor were brought round. Ordsall and West Retford bells were kept going, the latter for the benefit of learner ringers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, was installed last week as Worshipful Master of the St. Cuthberga Lodge of Freemasons (No. 622) at Wimborne. Among his ringing friends in the craft who attended were the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary of the Wimborne Branch of the Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol).

A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association is to be held at Orwell to-morrow. It should have been held at Linton a fortnight ago, but the absence of the Vicar caused an alteration in the arrangements.

The 'Seahawks,' of H.M.S. Osprey, 'made whoopee' at Wyke Regis on Wednesday week in aid of the fund to restore the local church bells. It was a rollicking concert, as one may well imagine from a company of sailors, and the Memorial Hall could not hold all who sought admission.

Mr. C. H. Jennings made the arrangements, the concert being a 'kick-off' in the campaign to raise £300 for the bells.

This restoration scheme has come on top of a heavy expenditure in the parish, which has included £7,000 for a new school, £1,600 for church renovation and £350 for the organ.

The Johnson Dinner at Birmingham is to become a fixed feast. Hitherto it has been held on the Saturday nearest February 28th in each year; now it has been decided to fix the first Saturday in March for the commemoration.

## ANOTHER PEAL FOR HERTFORDSHIRE.

### WELWYN GETS A RING OF SIX.

In these days, when there is so much discussion regarding 'canned' bells, it is a pleasure to record the provision of another ringing peal in Hertfordshire. Welwyn is at the moment the centre of attraction in this respect.

Until last year, the present tower contained one bell, cast in 1760 by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, and it bore the following inscription, typical of the Puritan feelings of that time: 'Prosperity to the Established Church of England, no encouragement to enthusiasm.'

Last year, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank hung stationary the present treble, and they have now added the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor, the old bell being the 5th. The frame has been made to carry eight. The tenor weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and is in 'A.'

The old tower contained a ring of five bells in 1700, and the following entry is taken from the Parish Book, dated July 17th, 1746: 'Ordered that the bells be sold to the best bidder, in order to raise money to erect a turret or some other conveniency for the hanging up of a large bell and the Saunce Bell.' The old tower fell about 1700 and the present one was built in 1834.

On Easter Day the Bishop of St. Albans dedicated the new peal, and the opening touch was rung by the following members of the Hertfordshire Association: D. C. Mears (conductor) 1, R. H. Howard 2, C. V. Hare 3, R. T. Newman 4, L. Fidler 5, F. Gardner 6.

During the afternoon and evening many friends visited the tower and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. The striking throughout the day was excellent and a great credit to the ringers. Incidentally, every touch was brought home.

The first district meeting at Welwyn was held on Saturday, April 23rd, when about 35 ringers attended from all parts.

Everyone agrees that the peal and the hanging are a great credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the result is something of which Welwyn people should be very proud. Unfortunately, there is not a band of ringers, but arrangements are on foot for frequent combined practices to be held for the purpose of forming a local band. Details will appear from time to time in this paper. D. C. M.

## SAXMUNDHAM BELLS RING AGAIN.

### 'OUTSIZE' TREBLE BECOMES SECOND.

On Saturday, April 30th, the Archdeacon of Suffolk rededicated the restored tower and bells of Saxmundham at a special service. There was a good muster of ringers from Essex and Suffolk, including ladies from Halstead, Dedham and Ipswich. The work includes the recasting of the old second bell into a treble and tuning the old treble into a second, owing to it being out of proportion with the rest and actually heavier than the third. The whole peal has been tuned and hung in a new oak frame for eight with all modern fittings. The work has been carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. On Thursday week a trial run was given them by four of the foundry staff and two local men. The opening touch at the service was 360 Oxford Treble Bob: Fred Bowell (St. Clement's, Ipswich) 1, Ernest F. Poppy (Stoke Ash) 2, Miss Eleanor Reeve (St. Matthew's, Ipswich) 3, William J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 4, William Smith (Benhall) 5, Fred Watling (Saxmundham) 6, six towers thus being represented.

About 40 ringers were entertained to tea afterwards. At the trial run 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by F. Bowell 1, Alfred Bowell 2, Victor E. Waters 3, Henry G. Welham 4, William Smith (Benhall) 5, F. Watling (Saxmundham) 6. Everyone expressed satisfaction at the great improvement.

Mr. Bowell has also restored the clock, which had been silent for several years. All that is required now is the empty pits to be filled.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—18.

## ERNEST MORRIS.

Few men have devoted so much time to so many phases of 'campanology,' as Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. As a ringer, an author and an association secretary, he has rendered yeoman service to the art and the Exercise.

Mr. Morris was born in Leicester on July 28th, 1889, but although he has been attached to St. Margaret's all his life, he rang his first peal at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, while on a visit with his father to the Lincolnshire town in August, 1906, when he was 17 years of age. His first peal as conductor was rung at Melton Mowbray, where he called Grandsire Triples in May, 1908. His peals, including 49 on handbells, now number, 769, of which he has conducted 385.

He has rung and conducted peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, and he is a ringer who thinks as much of assisting in a peal of Doubles as he does a peal of Maximus. It is, indeed, in evidence in his record, which comprises 163 peals of Doubles and Minor, and 41 of Cinques and Maximus, while his eight-bell peals total 433 and ten-bell peals 132.

There are very few towers in Leicestershire that he has not visited, and he has rung peals at 120 churches in his native shire, a number which, we believe, no other ringer has reached in any one county.

He has taken part in many record lengths, including conducting the longest by the Midland Counties Association of Doubles (6,600), Minor (7,200 and 10,080), Bob Major (7,008 and 13,440), Kent Treble Bob (10,912) and Oxford Treble Bob (7,840). He also conducted the longest lengths of Bob Major by Central Northants Association, one of 7,488, and another of 9,760 with 400 singles. He called the record peals of Little Bob (6,720), Little Canterbury (6,720), Spliced Treble Bob (Tibeston arrangement, 9,120), and rang in 9,600 Kent and Oxford Spliced. He also took part in the record peals of Cambridge Major (7,008 and 12,396).

He called the quickest tower-bell peal ever rung, a 5,040 Cambridge Minor in 1 hour 50 minutes; and also the only 'Ernest' peal. He has rung peals with four sets of brothers, four fathers and sons, and five fathers and sons, while his handbell peals range from Doubles to Stedman Cinques and include the lightest and heaviest sets ever rung. His peals have been spread over 205 towers in 23 counties for 25 associations and guilds.

It is, however, not only in peal ringing that Mr. Morris has done some excellent work. He has served the Midland Counties Association as its honorary secretary since 1925 and acts as consultant for bells on the Advisory Committee for the Diocese of Leicester.

With a penchant for historical research, Mr. Morris has collected a great deal of material in connection with the church bells of Leicestershire. He is the author of a 'Chronology of British Bell Founders' and many historic articles on other subjects, but he is, of course, best known to ringers as the author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing' and 'Legends of the Bells,' two volumes of great interest and value. He transcribed all the ancient baptismal, marriage and burial registers of St. Margaret's, where he is now Parish Clerk and Clerk of the Vestry, and for this and other works was made a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is also a member of the Johnsonian Society of London, and he has done much good work on behalf of ringing by giving many lectures on bells and our art in many centres.

Next week: Mr. Richard T. Hibbert.

## DEATH OF WIMBLEDON RINGER.

The death occurred on Saturday, April 30th, of Mr. E. Baker after a short illness. Mr. Baker had rung off and on at Wimbledon for many years and his services to the belfry will be missed. On Sunday, May 8th, his fellow-ringers rang the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church half-muffled as a last token of respect. In the morning for service 960 Grandsire Doubles was rung: W. Arthur Taylor (conductor) 1, F. Hopgood 2, J. Tomsett 3, H. V. Lintill 4, A. Taylor 5, F. Pearmain 6, R. Rapson 7, R. Underwood (longest length) 8.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

## A LOSS TO THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## DEATH OF SOUTHERN DIVISION SECRETARY.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. Fred Clark, of Doncaster, hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, which took place suddenly at his home on Sunday, April 24th. Mr. Clark had been indisposed and unable to follow his employment since Christmas, but had recently made steady improvement and was able to attend the quarterly meeting of the association, held at Handsworth on March 19th. Unfortunately, however, he suffered a sudden and severe relapse on Easter Monday, from which he never recovered.

Mr. Clark was 53 years of age, and leaves a widow and three sons. Originating from Newthorpe, Notts, he commenced work at Watnall Colliery, and whilst there learned to ring at Greasley Parish Church. Later, removing to Doncaster, he had for the past 27 years worked at Bentley Colliery, and for the last 20 years of this period had been a Deputy. During the whole of that time he had been a member and regular Sunday service ringer at Arksey Parish Church, where he and his family also took great interest in the church work of the parish.

The funeral took place at Arksey on April 24th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. John Pierce Price), assisted by the Rev. Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster and president of the Doncaster and District Society.

In addition to the family mourners and a large number of friends, others attending to pay a last tribute of respect to an old comrade were Messrs. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), L. W. G. Morris (hon. general secretary), George Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), F. Cryer (vice-president, Eastern Division), P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western Division), F. Rayment (divisional secretary, Western Division), E. Cooper (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society), E. C. Stacey (Doncaster), O. Greathead (Conisborough), W. Fay and F. Vallance (Burgwallis), G. Clark (cousin), H. Woodhouse and H. Scott (Arksey). The Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, was unavoidably unable to be present.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by G. Lewis 1-2, L. W. G. Morris 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, S. F. Palmer 7-8, and immediately after the service touches were rung on the tower bells with the clappers half-muffled by members of the local company and the visiting ringers.

On coming to Doncaster in 1911, Mr. Clark joined the Yorkshire Association and eventually became one of its staunchest supporters. Although not aspiring to a large number of peals (he had rung 14), he took quite a keen interest in the affairs of the association and everything appertaining to its welfare. Consequently, when the office of Southern Division secretary became vacant in 1921, Mr. Clark was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy, and this position he held up to his death, never sparing himself and being always ready efficiently to carry out the work that demanded his service and which was so dear to him.

Thus a familiar figure and a most respected member has passed away, one who will be missed, whose devotion to duty endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and especially his brother officers and the members of the Southern Division. S. F. P.

## MEMORIAL RINGING.

The bells of Felkirk Church, Yorkshire, were rung half-muffled for matins and evensong on Sunday, May 1st, as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Clark, secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away suddenly on Sunday, April 24th. For matins, 360 Plain Bob: P. Woodward 1, T. Cook 2, J. T. White 3, H. Chant 4, G. Cook 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6; also 260 Kent Treble Bob. For evensong, 360 of Arksey: R. Hill 1, J. T. White 2, M. Perry 3, H. Chant 4, G. Cook 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6; Arksey being the tower to which Mr. Clark was attached as a ringer.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

## WELCOME IN HALIFAX DISTRICT.

The Huddersfield and District Association held its first meeting in the Halifax district at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, on Saturday, April 30th, when about 25 members attended. The ringers came from a wide area, including Heptonstall, Brighouse, Elland, Rippenden, Halifax (Parish Church and All Souls'), Lindley, Marsden, Meltham, Huddersfield Parish Church and the local company. A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Morley) and the president of the association (the Rev. T. Mathieson), after which an excellent tea was partaken of, which was provided by the local ringers.

The business meeting took place in the tower, with the president in the chair. It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Marsden, at the kind invitation of the Marsden ringers.

The business of the day was quickly disposed of, the ringers being impatient to settle down to more important affairs, and, as the president had some local ringing business in the form of a whist drive and dance, the short meeting was to everybody's satisfaction.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens, to the organist, and the local ringers for the wonderful reception they had given.

It will please members to know that the president's whist drive and dance were a huge success.



## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### REVISED RULES ADOPTED.

#### Unpaid Subscriptions Cause Fall in Membership.

During the past year the rules of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild have been undergoing revision, and they were presented for adoption to the annual meeting held at Hillingdon on April 30th. So well had the work been done that the draft, as submitted, went through with little discussion and without alteration. In the words of the annual report, it is hoped the new rules will bring the two districts much closer together than before and give added strength to the Guild.

In the afternoon the members attended service in St. John's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) officiating. Basing his address upon St. Luke's narrative of the appearance of Christ on the first Easter Day to the two disciples walking to Emmaus, which he had previously read as the lesson, the Vicar spoke of the hope and disappointment of these two men and their subsequent joy on realisation of the truth that Christ had really risen. What, he asked, had this to do with the company of ringers who gave up their time week after week to carry their message through the air to thousands who heard the bells ringing? He referred to the disappointments of ringers, with which he seemed to be particularly acquainted, to their hopes and to the value of their work. When, he said, they got depressed, let them remember they were doing their work for God and not only for man. Because it was God's work they need not worry about the disappointments—their work was acceptable to Him and could not fail. He appealed to the ringers to renew their zeal and loyalty to their officers, and to back them up for all they were worth, because, in backing them up, they were backing up the Master, who stood above them all, whom they served and who appreciated their difficulties while ringing, appreciated their hopes and their courage, and could give them strength to get on with the job God had given them to do in His church.

Mr. F. E. Platt, a young ringer at St. Mark's, Dalston, was at the organ, and the hymns were sung in stirring fashion.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Goodfellow and other ladies, and the business meeting was afterwards presided over by the Rev. Prebendary Cole Sheane (president), who was supported by the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope), the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (hon. secretary of the South and West District) and about 80 members.

When the minutes of the last annual meeting were read, a question was asked as to the position in regard to the bells of All Hallows', Lombard Street, upon which a resolution was passed last year.

The President said he believed the Ecclesiastical Commissioners were considering the erection of a church of very considerable size, which was to be named All Hallows', somewhere in Middlesex. He hoped provision for hanging the bells would be made in this new church, but up to about a fortnight ago, at any rate, they had not decided where it was to be placed. The site in the City had not yet been sold.

#### FALLING OFF IN MEMBERSHIP.

The annual report expressed regret that the attendances at district meetings had fallen much below the average of the previous year. Meetings were an outward expression of the society's work, giving opportunities of good practice for ringers of all stages of ability, and it was particularly disheartening to those responsible for arranging them when only a comparatively few members attended. It would make a great difference if every member would attend at least one meeting a year.

During the year one honorary and 48 ringing members were elected, but the addition was more than offset by losses through death, resignations and non-payment of subscriptions. It was regretted that twelve members died during 1937. Losses through non-payment of subscriptions reached an alarming figure, especially in the South and West District, and consequently the membership showed a considerable decrease, the total now being 867. The continued decrease in the membership in the South and West District, mainly through the non-payment of subscriptions, was a matter for serious concern, and it was hoped that an extra effort would be made this year to collect the arrears. The loss of income was reflected in the continually decreasing balance in the district accounts. New bands formed at Bethnal Green and Stamford Hill continued to make satisfactory progress, and before long it was hoped that a start would be made with a new band at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton.

The year had been disappointing with regard to peal ringing. The total of 35 was the lowest since 1919. These were rung in 21 different towers, and one on handbells, while 130 members took part and seven rang their first peal.

In the record of bell restorations, the report made reference to the addition of a treble to make a peal of six at Stanwell, where the five original bells have been rehung in new bearings. The bells at St. George's-in-the-East were being rehung with new fittings in a strengthened frame; at Northaw the peal of six had been lowered to the level of the old ringing chamber, and the bells are now rung from the floor of the church, and the five bells at Shepperton have been retuned and rehung on ball bearings in a strengthened frame.

In moving the adoption of the report, the hon. secretary drew attention to the reduction of members during the year, 12 having been lost by death. Only 35 peals were rung, the lowest since 1919. The com-

mittee hoped it would be better this year, as, up to the present, the figures were proportionately better. Mr. Coles also called attention to the Central Council 'news,' which was included in the report, and thought this was very valuable publicity. He knew of only one other association—Lancashire—that gave information about the Central Council's proceedings.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts of £21 6s. 6d. and an excess of payments for the year of 7s. 2d. This reduced the balance in hand to £24 11s. 7d.

#### REVISED RULES TO UNIFY ASSOCIATION.

The adoption of the revised rules was moved by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who reviewed the steps which had been taken leading up to the present position. The old rules, he said, were drawn up in 1897, and, now that they had been revised, they did not anticipate that any large alterations would be necessary for many years. The new rules consolidated the position of the society and its organisation, and, to his mind, finished the work which the founders started in 1897.

The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, explained what the main changes in the rule were, chief among them being that after this year the vice-presidents would be elected at the annual meeting instead of being nominated by the president; the district rules were embodied in the association rules, and, in regard to finance, the districts would pay over to the central fund their whole balance, instead of a proportion, at the end of the year. This came into operation from January 1st, 1939.

Mr. E. M. Atkins, in supporting the changes, said he did not like Mr. Fletcher's statement that the new rules finished the work which the founders had in mind. The new rules they hoped would improve the work of the association, but he hoped they would continue to improve the general outlook. He would like the committee to consider further how the rules worked and to bear in mind any further amendments that were necessary. He personally thought some improvement could be made, so that they considered the towers, rather than the individuals, as being in union with the association, much as the associations were in union with the Central Council. He also thought it was a pity they could not get some of the younger members of the association on the committee, and he suggested that the committee should consider making it obligatory upon members of the committee to retire after a certain number of years' service, so that younger members could be put on.

Mr. Fletcher said he had not wished to make it appear that the new rules finished the work; but that they completed the union of the districts contemplated by the founders. Up to the present the union had been incomplete, as they would realise if they studied the reports. With regard to putting younger members on the committee, that was a matter for the districts when they elected their representatives.

After further short discussion, the rules were adopted unanimously.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The president, having been re-elected, nominated Messrs. Fletcher and Trollope as vice-presidents. Mr. A. W. Coles was re-elected Master, and Mr. W. H. Oram was elected hon. treasurer (the office which was vacant through the death of Mr. W. H. Hollier).

Mr. C. T. Coles was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. E. C. S. Turner auditor.

Mrs. W. F. A. Barrett (Harrow) was elected an honorary member, and the following were elected ringing members: Messrs. T. H. Francis (Chiswick), A. Cutler (Willesden) and D. Wright (Southgate, late of Croydon). Mr. C. K. Davis (Blagdon, Somerset) was elected a compounding member, and the belfry election of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden (now of Leytonstone) was confirmed.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was unanimously elected an honorary life member in recognition of his services as secretary of the South and West District for seven years, an office which he recently resigned, and he was also elected to serve for a year as a representative on the Central Council to replace the late Mr. Hollier.

A donation of one guinea was voted to the Canon Elsee memorial, and a resolution of sympathy was passed with the Ancient Society of College Youths on the death of Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bishopsgate, and the meeting terminated with a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rev. A. M. Bashford for the use of St. John's bells and for the service; the Rev. R. Home, Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. A. D. Perrot, Vicar of St. Margaret's, for the use of the bells at their churches; to Mr. F. E. Platt, the organist; the captains of the various towers visited; and to Mrs. Goodfellow and the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

Ringling was enjoyed at all three of the towers mentioned, a great variety of methods being rung.

#### PILGRIMAGE OF REMEMBRANCE.

A few ringers made their annual pilgrimage of remembrance to the village of East Garston, Berks, on Wednesday evening, April 27th, on approximately the fifth anniversary of the interment of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and visited his resting place. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by R. T. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, E. Humfrey 3, S. C. Davis 4, H. W. Smith 5, W. Hibbert (conductor) 6. Stedman and Grandfire Doubles and Bob Minor were also taken part in by W. Hibbert, sen., Miss M. Field and G. Woodley. Then, some along the beautiful Lambourne Valley and others back over the Berkshire Downs, all of which 'the Reverend' loved, the ringers journeyed home, all glad to have once more paid their loving visit to his resting place.

R. T. H.



## BURTON-ON-STATHER'S NEW BELLS. ACQUISITION TO NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.

### An Opening Gathering of Ringers.

A few weeks ago the bells of Burton-on-Stather were augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles, and North Lincolnshire gained a valuable addition to its octaves; valuable not merely because in an area of some sixty miles by forty miles there were previously only ten rings of eight, but because these new bells have gone into a tower where there is an enthusiastic band that will make full use of them. Indeed, it has been the enthusiasm of the ringers that has brought about the augmentation, and last Saturday members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and visitors from outside the county gathered in force at an 'opening' meeting to congratulate Mr. Jack Bray, the leader, and the local company both upon the success of their efforts and the making of a very delightful little peal of eight. Messrs. Taylor and Co., who put in the six in 1920, have added two bells entirely in the same 'family,' and the peal is perfect in every respect. The ringing is done from the ground floor, and prior to the coming of the new trebles the long flight of rope up the ceiling made the handling of the bells no easy matter; indeed, the inexperienced often used to find themselves grabbing over their shoulders to find the sally, particularly if they rang the second. But all this has been changed by the provision of rope guides, and ringing on the eight is now a happy experience for everyone.

### FORMER VICAR'S BEQUEST.

The erection of the new trebles is the outcome of a bequest by a former Vicar, Canon Francis Jarvis, who held the living for 40 years. He left £100 towards them, and the remainder of the money is being raised by public subscription. The Burton people are providing a new resty as a memorial to Canon Jarvis and his wife, so that the ringers' efforts to complete the bell fund is not an easy matter; indeed, it was said on Saturday that the parish has now three thumping good debts: the balance on a new Parish Hall, the memorial vestry and the bell fund; but the spirit that pervades the place will undoubtedly triumph.

Saturday's meeting brought together a gathering of about 90 ringers, who came by car, bus and cycle, for geographically Burton has been pushed almost off the map; it stands in the north-west corner of the county, where the Trent and the Ouse converge into the Humber. But campanologically Burton is much in evidence and promises to be more so now that it has eight bells. Ringers who were present on Saturday included Mr. R. Richardson (Master) and Mr. P. W. Stokes (hon. secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), and members from Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Gainsborough, Ukeby, Killingholme, Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Willingham, Lea, Upton and Surfleet, with visitors from Derby, Loughborough, Rotherham and elsewhere. It was a matter of great regret that Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch, was prevented by illness from being present, and a message of greeting and sympathy was sent to him from the meeting.

The Vicar (the Rev. M. Hadley) conducted service, and Mr. J. Bramwell, of Goxhill, sang a solo from 'The Crucifixion.' The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers and gave an exceedingly interesting description of the church, which, he said, seemed to hold the history of the village from the earliest days, and in which people had worshipped for centuries. The present building was erected in 1160, and there had been three restorations, in which each generation had brought into it their own ideas and had contributed something to the church. An earlier building of Saxon origin probably stood on the site. The registers went back to the year 1567, and the elm trees in the churchyard were planted by the churchwardens 200 years ago. There were three bells in 1553, and these 'Tudor bells' were recast and increased to six in 1920. Incidentally the Vicar mentioned that Burton had only two vicars in 100 years, Canon Jarvis and his predecessor.

### 'A GREAT DAY.'

After the service a substantial tea, prepared by the wives and sisters of the ringers, was served in the new parish hall, and short meetings of the Gainsborough and Grimsby districts were held.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith congratulated Burton-on-Stather upon its new bells, admirable alike in tone and go and an excellent 'sauce.' He said he looked forward to great things from the ringers in that district and hoped the enterprise they had shown in spliced Minor ringing would be extended to spliced Surprise Major ringing.

The Vicar explained the position of the bell fund. He said in addition to the £100 left by Canon Jarvis, £90 was required to complete the work. Of this about £35 had been raised and £55 had still to be obtained.

A collection amounting to 22s. was devoted to the Burton fund.

Mr. C. McGuinness proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Burton, to Mr. Bray and the ringers, and to the ladies for the catering, also to the organist and the soloist.

Mr. J. Bray, in replying, said that was a great day for those interested in the bells of Burton. Ever since 1920 some of them had looked forward to the time when they would have eight bells. Canon Jarvis had always wanted the additional bells, and it was a pity they were not provided before his death, so that he could have seen the consummation of his desire. They could understand the pride of the

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## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind association representatives and others who may be intending visiting Leeds on the occasion of the forthcoming Central Council meeting at Whitsuntide that no application can be entertained for the outing on Whit Monday, or for the tea on Whit Tuesday, unless such application is received by me not later than the first post Monday, May 23rd.

A charge of 10s. will be made to all other than association representatives for the outing on Whit Monday, and 2s. per head for tea on Tuesday to non-representatives. Early application for tickets would be greatly appreciated by

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds, 6.

## THE LATE MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.

### SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS' CONNECTION WITH BELLS.

The funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, Suffolk, whose death at the age of 80 years we recently recorded, took place on Saturday, April 16th, when many ringing friends attended. The entire company of Lavenham ringers was present, four of his 'boys' acting as bearers. His favourite hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

Among the many floral tributes was one 'In deepest sympathy, from his "boys," the Lavenham bellringers.'

Several short touches were rung muffled on the bells he loved so well during the afternoon and evening.

The late Mr. Symonds' first connection with bells was at the age of five, when he tolled a bell hanging in a sycamore tree for service in his native village of Preston. At 13 he learned ringing under the tuition of his father, Henry Symonds. In 1883 he moved to Lavenham, and was appointed instructor to the Lavenham ringers, which office he held for 52 years, and was never once without a band, and at one time had both a married and a single band. Every one of the 66 ringers whom he taught were a credit to him and a lasting testimony to his unlimited patience.

For more than 40 years Mr. Symonds regularly attended ringing practice at his Parish Church, and in doing this walked more than 8,000 miles. He had rung every bell in Lavenham tower (excepting the 3rd) ten times to a peal, ill-health in 1935 preventing him from scoring his 'tenth' on the 3rd. He is the only man to have rung 100 consecutive peals on his own bells at Lavenham.

For 33 years he was towerkeeper, climbing the 77 steps to the belfry five times a week, and he served as Ringing Master under six Rectors.

He was a member of the Suffolk Guild, being the pioneer of the movement, also a life member of the Norfolk Guild, the Royal Cumberland Youths, the London County Association and St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and had held office as secretary of the Sudbury Archdeaconry of the Elv Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild. His peals on tower and handbells totalled 274, his last peal having been the 'Symonds' peal at Stowmarket in 1935.

His ringing relatives have included grandfather, father, three sons, two daughters, two grandsons, three uncles and four cousins. Eleven of these were among his pupils. Two sons and two grandsons carry on the family tradition of well over a century.

The following is the list of Mr. Symonds' peals:—On tower bells: Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1: Bob Royal 1: Kent Treble Bob Royal 4: Grandsire Caters 2: Bob Major 52 (6,240), conducted 1: Grandsire Major 1: Yorkshire Court Bob Major 1: Double Norwich Court Major 17: Kent Treble Bob Major 58 (6,048, 7,040, 7,360), conducted 1: Oxford Treble Bob 9, conducted 2: Cambridge Surprise Major 2: Superlative Surprise Major 5: London Surprise Major 2: Bristol Surprise Major 1: Grandsire Triples 32: Stedman Triples 3: Minor in one method 2, conducted 1; in two methods 1; in three methods 7, conducted 1; in four methods 3; in five methods 1; in seven methods 3: Doubles in seven methods 1. On handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major 2: Bob Major 10: Grandsire Triples 2: Bob Triples 1: Minor in one method 38 (6,000, 7,200), conducted 4; in two methods 4; in three methods 5; in four methods 2; in five methods 1; total 274, conducted 10.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER'S BELLS.

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Burton ringers in having at last got the octave. He congratulated Messrs. Taylor and Co. (who were represented by Mr. Colin Harrison) upon the excellent job they had done, and thanked them for the courtesy they had shown. He welcomed the visitors and said he felt that what had been done by the Burton ringers was only a little return for the hospitality they had received in other places.

The Vicar also replied and spoke of the feeling of good friendship that always seemed to prevail at ringers' meetings.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in courses and touches, and the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

The final break up of the gathering was not brought about until after midnight with the departure of some of the Lincoln contingent. The last ringing of the day was an attempt for a touch of Spliced Minor on handbells in twelve plain methods. It didn't come round—but what could be expected at such an hour after such a day!

**NOTICES.**

**RACKENFORD, NEAR TIVERTON, DEVON.**—Ring of six, tenor 14 cwt., rehung on ball bearings, in a strengthened frame, by Gillett and Johnston. Blessing of the bells by the Lord Bishop of Exeter to-day, Friday, May 13th, at 12.30. Ringing during the afternoon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow tea, which is to be provided free, at 5.15 p.m. Will everyone please make a special effort to attend and to notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—You can 'Keep fit' by visiting Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, May 14th, for the next meeting of the above district. Beautiful ring of eight available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me by May 11th. Special method, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Other methods as desired. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswood 1959.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next district meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business following. Bells again after until 9 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. Buses 214 from or to Kingston pass the church.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral (12 bells) on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row (8 bells), 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next district meeting will be held at King's Langley, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Higham on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea in Schools at 5. All ringers welcome. Please let Rector know how many to expect for tea. Reports available.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Croft, near Leicester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bull and Dog Inn at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Frant on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify. Everyone welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting will be held at Barkway. This fine peal of eight will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. C. Bysouth, Barkway, Royston. The larger the crowd, the better, but don't forget that card. Everything from Rounds upwards—depending on you! Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sefton on Saturday, May 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., 9d. each.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 14th. Bells from 2 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cucklington on Saturday, May 14th. Usual arrangements. Stoke Trister and Wincanton bells available. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil. Phone, North Cadbury 230.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—New ground again. Garboldisham. We meet on Saturday, May 14th (not 21st as arranged). Bells afternoon and evening. Methods to suit all. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Fox, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell to-morrow (Saturday), May 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please attend and encourage our younger members in this district.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Tirley to-morrow, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**ARELEY KINGS, NEAR STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.**—The bells to be rededicated on Sunday next, May 15th, at the 11 o'clock service; preacher, the Rev. J. F. Hastings. A ring of six tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; 24th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—An experimental mid-week meeting at Crondall on Wednesday, May 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Cricketers 5.15. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by first post, Monday, May 16th.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—There will be a combined practice with the local band at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, on Wednesday, May 18th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. A combined meeting with the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, W.4, on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. No business meeting.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. J. Moss, 38, Kendal Road, Stretford, not later than Wednesday, May 18th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (now a beautiful ring of six) on Saturday, May 21st. Kindly notify for tea.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Fillongley, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—It is hoped to hold the next meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Further particulars next week.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) will be served in the schools at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. W. Hick, Chapel Street, Tadcaster, by the first post on Thursday, May 19th. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend? Numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, May 17th. All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—To avoid clashing of meetings, the visit to Harthill has been put forward to Saturday, May 21st. The eight bells will be available from 3 till 8.30 p.m. Please send me a card for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A combined meeting of the Wotton, Bristol City and Bristol Rural Branches will be held at Yate on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6, tenor 25 cwt.) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please help to make this tripled meeting a roaring success by advising Mr. W. Smith, secretary of the Wotton Branch, for tea. Thank you!—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Wigston Magna (8 bells) on May 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by May 18th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guild festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Collection for memorial funds. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: Eight bells, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonicorum; six bells, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsburry, Litton Cheney, Lodres (2-5 p.m.), Netherbury, Hawkchurch; five bells, Chideock. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 16th.—F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage. Please notify me numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 25th.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please look up Minor methods and let me have names for tea by 19th instant.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present please let me have word by May 18th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Hollesley, near Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 21st. The new peal of eight bells will be available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at the Fox Inn.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ranworth (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please be sure and send names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (West Norfolk Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to either secretary, or to Mr. J. Wright, Leicester House, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins and W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 5.30 p.m. No tea or service. Business meeting in the tower.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on May 21st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service conducted by the Vicar. Tea at the Green Dragon. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton district at Broughton on May 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by May 18th to G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyvinge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyvinge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.**—A practice will be held at Longton on Saturday, May 28th, from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Depending on you. Don't be late.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than May 25th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby St. James' on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members, 1s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Please inform Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday previous how many for tea.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

**TETSWORTH, OXFORD.**—The 2nd anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 1.30. Please notify for tea.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetworth, Oxon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the business meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 1s., to the general secretary by Thursday, May 26th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedone (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—A. J. Clark, General Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden is now 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, Leytonstone, E.11.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—After May 14th, the address of Joseph H. W. White will be 31, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

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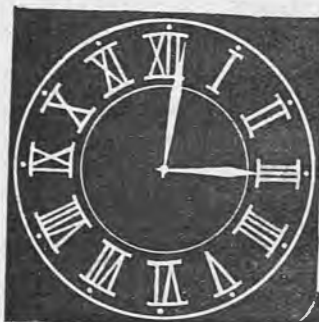
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Collectively, associations and guilds have been most generous contributors to bell schemes. The Oxford Diocesan Guild have a practice by which they contribute to any approved scheme a donation from the bell fund equal to that voted from the district in which the bells in question are situated. In this way they have, in the course of years, given a substantial sum to restorations. Other guilds have done similarly good work, among them the Peterborough Diocesan Guild which, out of a fund built up by collections at the services held in connection with district meetings, have given away about £220, an average of some £16 a year, and, at the end of last year, had a

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balance of £71 13s. 6d. in the fund, after giving away over £40 in 1937. This shows a spirit of real generosity among the members, and it is also good propaganda for the guild and for the art of change ringing. It would be interesting to know the total amount which the associations throughout the country have raised for bell restoration work in the last twenty years. It must be a very considerable sum. Peterborough has done exceptionally well, and the practice is growing among the associations. We would like to see it extended to every organisation. The amounts that can be given can often be substantial, but, however small the grant, it is a practical way of showing the ringers' real interest in promoting and maintaining the efficiency of the bells.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

RALPH COLES ... .. Treble	FRED HAYES... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 11
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6	EDWARD R. COLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	*CECIL W. PIPE ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY WHITE... .. Treble	KENNETH DERHAM ... .. 6
EDWARD V. HINTON ... .. 2	FRANK A. SPARSHOTT ... .. 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. FOWLER ... .. 8
WILLIAM M. STONE ... .. 4	GEORGE PRESTON... .. 9
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On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... ..	...Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... ..	5
KEITH W. WHITTALL ... ..	2	LAURENCE POULSON ... ..	6
ROBERT J. STEED... ..	3	HARRY D. LISTER ... ..	7
ARTHUR R. WOODARD... ..	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by H. D. LISTER.  
A birthday compliment to A. R. Woodard.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER... ..	5
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... ..	2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	6
F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	WALTER R. FARROW ... ..	7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... ..	4	HENRY TOOKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEVWOOD. Conducted by H. TOOKE.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt. First 'touch' in the method as conductor.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. FOWLER ... ..	...Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... ..	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... ..	6
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... ..	3	HARRY PARKES ... ..	7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... ..	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	5
GEORGE MARTIN ... ..	2	JESSE HARRISON ... ..	6
HARRY W. BADGER ... ..	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... ..	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... ..	4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

A birthday compliment for the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... ..	...Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY... ..	5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... ..	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	7
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in C sharp.

*WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... ..	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... ..	6
WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... ..	3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... ..	7
WILLIAM E. MUSK ... ..	4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

\* First peal in the method.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE LEWIS, Vice-President ... ..	...Treble		
GEORGE CLARK, General Committee ... ..	2		
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS, General Secretary... ..	3		
FRANK RAYMENT, Dis. Sec. (Western) ... ..	4		
HORACE S. MORLEY, Dis. Sec. (Eastern) ... ..	5		
JOHN J. L. GILBERT, General Committee ... ..	6		
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Treasurer ... ..	7		
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice-President ... ..	Tenor		

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Fred Clark, a much esteemed colleague, and formerly secretary of the Southern Division of the association, who was interred at Arksey Cemetery on April 27th.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... ..	...Treble	HAROLD JACKSON ... ..	5
HAROLD KENT ... ..	2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... ..	6
JESSE J. MOSS ... ..	3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... ..	7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... ..	4	STANLEY SLANEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

A farewell to Canon J. E. Paget, Vicar of Bolsover for 16 years.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

J. TERRY SMITH... ..	...Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... ..	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... ..	2	KENNETH A. ROE ... ..	6
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... ..	3	GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... ..	7
HERBERT W. PERKINS ... ..	4	ERNEST F. PAYNE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to Joseph S. Carter.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALFRED SMITH ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... ..	5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... ..	6
STANLEY W. COPLING... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
CHARLES BAKER ... ..	4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... ..	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDWARD MAUND ... ..	...Treble	*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... ..	5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	2	ALLEN MORGAN ... ..	6
ERNEST WILSON ... ..	3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* First peal on eight bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... .. Treble	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
HORACE MANSFIELD ... .. 4	DR. SPENCER-PHILIPS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 32). Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2	*HORACE M. BUTT ... .. 6
*THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... 3	*CHARLES J. TURNER ... .. 7
*JOHN H. GODFREY ... .. 4	CLIFFORD VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. Treble	HARRY PYE ... .. 5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	LESTER L. GREY ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. RERVES.

\* First peal of Kent Major.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

WASHBROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 5
HAROLD KILBY ... .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 5
HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 2	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 6
CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 3	*JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the first anniversary of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER LYCETT ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
†THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 7
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... .. 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method as conductor. Rung on the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal in spliced methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise for the Guild and in the city of Birmingham. This peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses, with 111 changes of method.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	WILLIAM T. BRSON ... .. 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods in the county and by the Guild, also by the ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th. The peal contained 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 800 Cambridge and 640 Superlative, with 119 changes of method.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

GIGGLESWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKELDA,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*WILLIAM SILVERWOOD ... Treble	*ARTHUR JAMES ... .. 4
MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
*JAMES HODGSON ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal and local ringers. First peal on the bells.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

A. RUMSEY ... .. Treble	*G. BLAKE ... .. 4
*L. FROST ... .. 2	B. G. BURTON ... .. 5
C. W. SAMS ... .. 3	*C. CLAYDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BURTON.

\* First peal and first attempt.

MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND SEXBURGA,

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

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and College Single, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*BERT W. MAY ... .. Treble	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. WOOD.

\* First peal in six methods. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Walker, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

WHITE WALTHAM, BERKS.  
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
(St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Reverse College, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 4
PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 2	*GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

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

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN ... .. Treble	*ALBERT H. CHESHIRE ... .. 4
*FREDERICK FLUCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal other than Doubles. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED S. TUBB ... .. Treble	*REUBEN CHARGE ... .. 4
FREDERICK CHERRETT ... .. 2	PHILIP BLAKE ... .. 5
BERTRAM TUBB ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

\* First peal of Minor.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... Treble	ROBERT WAKE ... .. 4
A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 3	FRANCIS B. BEAUMONT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. B. BEAUMONT.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Lindoff's and one of Pitman's and Morris' arrangements of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. HILL ... .. Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 4
†FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 3	RICHARD J. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

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

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble	REGINALD SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC GENERY ... .. 5
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods (with 143 changes of method): (1) London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (2) Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BRIAN MCKAY ... .. Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDEFOOT ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal in 25 methods in the county, by the association and by all the band.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 3	*JOHN H. D. RATCLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

JACK S. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 4
CHARLES E. J. WATT ... .. 2	HAROLD E. BROWN ... .. 5
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. S. ROBERTS.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band except Messrs. Gardiner and Kynaston. Rung to welcome home the Rev. J. H. Williams (curate) and Mrs. Williams on their return to the parish after their wedding.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*KENNETH BEARDSALL ... Treble	JOE READER ... .. 4
JOHN NORRIS ... .. 2	MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

\* First attempt for a peal.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.  
On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents in five methods: One extent each of Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

\*GEO. W. FOGDEN ... .. Treble | FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 4  
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 2 | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5  
\*FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 3 | DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR S. RICHARDS.

\* First peal on six bells. † First peal in five Minor methods.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

### A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

With four variations of calling. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

\*HERBERT J. WOODROW ... Treble | WALTER ELSEY ... 3  
†ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 2 | FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 4  
†GEOFFREY KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. ROPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in one method only. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and One Minute,  
AT 33, CHESTERFIELD ROAD,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

BERNARD H. HALL ... .. 1-2 | JOHN H. FOSTER ... 3-4  
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 5-6  
Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

\*ALLAN SHORT ... .. 1-2 | \*FRED PRICE ... 5-6  
\*RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3-4 | GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7-8  
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 9-10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.  
Referee—G. T. MITCHISON.

\* First peal of Caters on handbells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 20, ABBEEDEN CRESCENT,

### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6  
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4 | PETER LAFLIN ... 7-8  
HARRY ASHTON ... .. 9-10

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT 'TRENTWOOD'

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 19 methods:—

- (1) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Single Court.
- (2) Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
- (3) Double Oxford and London Bob.
- (4) Thelwall and Lytham.
- (5) St. Clement's and College.
- (6) Childwall and Wavertree.
- (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2 | GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4  
JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6  
Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Witness—ERNEST BRITAIN.

There were 153 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung 'in hand.'

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## PEAL NOTES.

### FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

Not long ago Mr. George Preston completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants. Now one of his early colleagues, Mr. Edward Hinton, has completed a similar term, and the event was well celebrated on May 12th with a peal of Grand-sire Caters rung by an entirely local band. It was William Stone's fiftieth peal.

To commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first peal on the bells at Wem, Shropshire, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on May 7th by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild. There was a family connecting link between the two peals; Mr. R. D. Langford rang the tenor to the peal a fortnight ago; his father took part in the first peal. Mr. J. Ravenscroft, who also took part in the first performance, entertained the anniversary peal band after the successful conclusion of their efforts.

To enable Mr. T. J. Bartlett, of Exeter, and Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, to complete peals in the four 'standard' methods, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Honiton Clist on May 7th.

Surfleet celebrated the first anniversary of the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth with a peal of Double Norwich Major on May 12th.

The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in Birmingham and for St. Martin's Guild was rung at Edgbaston on May 14th. The ringers were Worcestershire men.

The first spliced peal in four Surprise Major methods in Hampshire and by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was also rung on Saturday at Privett. Hampshire, Sussex and Surrey supplied the band.

The composition was a new one by Mr. James Topp, and contains 2,880 of London, 800 of Bristol and 1,440 divided, as you will, between Cambridge and Superlative. Here are the figures:—

23456	M	W	H	Methods
35642	—	2		L C B L
25346	2			L B C L
43652	—	—		L C L
25634	—	—	—	L C L
65432	—	—		L C L
53246	—	2		L C B L
63542	2			L B C L
45236	—	—		L C L
56234	—		2	L C L B

Four times repeated.

Superlative can be rung in place of Cambridge.

### IPSWICH SUCCESSES.

The peal of 5,184 changes of Rochester Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on Saturday is the first of this length rung to Surprise Maximus. It was Mr. G. A. Fleming's 250th peal.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society has now rung six different Maximus methods to peals in less than five months, viz., Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Double Norwich, Cambridge, New Cambridge and Rochester. Their efforts have been blessed with really good fortune.

John Carter's composition of Stedman Cinques, rung at High Wycombe on May 11th, is in an unusual form, and in the 24 courses in the tittums position the sixth is 18 times in 6th's, including all the six 5-6's. The 14 courses in the handsbroke position include the six 6-5's.

Canon J. E. Paget, after being for 16 years Vicar of Bolsover, Derbyshire, has gone to Pleasley. As a farewell to him, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Bolsover on May 7th.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Syston, Leicestershire, on May 7th, was made a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Wigston Magna, by his friends.

Recently Mr. George Green completed 50 years' connection with the church at Great Baddow, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung in honour of the event. On May 7th a handsome board, recording the peal, was unveiled and a peal of Superlative Surprise rung, in which Mr. Green took part. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Green entertained the ringers.

Not often does the Ancient Society of College Youths have a six-bell peal credited to it, but one in five methods was rung at Buckland, Surrey, by a visiting band on May 7th. It was the conductor's (Mr. A. S. Richards) 75th peal.

A peal attempt at Knutsford, Cheshire, came to an untimely end after 2 hours 40 minutes with only 360 changes left to ring. The sexton, after much banging on the door, pulled the tolling rope with obvious effect. What the ringers said is unrecorded.

The peal of Doubles at the five-bell tower of Shelfanger, Norfolk, on May 7th, was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, who welcomed the ringers at the church before the peal and afterwards kindly entertained them to a bountiful tea at the Rectory. This was only the second peal ever rung on these bells, where, in the small tower, there is a clock case of such liberal proportions that the third and fourth ringers do not see each other during the ringing.

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**A GREAT PERFORMANCE.**

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The greatest number of methods rung in a peal on handbells was achieved at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George Feirn rang 19 methods spliced into seven 720's. This record is a really great performance.

Eight Williams rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at North Lopham, Norfolk, on May 7th. The first Bills to ring a peal were eleven Cumberland Youths, who scored a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796. William Shipway was the conductor.

By calling a peal of Stedman Doubles at Rushall, Staffs, on May 5th, Mr. Daniel T. Matkin has now conducted Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. It was B. G. Key's 75th peal and H. Howell's 75th peal for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Giggleswick, in Yorkshire, has had a ring of six bells since 1850, and they were augmented to eight in 1930, but the first peal on them was not rung until Easter Monday, and even then, owing to dearth of ringers, only Minor could be rung. It was arranged for three local men, Messrs. W. Silverwood, J. Hodgson and A. James, who scored their first peal, and they deserve congratulations, for it consisted of three methods—Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Visiting ringers to that part of Yorkshire will be welcome at Giggleswick.

There was a sort of non-stop performance at Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, on May 6th, when a peal of Bob Minor was rung. The bells were raised in peal, 'Go, Plain Bob,' was called and, at the end, 'That's all,' 'Run 'em down'—there was no break at all from the treble's first blow in rising until the final note of the tenor when 'Stop' was called. The peal was rung as a welcome home to the curate (the Rev. J. H. Williams) and his bride after their honeymoon.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Leiston on May 7th was the first peal rung by Mr. J. G. Rumsey for two years. He has been out of action through a broken wrist, but he proved he has lost none of his masterly style. Mr. James Bennett, of London, whose nephew, James, junior, conducted the peal, has now circled Leiston tower in Surprise peals. Before this last peal he had only the treble left and he has now put that 'in the bag.'

Ralph Bird rang the treble to a peal in four Minor methods at Stisted, Essex, on May 1st, and thus 'completed the circle' in this tower.

A peal of Double Norwich at Thame, Oxfordshire, on May 7th, was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Williams.

A peal of Minor at Lytchett Minster, Dorset, on April 30th, was the first in seven methods in the Wimborne District of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Fobbing, Essex, on May 7th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. W. Furbank.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, Herefordshire, has rung 225 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and he has had the singular distinction of ringing each 25th peal at Clifford Church.

The peal that was rung at White Waltham, Berks, on April 30th, was the first on the bells, although they have been in the tower for 69 years. When a new tower was built in 1868 the old five bells (a very heavy lot) stood in the barn in the village. On completion of the building the bells were sent to Messrs. Warner's foundry and a new six were cast out of the old metal, all bearing the date 1869.

They are a pleasing ring of bells, but one needs to be almost an acrobat to keep the ropes on the wheels.

It was at this church in 1935 that a tablet was unveiled to the memory of Thomas Hearne (diarist), from whom we have learned something of the early days of Oxford ringing. Just outside the tower one can see the old wooden stocks and whipping post.

Mr. Reuben Charge has been a ringer for more years now than, perhaps, he cares to remember, but it was not until April 30th that he rang his first peal of Minor. This he did at Finchley, the peal being a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor, Mr. F. A. Barker.

The first peal in 25 methods in Hertfordshire was called by Mr. Walter Ayre on May 2nd at Apsley End. It was the first peal in this number of methods by all the band and by the Herts County Association, and was rung at the first attempt. It was a particularly good performance by the trebleman (Mr. B. McKay), as it was his first attempt for a peal, and the methods included both Plain and Treble Bob. He was deservedly congratulated at the end of the peal.

It was Mr. Horace Waite's 50th peal and Mr. Ayre's 125th tower-bell peal as conductor.

The quarterly peal of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, rung at Ombersley on April 30th, included two of the Sunday band—F. Fluck and A. H. Cheshire. It was their first attempt for a peal of Minor. Their only other peals had been two each of Grandsire Doubles.

**MAJOR ON THE BACK EIGHT AT BOW.**

Two ladies took part in a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major on May 8th for evening service on the back eight at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, where the tenor is 54 cwt. 12 lb.: Claude Snowden 1, Mrs. James E. Davis 2, James E. Davis 3, Miss Hilda G. Snowden 4, Francis G. Gleaves 5, Frederick Dench 6, Lewis W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, John W. Ward 8. It will be noticed that most of the band were visitors to London.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A talk in the B.B.C. National programme on Tuesday, in the series 'Made in Great Britain,' dealt with bellfounding at Loughborough. To-morrow an attempt is to be made for a half-muffled peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, in memory of the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

Last Friday, Mr. T. E. Denyer, one of the enthusiastic band attached to Aldershot tower, met with a motor-cycle accident. He is now confined to bed with a cracked ankle bone. He followed in the footsteps of his father and eldest brother in taking up ringing, but it is going a step too far to follow their example of having a motor-cycle spill as well.

We understand that two parishioners of St. John's, Weymouth, have lodged an objection to the application of the Parochial Council for a faculty for the installation of 'synthetic' bells in the church. A Consistory Court will probably sit at Salisbury to hear the objection.

Burton District of the Midland Counties Association is the latest area to try a mid-week meeting. There is to be an experiment at Netherseale on Wednesday, June 1st.

Walsall, a 'town of a thousand trades,' once had a bell foundry. There are, says the 'Times and South Staffordshire Advertiser,' records of a business carried on at 'the Pottle Shoppe' by Thomas Clibury, Richard Clibury and Thomas Hancor, who, in addition to being 'braziers and potters,' cast bells, among them the 'great bell' of St. Mary's, Lichfield, in 1634.

In 1636 Thomas Clibury recast some bells for St. Nicholas', Liverpool, to replace three which had been confiscated from Drogheda, Ireland, and purchased for the church by Liverpool Corporation.

At a recent ringers' meeting, before a belfry full of awe-inspired onlookers, a band of 'brass-hats' prepared to show how spiced Minor in umpteen methods was rung. They pulled off, the conductor said, 'Go, Double Bob,' and they rang Double Bob. At the end of a lead the conductor called a change of method, but some knew the method and some didn't; so they stopped. That, perhaps, was excusable.

They started again. 'Go, Plain Bob,' said the conductor, this time. They all knew this and they 'went' quite well. At the end of the first lead the anticipated change of method was not called—they had time to get a grip of things. But the conductor did not change the method at the end of the next lead either. In fact he did not call anything until 'This is all' at the end of a plain course. And so the Spiced Minor brass hats rang a perfect course of Plain Bob. And the onlookers asked in whispers among themselves, 'Are these really the super ringers we thought they were?'

Where did this happen? Well, we are not telling tales.

## THE SCOUTS' PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the record of the performance of my brother Scouts, as mentioned in 'Peal Notes,' but I would like to point out that on Empire Day, 1930, there was rung at Over, Cheshire, by a band of Scouts and Scouters, W. Harrison's 5,008 of Bob Major, conducted by John Worth.

Although this was the first peal to be claimed as an all Scout peal, I am aware of others rung prior to this by a band comprised solely of Scouts, but who did not claim them as Scout peals.

C. KENNETH LEWIS, Rover Scout, 1st Marple Group.

## WEYMOUTH'S 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I recently had an opportunity of hearing the 'synthetic ringing' at St. John's Church, Weymouth, about which there has been a deal of correspondence in your columns.

As a fairly widely travelled 'free lance' ringer, of ordinary ability, who has assisted in service ringing in far more towers than I remember, I think that this question of the 'ringing by wireless' at this church has been misrepresented. In any case, I can assure you that as an indication of a call to religion, the result is much more pleasing than any single bell can be. It should be clearly appreciated that at this tower the provision of a ringing peal is out of the question as a practicable proposition—an unsuitable tower and a sandy foundation. I was very agreeably struck by the results—well-struck changes of the bells of St. Margaret's and of York Minster faithfully recorded and reproduced in quite life-like tones left little to be desired.

I admit that there are snags as far as a ringer's ideas are concerned. The worst point, to my mind, was the loss of continuity, e.g., gaps in the courses as the operator, about every two minutes, turned from one record to another.

However, after a chat with the operator—who incidentally is a keen churchworker and as a wireless and radio operator is anxious to serve the church and his religion to best advantage, but has no knowledge of ringing—and with one or two members of the Church Council, I feel satisfied that we, and the Exercise in general, should appreciate the position and do our best to ensure that the results are suitable and as far as practicable follow the tradition of ringing.

As an example, I have suggested to the operator that he should not mix, say, York Minster and St. Margaret's at two minute intervals, but should, by a double turntable, and a fading transfer, maintain a steady run of changes, say, for ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. He could use York for one service and St. Margaret's for another, and even carillon music if any is found suitable.

Bristol.

H. G. FRAMPTON.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—19.****RICHARD T. HIBBERT.**

His name always appears in the peal reports as Richard T. Hibbert, but to everyone who knows him he is 'Tom' Hibbert, and his peal ringing extends over more than 50 years. He was born at East Ilsley, Berks, on February 15th, 1869, and he was only 16 years of age when he rang his first peal at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, on December 5th, 1885. The first peal which he conducted was Grandsire Triples, at Sonning, Berks, in May, 1891, and he has called peals in all the methods he has rung.

His peals now number 362 and they have been rung in 24 counties, the towers including twelve cathedrals and the peals the first at Wells and Exeter. Incidentally Mr. Hibbert was the first ringer to score a peal on the heaviest rings of 12, 10 and 8, for he has rung the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral, the 9th at Exeter Cathedral, before the present troubles were added, and the tenor at Sherborne Abbey, performances in themselves evidence sufficient to show that Mr. Hibbert is among the finest of 'back-enders.'

Among the interesting peals in which he has taken part were the first peals of Stedman Triples at both Sherborne and Pershore Abbeys, and the first peal of Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. He also rang in the first ten-bell peal in Devonshire (at St. Sidwell's, Exeter), and is no stranger to long lengths. He rang in the 12,160 of Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth, Herts, in 1912, the 21,363 Stedman Caters, in 12 hours 25 minutes, at Appleton, in April, 1922, and the ill-fated 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral in May, 1923.

He has 'completed the circle' in six eight-bell towers, one ten and two twelve, his last being St. Saviour's, Southwark, when he rang the 9th to the secretaries' peal of Stedman Cinques a few weeks ago.

Mr. Hibbert was instrumental in getting the five bells in his native village of East Ilsley increased to eight, and the ten at his own tower of St. Laurence, Reading, increased from ten to twelve, and he will tell you he was a very pleased and proud ringer when he called 'This is all' at the end of a first-class first peal on each of these two rings of bells.

Tom is 'father' of St. Laurence's tower at Reading, and he is something of a martinet. Woe-betide the man or woman who does not give of his or her best when ringing. 'Good peals' rather than a lot of peals has always been his aim, and the writer once heard him remark that 'Good ringing gives me a lump in the throat; bad ringing gives me lumps all over.'

Mr. Hibbert has served the Oxford Diocesan Guild as its general secretary since 1917, and he has represented it on the Central Council. 'Tom' is also a great College Youth, and, although he lives at Reading, frequently attends the meetings. In 1923 he was elected Master for the year, and travelled to and from London regularly to discharge his official duties both in the chair and in the junior offices leading up to it.

**Next week: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.**

**CORONATION COMMEMORATED.**

To commemorate the Coronation and the rehangings of the bells at All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung before Mass on May 8th: H. Plowman 1, \*C. R. Forster 2, \*G. Murdin 3, H. Pettit 4, J. C. Shatford 5, \*G. E. Meeks 6, A. Plowman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, \*W. Hedges 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**'COMING OF AGE' COMPLIMENT.**

At St. Margaret's Church, Hemingford Abbots, on Sunday, May 15th, before matins, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders 3, F. Nicholls 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Marjory, daughter of Mr. G. L. Perkins, and granddaughter of Mr. J. Perkins.



**MR. R. T. HIBBERT.**

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.****ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.**

**HEADQUARTERS**—The Griffin Hotel, Boar Lane, Leeds. A special room will be reserved, which members are invited to use as a meeting place.

**SATURDAY, June 4th.**—Ringing at Leeds Parish Church (12 bells), 6.30 to 8 p.m.

**WHIT SUNDAY, June 5th.**—Holy Communion: Leeds Parish Church, 7, 8 and 9 a.m.; Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane, 8 a.m.

Service ringing, all from 9.30-10.30 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m.: Leeds Parish Church (12 bells), St. Michael's, Headingley (8 bells), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8 bells), St. Matthias', Burley (8 bells).

**WHIT MONDAY, June 6th.**—Members are invited to be the guests of the Yorkshire Association for the day to include a motor-coach trip to Fountains Abbey, Middleham and Richmond, with ringing at Ripon Cathedral (10 bells) and Richmond Parish Church (8 bells). Lunch at the Studley Royal Hotel, Ripon, and tea at Richmond.

Non-members may also join this trip at an inclusive charge of 10s.

All intending to take part in this outing must notify Mr. P. J. Johnson, 53, Shire Oak Road, Leeds, 6, not later than first post May 23rd.

Standing Committee meeting at 8 p.m. at headquarters.

**WHIT TUESDAY, June 7th.**—Holy Communion, Leeds Parish Church, 7 a.m.

Standing Committee meeting in the Civil Court at 9.45 a.m.

Council meeting in Civil Court at 11 a.m. prompt. (Will members kindly sign the roll and be in their places by 10.55?)

Reception by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) and the Vicar of Leeds (Canon W. T. Elliott).

Members are invited to be the guests of the Yorkshire Association at tea in the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, at 5 p.m. To non-members a charge of 2s. will be made. Application for tickets must be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson as above.

Ringing at Leeds Parish Church, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley, 6-7 p.m.

Social at headquarters at 7.30 p.m.

**IMPORTANT.**—Please send for your tickets before May 23rd.

**GEORGE W. FLETCHER,** Hon. Secretary.

**DEVON GUILD.**

A meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at East Budleigh on Saturday, May 14th, a representative attendance of 40 members being present, with only one visitor, the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. T. Laver. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Gardiner), who also gave an address from the words, 'In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'

Tea was held in the Institute, where Mr. Pidgeon, of 'The Bakery,' provided a sumptuous repast.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D. One new member from Lymptone was elected, and a member of the Honiton Clyst band was presented with his certificate for efficiency.

Sowton was chosen for the next meeting on September 17th, subject to the Rector's approval.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman to the Vicar for having the meeting at East Budleigh and the use of the bells, also to the organist and the caterer, and this was carried by acclamation. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening under the superintendence of the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Brealy, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman.

**STAVERTON BELLS RECAST.**

Staverton, Northants, the parish in which the Rev. E. S. Powell is Vicar, formerly had in the church tower five terribly discordant and tuneless bells. These have now been recast into a beautiful ring of six, with a tenor just under 11 cwt., by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. At the same time, an Ellacombe chiming apparatus has been installed for use at those services at which a band of ringers is not available.

The dedication service took place on May 1st and was attended by about 60 ringers from seven counties, as well as by a very large general congregation from the neighbourhood. The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Northampton, who also gave a most inspiring address.

The collection at the service was for the Peterborough Guild Belfry Repair Fund and amounted to £3 14s. 3d., while subsequently in the tea room a generous contribution was made by the participants of £1 17s. 7d. for a clock for Staverton ringing chamber.

During the service, immediately after the dedication, an excellent plain course of Bob Minor was rung by T. Tebbutt, G. Hancock, Mrs. Powell, F. Hancock, L. Greenhow and G. R. Black. Ringing was kept up until 8.30 p.m., there being rung during the proceedings Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The first 720 on the new bells was rung for evensong on Sunday, May 8th, by H. Shrivies 1, the Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 2, Mrs. Powell 3, the Rev. W. P. Wright 4, W. Betley 5, J. White 6.

## CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

### PARSONS ON HOLIDAY.

This year's 'Clerical Ringing Week,' to which reference has already been made in our columns, was held, as usual, during the second week after Easter, this time in Hertfordshire, with St. Albans as centre. The following were present for all or a considerable part of the time: The Revs. J. H. B. Andrews (Leeds), E. G. Benson (Burghill), H. Benson (Quinton), C. Carew Cox (Lyne Regis), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke), to whom the members are extremely grateful for his highly successful organisation of the week, F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon), F. S. H. Marle (Deane), E. S. and Mrs. Powell (Staverton), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. H. R. Trehwella (Truro), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar), C. Elliot Wigg (Cheersley), and R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall). Others, who could only join with the party for a short time, are mentioned below.

We met on Monday at St. Leonard's, Sandridge. This is a most interesting church, where we rang methods from Grandsire to Cambridge on a nice light six (tenor 6½ cwt.). We were delighted to meet Mr. Walter Ayre, who rang with us, and we had the pleasure of seeing him often on the following days. A proud record in pencil on the wall of the tower states, 'November 7th, 1914. Best run down we ever had'—we had quite a good 'run down,' too, and the rope of the 4th broke most conveniently just at the last round of chiming. After tea at Wheathampstead, presided over by Mrs. Ayre, we enjoyed Cambridge Minor, etc., on the very fine six at Wheathampstead Church, lately rehung by Taylor (tenor 14½ cwt.). After dinner at the White Hart, St. Albans (our headquarters), we visited St. Peter's, St. Albans, where, after a kind speech of welcome by Mr. G. W. Debenham, we spent a delightful evening ringing Grandsire and Erin Caters and Bob and Kent Royal on the grand ring of ten (tenor 23 cwt.), helped by Messrs. Debenham, Mr. H. Frost and others of the local band. There were twelve bells here from 1868 to 1881.

On Tuesday morning we visited Benington, with its memories of Squire Procter and his merry men, some of whose doings are recalled by peal boards recording early peals of Superlative (in 1855), etc. We were unfortunately too late to carry out our intention of going for a peal on the eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), so contented ourselves with touches, in some of which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills) rang with us. After ringing handbells on the village green, the Rector and Mrs. Mills kindly asked us to have our picnic lunch in their drawing room, as it was wet. Later we rang his handbells (tenor 8½ inches diameter!). We next visited Ware, and, after various touches on the eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.), rang Stedman, etc., on the eight at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne (tenor 20 cwt.), where Mr. G. Radley rang with us. After dinner we much enjoyed ringing Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus on the fine twelve at St. Albans Cathedral (tenor 23 cwt.), with the kind help of Mr. Goodenough and other St. Albans ringers. The evening concluded with handbells (with Walter Ayre and others) at the White Hart. The keeper of the shop next the White Hart later told me he had been interested to hear the handbells while he lay awake in bed that night, as his father had been a ringer at Boston Stump many years before.

### PEAL ATTEMPTS.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Northchurch (tenor 15 cwt.) on Wednesday morning went west after three-quarters of an hour, and, after some Bob Major, we visited Great Gaddesden, where we rang Cambridge Minor, etc., on a nice six (tenor 10 cwt.). Among other tunes written on the wall here was 'Old Laungs Syne.' After picnic lunch we called at Hemel Hempstead, a nice Norman church with a fine central tower and spire, where the Rev. and Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, of Beaconsfield, met us, and joined us in Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., on the eight bells (tenor 19½ cwt.). Then to St. Mary's, Redbourne, where the Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (Romford) and Walter Ayre rang with us, the fine six (tenor 14 cwt.) going well to London, Cambridge, etc. This church has suffered from what an absent-minded cleric called 'death beech wattle'! (a little transposing clears up the mystery!). After tea we rang at St. Nicholas', Harpenden, and later had the great pleasure of singing evensong in this church. Several thought it would be well to make such a service a regular part of the week's programme in the future in addition to our usual practice of making our Communion together on one day in the week. The local ringers had very kindly raised the bells, and Bob Major and Cambridge were rung on a nice eight (tenor 15 cwt.). Later in the evening we enjoyed a visit to St. Michael's, St. Albans, a most interesting church on the site of the ancient Roman city of Verulamium, of whose bricks and stones much of the Cathedral and churches of St. Albans are built. Cambridge, London, Kent and Oxford went well on the fine six (tenor 13 cwt.) here.

On Thursday a peal attempt at North Mymms (eight bells, tenor 13½ cwt.) was lost after 1½ hours, owing to a shift, and at the same time a peal attempt at Essendon (six bells, tenor 10½ cwt.) also went west. The disappointed band at each tower went to the other tower to see how their colleagues fared; unfortunately, each went by a different route to the other, so each found the other's tower deserted. After a little confusion, all met at Essendon and did some more ringing. Picnic lunch followed by the River Lea, accompanied by rain and ices, then on to Hertford, where we had an interesting time at

St. Andrew's. The eight here (tenor 16 cwt.) was the first ring cast by the famous John Briant, of Hertford. A fine old peal board records three peals, the first, rung by the Hertford College Youths, being 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hours 24 minutes, on May 20th, 1882. This was the first peal on the bells, and John Briant himself rang the tenor. Of course, we had to ring a touch of Oxford—and, in fairness to certain members of the party, a course of Cambridge. Our president, Canon Coleridge, rang peals here in 1884 and 1885. Mr. George Gray had kindly met us at the tower, and now accompanied us to All Saints', where we much enjoyed ringing Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major on the grand ring of ten (tenor 25 cwt.). Miss Constance Ditton, who rang her first peal, at St. Andrew's, at the age of 13, rang with us. John Briant's tombstone (he died February 27th, 1829) is in this churchyard, and a fine memorial tablet is in the church. After tea we returned to St. Albans for the annual business meeting of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, the doings of which have already been recorded in 'The Ringing World.' We were delighted to have our president, Canon Coleridge, in the chair. After dinner we rang in the interesting wooden tower at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, again with most welcome local help.

### GREAT WYMONDLEY MIGHT HAVE CHANGED CHURCH HISTORY.

On Friday the Guild made history by ringing its first peal, Boh Major at Knebworth. This is a nice ring (tenor 12½ cwt.) in a delightful church, with many memorials to members of the Lytton family, which has owned Knebworth Manor since the days of Henry VII. Here we made friends with a film star—the donkey which, we were told, is used when required at the Denham film studios. Some members of the party rang at Flamstead (six bells, tenor 13 cwt.) while the peal was in progress. After lunch we visited Baldock, where Mr. R. T. Newman kindly had the eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.) up for us. After Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major, we lowered the bells in peal, and went on to Hitchin, where, in spite of someone whose efforts on the organ were more remarkable for volume than for quality, we had a most enjoyable time ringing Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., on a fine eight (tenor 25 cwt.), again with help from several of the local band. We were delighted to see the Rev. R. Copeman, of Cambridge University Guild, who was unfortunately only able to be with us for a short time. Then on to St. Ippolyt's, where the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Hewitt very kindly gave us tea at the Vicarage. A former Vicar here was the great scholar, Dr. Hort, and much of the Revised Version of the Bible was done on the old Vicarage lawn. Hippolyt was torn to death by having four horses fastened, one to each of his limbs, and then driven away in different directions. A relic of the saint became famous for its power to heal horses, which were brought into this church for the purpose. Doubles and Minor were rung during our visit, and the bells were lowered in Queen's.

Then to our last tower, Great Wymondley (six bells, tenor 12½ cwt.), where we had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. W. J. Croft, member of a once fine local band. The Lord of the Manor of this village has the right to be the first to offer wine to the King after his Coronation. Great Wymondley once had a chance, which it missed, to alter the whole history of the Church of England, for Henry VIII, while hunting fell into the River Pur here, and someone went and pulled him out!

So the week ended, and we went home full of gratitude to all the local ringers who had so nobly helped us in various ways, the vicars and their wives who gave us hospitality, and especially the Rev. E. V. Cox, who had once more organised a delightful week's ringing.

A. G. G. T.

### GLASGOW RINGERS AT EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

On Saturday, May 7th, members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Glasgow, paid a visit to the Empire Exhibition and rang handbells on the terrace of the Episcopal Church of All Hallows for evensong at 3.30 p.m. This proved a great attraction for visitors, but, although the ringing was favourably commented upon, no one came forward and offered to 'take a pair.'

The ringing consisted of two plain courses of Grandsire Caters and one of Triples, those taking part being H. Sargent, S. Lewis, T. Windermar, E. Baumphey, R. Preston, A. F. Sargent (from Kelham) and E. A. Stratford. An interested spectator was Mr. R. Mervyn Noad, architect of the church, who is to be congratulated upon the result of his labours.

After evensong some of the band proceeded to the Peace Pavilion and were kindly received by Mr. McLeod Davis. Chiming on the carillon followed. The rendering of 'Annie Laurie' and 'The Bluebells of Scotland' by Thomas Windermar deserves special merit, especially when it is remembered there are only eight bells.

The Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Darbyshire) paid a visit to the Cathedral belfry on Sunday morning and thanked the ringers for their efforts.

A hearty invitation is extended to any ringers, who may be in Glasgow during the run of 'Empirex,' to visit St. Mary's belfry. There is service ringing at the Cathedral on Sundays, 10.30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 6.30 p.m., and practice night is Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

On Sunday, April 10th, before evensong, the captain (Mr. W. H. Pickett) presented a pipe to Provost K. C. H. Warner, Archdeacon-elect of Lincoln, as a mark of appreciation of his interest shown in the society both in the belfry and in their social activities.



### DEATH OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER. A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The death occurred at his home, Campana House, St. Nicholas' Road, Great Yarmouth, on May 1st, of Mr. Dennison Cross Hayward, at the age of 81 years. He was elected a member of St. Nicholas' company in 1875, and was one of the two survivors who were present at the formation of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1877. Mr. R. Brundle, of Ipswich, is now the only one left.

From about 1887 Mr. Hayward was secretary of the tower and Mr. Matthew Long the conductor. On the death of the latter, Mr. Hayward became tower master, and held that office until his death, although he has not rung for the last five years.

Mr. Hayward's name was put on the tenor bell when it was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1911 by request of the Rev. Willink, Vicar at that time.

On July 19th, 1919, the St. Nicholas' company and a few friends presented Mr. Hayward with a gold hunter watch suitably inscribed in recognition of his forty odd years of services to the belfry and ringing. His one ambition and pleasure was in promoting the interests of St. Nicholas' Church, belfry and ringers. He was of a most unselfish character and thought of other people before himself. His friends were legion.

Mr. Hayward was known by the older ringers all over the Norwich Diocese, also in London and in Surrey, where he had spent several periods. His father was a ringer before him, and a peal tablet records a peal with him in 1845 at St. Nicholas' Church. For the Norwich Diocesan Association he had rung 60 peals and one peal on handbells. The total of his peals was about 85.

The funeral took place on May 7th in the St. Nicholas' Churchyard, and was attended by his four sons, daughter, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. Representing the association were Messrs. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), F. Nolan Golden (general secretary), W. J. Lee (chairman, East Norfolk Branch, and member of St. Nicholas' tower), J. G. W. Harwood (secretary, East Norfolk Branch, and St. Nicholas' company), H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk Branch), and other ringers from Norwich, Dereham and Beccles. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. N. Golden, G. Mayers, E. Goate and F. Sayer. The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which was started after the funeral, came to grief after 2 hours 25 minutes' ringing.

Muffled touches were also rung at St. Andrew's, Gorleston-on-Sea, at the time of the funeral.

### NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. A CEREMONY AT LEEK.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Leek on May 7th, when a company of 40 attended from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Derby, Hanley, Kingsley, Lawton, Longton, Leek, Newcastle, Repton, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Uttoxeter.

During the afternoon the Rev. K. W. Milward (Vicar of Leek) unveiled a peal board to commemorate the first peal of Bob Royal by the association, which was rung there on January 28th of this year.

After the unveiling the Vicar said how glad he was to be present on such an occasion, as, before this peal, he asked the ringers when they were going to ring another peal, and the answer was, 'We have no board to put it on.' He, therefore, promised them the board when they rang the next peal. He remarked upon the happy unity which existed between the ringers and the church, and said he hoped to be present on future occasions.

After tea had been partaken of, the association was welcomed by the Vicar, to whom a vote of thanks was passed, as well as to the ringers for the hearty welcome they had given the visitors. This was proposed by Mr. Thomas Hurd and seconded by Mr. Edward Steele, the latter remarking that Leek was the cream of the meetings in North Staffordshire.

The ladies who had so kindly served tea were thanked by Mr. Henry Carnwell.

A letter of apology was received by the secretary from Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to the illness of his wife.—Hope was expressed for her speedy recovery.

The secretary (Mr. Andrew Thompson) has been a member of the association for five years, and he had the pleasure of saying that he had not missed a meeting. It would be a great thing if other young ringers would try to attend every meeting.

Three members were elected, viz., the Rev. K. W. Milward and Mr. Charles Herd, churchwarden of Leek, as honorary members, and Mr. D. F. Ferguson, of Repton, as a life member.

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changes in the rules had materially altered the constitution of the association

Strong disapproval was expressed that such views should have been offered, in view of the fact that the rules had been freely adopted by the majority of the association's members.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Chislehurst for the use of the bells, for the service and address; to the organist and choir, and to the chairman.

This concluded the business, and the company returned to the tower for further ringing.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. VISIT TO HISTORIC VILLAGE.

The popularity of the Tonbridge district meetings was again evidenced when the second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Haver on May 7th. Over 80 ringers and friends were present and 26 towers were represented. Ringers came from as far away as Chelmsford in Essex, Hastings in Sussex, Eythorne in Kent, and Croydon in Surrey.

Through the courtesy of Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, Haver Castle grounds were open to the ringers, and, of course, proved a great attraction. The gardens are for the most part laid out in the Italian style. Some 1,500 men were employed by Lord Astor on the vast operations for five years. The course of the Eden was diverted and a large lake of 40 acres was dug out.

The Castle itself was erected in 1453 by Sir Geoffrey Bullen, Lord Mayor of London.

Over the hall, with its fine panelling, and minstrels' gallery, is a gallery (100ft. by 14ft.) with a deeply recessed window, connected with Henry VIII's love-making.

Among the treasures in the Castle are the Papal Bull, refusing the divorce between Katharine of Aragon and Henry VIII.

The six bells in the thirteenth century church tower were kept going in the standard methods under the leadership of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Tea was partaken of in the Henry VIII. Hotel.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis. One new member was elected, Miss Dorothy Bevan, of Shipbourne.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Lace) for kindly conducting the service and allowing the use of the bells, to Miss Rucroft for playing the organ, to Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, to Mr. E. H. Lewis for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. G. Edwards for making all the arrangements.

### FOURTEEN NEW MEMBERS FROM NORTHFLEET.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Rochester District was held at Northfleet on Saturday, May 7th. The day was fine and a good number of members attended. Ringing was well under way shortly after 3 o'clock. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Page, with the choir leading the singing. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of the Northfleet band and their friends, tea was provided in the School-room and this was very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Prior to the business meeting, touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells, after which Mr. Butcher's troop of young people entertained the ringers with a selection of familiar tunes from music specially written by him for handbells. His interest and enthusiasm on behalf of the young ringers will inevitably result in establishing a strong band for Northfleet in the very near future.

The business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, was of a routine character, but one item of an unusual nature was the election of 14 members from one tower, Northfleet, twelve of these (boys and girls) being under 16 years of age.

Cliffe-at-Hoo was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting in July.

Following the meeting the tower bells were again set in motion, and were kept going in methods to suit the tastes of the varying grades of ringers until well after 9 p.m.

### WHY THE VENUE OF A DISTRICT MEETING WAS CHANGED.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on Saturday, April 30th. Some 40 members, representative of almost every tower in the district, attended and took part in ringing all the standard methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves), who gave an interesting address, refreshingly novel in subject matter and delivery.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Hall, after which the business meeting was held. Pressure of duties prevented the Vicar from presiding, and Mr. W. R. Rawlings was elected to the chair.

The elections of two members in the tower previous to peals at Crayford were ratified.

Mr. F. J. Cullum read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Margate on Easter Monday. This report was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Cullum for preparing it, regret being expressed that indisposition prevented Mr. W. Smith (on whose behalf the chairman tendered apologies) from being present at either Margate or Chislehurst.

Bexley was suggested as the place of the summer meeting, to be held on Saturday, July 23rd.

Mr. Cullum reminded the members that any business for the attention of the November committee meeting must be tabled in time for consideration at the July meeting, which would also be the last opportunity to apply the new procedure sanctioned by the rules to elect district officers by tower representation or plebiscite, if so desired.

Questioned as to why this meeting was held at Chislehurst instead of at the place originally selected, the district secretary read correspondence he had received from the incumbent declining to grant the use of his bells for such a purpose, following the advice tendered by the captain of his ringers, who was of the opinion that recent

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## NOTICES.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Tadcaster, on Saturday, May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.C., the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. General Committee meet at 3.30 p.m. prompt. A brief service, conducted by the Vicar, will take place at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) in the schools at 5 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. As this is the first occasion that the association have met at Tadcaster, it is hoped that a record number will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guild festival will be held at Lyme Regis on Saturday, May 21st. Guild service in the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. C. C. Cox. Collection for memorial funds. Luncheon in the Church Hall at 1.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each member. Annual business meeting to follow. Towers available: Eight bells, Lyme Regis, Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch Canonichorum; six bells, Burton Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsbury, Litton Cheney, Lodors (2-5 p.m.), Netherbury, Hawkchurch; five bells, Chideock.—F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Stretford, on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Fillongley, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting, which will be a joint one with the Southern District of the London County Association, will be held at Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. Church of St. Nicholas (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3.30 till 5 p.m., and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. It is particularly requested that outstanding subscriptions should be paid as soon as possible.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) AND NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (West Norfolk Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21st, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to either secretary, or to Mr. J. Wright, Leicester House, Terrington St. Clement, King's Lynn. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins and W. J. Eldred, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**BATTERSEA, ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH.**—The ring of eight bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be available to visiting ringers from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to-morrow, Saturday, May 21st.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Wigston Magna (8 bells) on May 21st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (May 21st) at All Saints', Poplar. Bells 3.30 to 5.30. Tea can be obtained locally. Another tower will probably be available in the evening.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on May 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please look up Minor methods.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, May 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Hollesley, near Woodbridge, on Saturday, May 21st. The new peal of eight bells will be available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at the Fox Inn.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ranworth (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrington on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 5.30 p.m. No tea or service. Business meeting in the tower.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on May 21st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service conducted by the Vicar. Tea at the Green Dragon. All ringing friends heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton district at Broughton to-morrow, Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A bi-monthly meeting will be held at Leigh (6 bells) on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. No business meeting. Will all members please make a special effort to attend?—All ringers heartily welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gamlingay on Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—We meet at Youlgreaves, near Bakewell, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All welcome.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 22nd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Will members please note that no practice will be held at Shoreditch this month?—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for May at 7.30 p.m.: 24th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral; 26th, St. Magnus'. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.**—'The Big Five' will be available at St. Paul's, Walden, on Wednesday, 25th inst., at 7.30 p.m. These practices are arranged at your request—for you. I've done my bit, so please do yours.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Hertford County Association (Northern District).

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage. Please notify me numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 25th.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than May 25th.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**TETSWORTH, OXFORD.**—The 2nd anniversary will be held on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 1.30. Please notify for tea.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby St. James' on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., free to members, 1s. 6d. non-members. Business meeting to follow. Please inform Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday previous how many for tea.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec., Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD** (late Hastings and District Guild).—The next meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 28th. St. Clement's (8), 3 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (8), after tea. A warm welcome to all.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity will be available. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Vestry at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at Mason's Cafe in the Market Place at 5.30 p.m. It is essential that requirements for tea reach me by Wednesday, 25th inst., otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 6.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. L. Reece, 6, Camden Road, Carshalton, by Thursday, May 26th. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify before Thursday, May 26th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 28th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea given by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills. Business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacy on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5 o'clock for those only sending the number by May 26th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 28th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clipston (5 bells) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wilden on Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting will be held in the tower during the evening.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, May 28th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than May 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Staunton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Village Hall. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 25th, so that arrangements can be made for them.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—WEDNESDAY meeting of Burton District.—An experimental mid-week meeting will be held at Netherseale on June 1st. Bells (8) available at 5 p.m. Victoria buses leave Burton 4.10 and 6.10. Hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the business meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed towards cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket, with remittance of 1s., to the general secretary by Thursday, May 26th. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedone (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th.—A. J. Clark, General Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before June 1st to Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Rhyl, on Whit-Monday, June 6th. Will those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me as soon as possible. Full details in next issue.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 5.30. Tea 6. Half-rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members. A meat tea will be served at the King's Head, Carfax, price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members), followed by the business meeting. Notices of motions affecting the rules must reach me by June 4th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

#### DEATH.

**GOLDSMITH.**—On May 18th, at Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Emma Louise, beloved wife of John S. Goldsmith, aged 58 years. Funeral at Pyrford Church to-morrow (Saturday) at 3.30 p.m.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. F. Clarke and her sons wish to thank all ringing members and friends for their kindness shown and expressions of sympathy to them in their sad bereavement.—35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Yorks.

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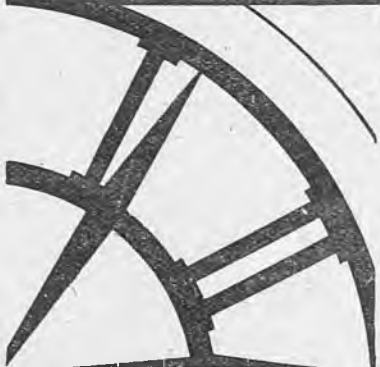
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## 'CANNED' BELLS: THE COUNCIL'S OPPORTUNITY.

The Central Council is to have the opportunity, if it wishes, of considering the question of the broadcasting of records of bells from churches, at the meeting to be held on Whitsun Tuesday at Leeds. It is a matter of far-reaching importance, and the motion which has been tabled by the Rev. Herbert Drake should be welcome for the opportunity it will give of considering the subject in all its bearings—and these are many. It should be welcomed, in view of the fact that the agenda is not a long one, and that the matter is really one of some urgency if the tendency to install apparatus for broadcasting is to be resisted. The more the practice grows the more difficult will it be to make effective protest.

Ringers are, of course, whole-heartedly against the introduction of 'canned' bells, and the greatest danger which they can foresee is the threat that in future church builders will be content to provide only flimsy towers and install amplifiers, in order to save cost, instead of doing as their forefathers have done, erect towers of sufficient strength to carry a peal of bells hung for ringing as they should be. In the instance which has brought this subject specially under public notice, the use of bell records at a church in Weymouth, it has been urged that the tower could not possibly stand the strain of ringing bells, and, that being the case, it is better to reproduce by mechanical device the sounds of other bells rather than submit the public to the monotonous chiming of a single bell. Maybe there is something to be said for that point of view, but only in so far as it is a relief to the public ear, but the real fault is an earlier one, that when the builders planned the church they planned cheaply and without a full realisation of what is due to God in such an undertaking. What is needed is that those responsible for the building of churches should realise that they are planning not only for the present, but for the centuries, and that if the best cannot be provided all at once, it is better to do the work piecemeal, so that the completed structure may be worthy of the high cause for which it is brought into existence.

That is one aspect of the question, but the Rev. H. Drake's motion brings out another and no less important—the fact that the ringing of the bells is in itself an act of worship; that ringing is a personal service to the Church; and that therefore the substitution of 'synthetic' bells is a trickery to which the Church should be no party, inasmuch as it publishes a pretence to the world that men are in the church performing an act of worship. In addition, the motion points out the absurdities which may be produced by the use of records. These are grounds

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which church authorities should seriously take into account when considering such installations, and if the Council can do anything to influence those who are responsible for authorising these innovations they will be doing good service in the maintenance of the historic use of bells, the contribution which thousands of men and women are making Sunday by Sunday to worship and the art of ringing. The motions will allow the subject to be discussed from every angle, and it is to be hoped some effective action may be the outcome.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. Treble	JAMES F. MILNER ... .. 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSSELL ... .. 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 10
PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A birthday compliment to D. T. Matkin.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN ... .. Treble	JACK A. WADGH ... .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 10
HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 11
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE } ... Tenor
	THOMAS LANGDON }

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of the late secretary of the society, Mr. William T. Cockerill.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MRS. F. E. COLLINS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... .. 6
DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7
ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 8
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal and first attempt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Treble	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 2	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... .. 3	† WALTER NICHOLS ... .. 8
*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 9
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... .. 5	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal.



## LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE DAWSON ... 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN ... 5	FREDERICK W. WICKS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 3	BENJAMIN BAKER ... 8
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 4	FRANK BELSEY ... 9
THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. F. Belsey.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
*FRED HARTMAN ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone for the new Church of St. Mary, Gravesend.

## TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... 5
NORMAN H. MANNING ... 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 395). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL ... Treble	P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 5
ANDREW THOMPSON ... 2	P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... 6
*P.C. ALBERT FORD ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	SIDNEY THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the presentation at Court of Miss Hall, of Broughton Hall.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE H. SENTANCE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
BERT F. CALCOTT ... 2	ALBERT FLBET ... 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

## GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... Treble	*DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... 5
*DONALD JENNINGS ... 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
*HOWARD SAMS ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... 7
NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... 4	*JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

## DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
ALEX GAMMON ... 2	WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 6
*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 7
ALBERT E. LOCK ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to W. C. Porter.

## GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN ... Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY WRIGHTSON ... Treble	ERNEST WALLACE ... 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6
*JOHN PICKERING ... 3	*DONALD F. MAY ... 7
*ROBERT BELL ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DONALD F. MAY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, who celebrate the silver jubilee of their wedding this year.

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 5
*GEORGE S. LEE ... .. 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST THORPE ... .. 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal in the method.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

TENTERDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. Treble	PERCY PAGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... .. 2	CRCIL H. BALLARD ... .. 6
HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ... .. 3	CHARLES W. EVERETT ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 4	*FRANK CAREY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. EVERETT.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. Robert Edwards' first peal.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALEC MUNDY ... .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
AMY THOMAS ... .. 3	KENNETH FORD ... .. 7
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	†DONALD J. MARSH ... .. 6
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
*THOMAS WILLIAMS ... .. 4	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells and in the method. Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams on the occasion of their silver wedding.

HALFWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ROBINSON ... .. Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 5
JOHN W. GARDNER ... .. 2	JOHN ROBINSON ... .. 6
THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 7
PERCIVAL A. CAVE ... .. 4	WILLIAM MADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CAVE.

Rung to welcome their Majesties the King and Queen to Lancashire.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THURLEIGH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

REGINALD T. SOLESBURY ... Treble	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 4
GEORGE SETH ... .. 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 5
J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... .. 3	*JOHN H. SWEPSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

The conductor's 200th peal.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Overton, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HARRY MIDDLETON ... Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 4
*JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3	JOHN HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. The first peal on the bells.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

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

Thirty six-scores and six 240's.

CLAUDE GIFFORD ... Treble	DOUGLAS LUTON ... .. 4
*HORACE BENSON ... .. 2	DONALD MARSH ... .. 5
†MRS. V. J. SMITH ... .. 3	†ALFRED WILLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE GIFFORD.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

SOUTH KIRKBY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, Kelso, Coldstream and Lincoln.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. Clarke, secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association.

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On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.  
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*CHARLES BALL ... .. Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 4
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 2	*PETER BULLEN ... .. 5
GEORGE NOICE ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Guild.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD W. COLLIS ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 4
FRANK T. LONG ... .. 2	FRANK BAILEY ... .. 5
*RONALD F. COLLIS ... .. 3	*FREDERICK C. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BAILESS.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the bells.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4
*RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in three methods. Specially arranged as a thanksgiving peal on the recovery of the Rector (the Rev. S. P. R. Mouldsdales) from a long illness.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL ... .. Treble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY ... .. 4
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... .. 2	ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 5
HENRY W. SHADRACK ... .. 3	EDWARD A. KEMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. KEMP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. A. Murrell, for 42 years churchwarden at the above church.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS KATHLEEN M. VESSEY ... .. Treble	JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 5
R. THOMAS VESSEY ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Exercise Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFERIES ... .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 4
RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 3	REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

ELING, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. Treble	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 4
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... .. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal 'inside' in more than one method. † First peal on six bells and first 720 of Minor. The first peal on the bells.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

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

Comprising seven extents: (1) Hereward Bob; (2) Double Court and College Single Reverse; (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (4) Childwall and Thelwall; (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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On Thursday, May 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Oxford Bob and Court Bob; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD ... .. Treble	*GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	FRANK LORD ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in 14 methods. There were 170 changes of method.

ARLESEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Rev. E. B. James' Arrangement. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES HANCOCK ... .. Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 4
MRS. POWELL ... .. 2	REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 5
*JOHN DUNKLEY ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

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

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

In 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*DEREK E. RUGG ... .. Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. 4
R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 2	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 5
MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 3	STANLEY W. GALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal at first attempt.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... .. Treble	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... 4
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
ROBERT WAKE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

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

SHELSLEY BEAUCHAMP, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK FLUCK ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM H. TURNER, JUN. 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 5
*ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor at first attempt.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of Reverse College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... .. Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 4
*RONALD C. FOWLER ... .. 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal in seven methods. First seven method peal on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

C.O. No. 167. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**PEAL NOTES.**

MEMORIAL PEAL AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

The Ancient Society of College Youths paid a tribute to their late hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, by ringing a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, of Dunstable, hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association, rang his one hundredth peal for the association and his fiftieth peal with Miss Evelyn Steel, on May 14th, at Dunstable, when he called a peal of Double Norwich Major, composed by a former well-known Bedford ringer, John W. Barker.

The Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild has as its chairman (Mr. H. Benson) and its secretary (Mr. C. Gifford) members of Coalpit Heath tower, and this belfry also supplies this year's chairman of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. To commemorate this 'record,' a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Coalpit Heath on May 7th, in which these three ringers took part. The peal was also a wedding compliment to Mr. Benson.

To celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church of St. Mary, Gravesend, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. George's in this ancient Thames-side borough on May 14th. Walter H. Dobbie scored his first Surprise peal. He is the son of Mr. Stanley B. Dobbie, who was also in the peal.

We have not had long to wait for the first peal on the new bells at Staverton, Northants. It was rung on May 14th, and three clergy took part. We wonder if this is the first time that a Vicar and his wife have rung a peal together in their own tower? The Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell rang in this one.

Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex, rang his 200th peal when he called seven extents in different Minor methods at Middleton Cheney, Northants. The bells there are a six with a tenor of nearly 23 cwt. in D.

The bells of Croft, Leicestershire, were dedicated in May, 1928, and to commemorate the tenth anniversary a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them on May 7th.

Mr. Pat Cannon takes a delight in hunting out towers where he can ring the first peal on the bells. He has netted two recently in Hampshire.

On Saturday, May 7th, he called the first peal on the bells at Barton Stacey, which was rung as a compliment to Mr. George Williams on his 81st birthday. Five of the bells date from 1725, the treble having been added in 1934 by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Eling, near Southampton, has had a ring of six bells since 1775, when they were installed by Messrs. Pack and Chapman. The first peal on them was called by Mr. Cannon on May 11th.

We do not know if there is any official connection between St. Mary's, Eling, and St. Mary's, Ealing, Middlesex, but there was a connecting link in the peal, for one of the ringers was Mr. Alan Pink, of Ealing. It was Reginald Reed's 50th peal.

The half-muffled peal of Surprise Minor rung at South Kirkby, Yorks, on May 7th, in memory of the late Mr. F. Clarke, hon. secretary of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, had the bells open at backstroke, so that the part-ends could be heard distinctly. It was the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells.

Miss Hall, of Broughton Hall, Staffs, was among the debutantes presented at the first Court of the season this year at Buckingham Palace. A peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the event was rung at Broughton Church on May 14th by members of the North Staffordshire Association.

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**AN AGRICULTURAL BAND'S NEED.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The first peal on the bells at Bishampton, Worcestershire, since they were recently rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was rung by a visiting band on May 7th. It enabled that veteran, Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, Evesham, to fulfil an almost life-long ambition—to ring a peal in the village where he had so many youthful associations. Previous attempts, over a long period, were always frustrated by the state of the tower and bells. Harry Middleton is now happy.

It was his first peal in seven Treble Bob methods, as, also, it was by Mr. James Hemming, who, incidentally, completed his second century.

The local ringers at Bishampton are agricultural workers and are badly in need of a set of handbells to facilitate learning change ringing. If anyone has a set to spare it would be an act of considerable kindness if they would make a gift of them to Bishampton tower. The Vicar (the Rev. Thomas Wilkinson) will be grateful to receive any correspondence on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, celebrate their silver wedding this year, and on May 14th at Bishopwearmouth Church, where Mr. Pickering has been a ringer for 35 years, a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the event.

Derek Rugg, of Halvergate, Norfolk, has rung his first peal at the age of 13 years. He is a service ringer at his Parish Church, and he rang the treble to 42 extents of Grandsire Doubles. Mr. Henry Tooke, who called the peal, has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

A peal in 12 Minor methods was rung at Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, on May 12th, the first time a peal in more than three methods has been rung there.

Four members of the Vessey family—two brothers and two sisters—rang in a peal in seven Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on May 10th. Miss Dorothy Vessey and Mr. Jack L. Millhouse rang their 25th peal together.

Mr. Dan Cooper rang the 2nd to a peal of Grandsire Caters at Beddington, Surrey, on May 14th, and thus completed circling the tower twice to peals.

This peal was Mrs. Fred Collins' first and Mr. E. J. Ladd's 75th. Mrs. Collins has learned to ring since her marriage. Her husband was formerly a bellhanger for the Croydon Foundry, but now that he has 'settled down' he has found his wife an apt pupil in the belfry.

The first peal on the ring of six at Cookham, Berks, for eight years was rung on May 14th, and it was the first peal in seven methods on the bells, two of which were cast in 1638. Two of the local band, Mr. T. J. Fowler and his son, Ronald, took part, and the remainder came from St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

Another peal of St. Clement's College Bob has been rung. It is one of the interesting plain Major methods in the Central Council's 'Collection.' This time it has been rung at Great Bardfield, and five of the band rang their first peal in the method.

The first peal of London Surprise Major at Great Waltham, Essex, was a birthday compliment to Mr. George Green.

There were 170 changes of method in the fourteen-method peal of Minor rung at Elsham, Lincs, on May 12th.

In the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on April 16th, the number of changes should have been given as 5,031, not 5,021 as published.

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**BOB MINOR 'ALL THE WAY.'**

(Continued from previous column.)

Ringling Bob Minor all the way has its compensations when it is the means of giving others a 'lift.' At Shelsley Beauchamp on Saturday, May 14th, two of the Hartlebury ringers, A. W. Glazzard and W. H. Turner, jun., rang their first peal of Minor at the first attempt, and, judging by the way they acquitted themselves, it will not be long before they take another 'step up the ladder.'

Shelsley Beauchamp is a village outside active ringing circles in Worcestershire, and possesses a newly-formed 'stone' band. If wishes count for anything they will soon be members of the association, and their desire to learn 'method' ringing will then be catered for by the facilities offered. Visiting such outlying places gives ringers a change of scenery, and is often the means whereby a little missionary work is done.

Mr. R. J. Houghton has now 'circled' Tempsford tower (Bedfordshire) in peals of Minor.

Mr. George Creasey has just rung his first peal of Royal, and thus completed peals of Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus. This last peal, rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on May 14th, was the first peal of Royal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor is 37 cwt.

The fiftieth peal on the bells at Eastwood, Yorks, was also the quickest. It was a 5,152 of Little Bob Major and was rung in 2 hours 46 minutes on May 16th. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. E. Turley, whose husband took part in the peal.

Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, Kent, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal by taking part in a peal of Stedman Triples in his own tower on May 16th. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the grandson of Mr. H. S. Humphrey.

Mr. Thomas Williams, of Brierley Hill, Staffs, rang his first peal of Stedman on May 19th in celebration of his silver wedding. The peal was rung by the Worcestershire Association at his own church.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on May 17th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. D. T. Matkin. Mr. Bill Thomas, of Bristol, in Birmingham on business, heard part of the peal, in company with Mr. Albert Walker, from a spot not far from the church. Afterwards it transpired that it was also Bill's birthday, and the 'double event' was duly celebrated by the majority of the band.

The royal visit to Lancashire last week was marked by the ringing of church bells in many places. At Halewood a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the Thursday. Mr. J. W. Gardner, who rang the 2nd, has now circled this tower in peals.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Hilgay, Norfolk, on April 19th, was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association.

**VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.**

MEMBER OF FORMER PRIZE RINGING BAND.

A well-known personality of former prize ringing contests has passed away in the person of Mr. Sam Hemmingfield, of Ecclesfield, Yorkshire.

His father being a ringer, it was only natural that Sam should follow him, which he did, both as ringer and as host of the White Bear Inn, in front of which the feast, or fair, used to be held in the village square.

Sam also took part in various sports, amongst them the annual football match between Ecclesfield and Pitsmoor, the respective goals being the tollbars at Ecclesfield Common and Pitsmoor—a distance of about three miles. In those days the traffic question had not appeared and there was plenty of 'rough and tumble' in the game.

Mr. Hemmingfield joined the Yorkshire Association in 1885 and was a 'starred' life member. Though only taking part in four peals, he was a member of the Ecclesfield company that took part in many contests in those early days, when it took two and three days to attend a competition. Of a genial disposition, he could relate many amusing anecdotes about ringing, etc.

Unfortunately, he was stricken with partial blindness about 20 years ago, and this gradually increased until total blindness ensued, but under this terrible affliction he was patient, resigned and uncomplaining. The end came to a long life at the age of 87.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 14th, and was attended by numerous relatives and friends and there were many floral tributes.

A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung in the tower with muffled bells by the following of his colleagues: D. Greaves 1, Gordon Wild 2, Oliver Coward (conductor) 3, W. Kitson 4, J. Myers 5, J. Greaves 6.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by the graveside was rung by Yorkshire Association members as a last token of respect.

**CHIDDINGFOLD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.**

On Monday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chiddingfold, Surrey, for the 80th birthday of Mr. Thomas Attwell: A. E. Brown (first quarter-peal) 1, M. Smither 2, G. Wootton 3, G. Arrowsmith (first 'inside') 4, ex-P.S. F. C. Hagley 5, H. Mullah 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, E. Worsdell (first quarter-peal) 8.

Mr. Attwell, although now unable to hear well enough to ring, never misses a practice despite the rather high stone steps and somewhat difficult climb to the tower.

The ringers drank 'the health of Mr. and Mrs. Attwell' at their home after the ringing, and, of course, wished the veteran many 'happy returns of the day.'

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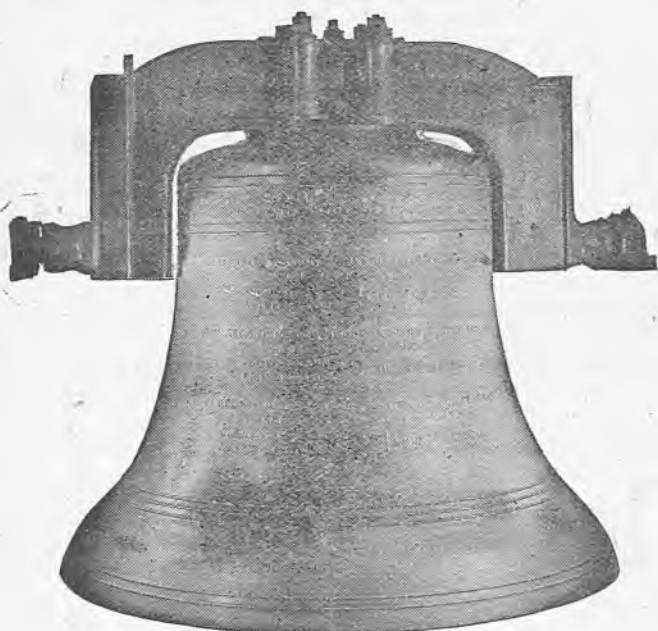
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to say that Mr. Albert Walker is making excellent recovery from his illness and has been able to join in service ringing at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. After having demonstrated that he could ring Stedman Cinques, he was 'duly elected' a member of St. Martin's Guild—not for the first time.

'Special ringing, £1 10s. Ale for ringers, 9s.' That is not an extract from some ancient churchwarden's accounts, but an extract from a balance sheet for the year 1937, hanging in a church porch in the Midlands. There are only three bells at this church, but, perhaps, there was more than one ringing occasion.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, which was to have been held on June 11th at Ropley, has been postponed to June 25th, owing to the absence from home of the Vicar.

## A NEW 'STEDMAN.'

In a few days a new 'Stedman' will be on sale in the popular Snowdon series. The original work, published in 1903, served a great purpose, but it was rather 'heavy going' for the ordinary ringer. Mr. J. A. Trollope has entirely rewritten the book, but his fluency of style and his gift of simple explanation have enabled him to reduce the size (in number of words) to about half that of the first edition. Readers will find that nothing material has been sacrificed for the saving of space—indeed, as a work of practical value, the reduction is more than justified by its clarity.

It covers all the ground from instruction for ringing and conducting the method on five bells and upwards to an explanation of the proof and composition. Numerous touches and peals are given, and Jasper Snowdon's history of the method has been edited and brought up to date.

The new book will be on sale on June 1st and may be obtained, post free, for 2s. 10d., from Miss M. E. Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

## THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The proposed memorial to the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker is progressing. The eight bells of St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, are to be retuned, the frame strengthened and ball bearings fitted throughout. The peal of eight were completed at the Diamond Jubilee in 1893, when Mr. Parker himself was almost entirely responsible for hanging the two extra bells.

The estimated cost of the memorial is £217, but since that estimate a crack has been located in the fourth bell, which entails an extra cost of about £21 for recasting.

Up to date the amount subscribed towards the memorial is about half the required sum. This has been raised almost entirely by local subscriptions and the Easter offering, which was kindly given to us.

The local branch of the Diocesan Guild have voted a substantial sum towards the memorial, and there is a further recommendation to the General Fund.

But we need help from other guilds and associations, and from all the individual bellringers who knew Mr. Parker or appreciate the work he did. If all those who had rung in a peal composed by J. J. Parker (Oxford Bob Triples or Parker's twelve-part Grandsire Triples) would contribute one or two shillings, the money would be raised, and at the same time make the memorial a truly 'national' memorial, which we are so anxious to do.

I have already received a generous donation from the Scottish Association, which shows that Parker's name was not confined to England. I would like to thank the members of that association for their support.

I hope no bellringer or society of bellringers throughout the country will miss this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the tremendous work the late Mr. J. J. Parker has done. If we never show our appreciation, the bond of unity and friendship will weaken, but if for a friend we make some sacrifice, the bond will be strengthened and will last for ever.

Donations towards the memorial may be sent to A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough, Bucks, or to

R. A. CRAWLEY-BOEVEY

(Hon. Treasurer, J. J. Parker Memorial Fund).

Farnham Royal Rectory, Slough, Bucks.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was sorry to see that, in reporting the annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, you omitted to mention my suggestion that in arranging next year's annual meeting an endeavour should be made to hold at least the service in St. Paul's Cathedral. The suggestion was made in all sincerity and in view of the fact that some of us churchmen in London do feel a sense of loyalty to the great diocese to which we belong. This is also the chief reason for the affiliation of the belfry in which I ring to the recognised Diocesan Guild. I should be glad, therefore, if you would publish this brief letter so that those members who were absent from the meeting may know the feelings of those present, who seemed to be in favour of the proposal.

E M. ATKINS.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—20.

EDITH K. FLETCHER.

Foremost among the lady members of the Exercise is Mrs. Edith Kate Fletcher, who combines with her extraordinary skill as a ringer remarkable ability as a conductor. In this latter capacity particularly she is outstanding among her sex. Ringing, with her, is an hereditary gift. Born at Crawley, Sussex, on November 12th, 1891, she is the daughter of Mr. James Parker, at that time conductor of the famous Crawley band. Mr. Parker was unable to induce either of his sons to take up the art, but he found an apt pupil in his daughter, and, in some directions, as he will be the first to admit, she has easily outstripped her parent.

Mrs. Fletcher was taught to ring at Edmonton in 1908—at a time when ladies were only just beginning to take an interest in the art, and her first peal was one of Superlative Surprise Major on May 1st, 1909, while a year later, on June 11th, 1910, she conducted her first peal—Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell. Shortly afterwards she called Superlative Surprise Major and London Surprise Major, the former at her old home, Crawley, where her father had done so much in pioneering Surprise ringing.

Before the war, Edith K. Parker, as she then was, had conducted 46 peals, including in 1912 her first peal 'in hand,' when she rang 5-6 to Grandsire Triples, and the first peal by a band of eight ladies, rung at Cubitt Town, London, also in 1912. It was this achievement that led to the formation of the Ladies' Guild later in the same year, and Miss Parker was the obvious choice for the post of secretary, an office which she has filled with unflagging zeal and, if possible, growing enthusiasm ever since.

Mrs. Fletcher has now rung 314 peals in 41 different methods, or in a method on different numbers of bells, while the number which she has conducted is 119, in seventeen different methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Maximus, for seventeen associations. Before she was 21 she called a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. She has conducted six peals on handbells, including Stedman Cinques from 3-4, while for the Ladies' Guild she has called the first peals of Stedman Triples, Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Among her other achievements have been to ring Lincoln Cathedral tenor (24 cwt.) to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the 30 cwt. tenor at Wedmore, Somerset, to a peal of Stedman Triples.

Her services to ringing in other directions have been extensive. She has been a member of the Central Council as the representative of the Ladies' Guild since 1915, and has served on a number of committees. She is convener of the Analysis and Records Committee, whose task goes on week by week throughout the year, and in connection with this committee's work she is typing the details of all the early compositions. As a member of the Peals Collection Committee it has been her labour that has enabled typed volumes of all the compositions of Treble Bob to be placed in the Council's library, while since her husband, Mr. George W. Fletcher, has been hon. secretary of the Council, she has been the unofficial, but highly efficient, assistant secretary. The work which Mrs. Fletcher is doing behind the scenes for the Exercise is as prodigious as it is valuable.

Next week: Mr. Robert Matthews.

## DIFFICULTIES OF BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me a little of your valuable space to ask a question? I have been a ringer for just over eight months now, but have great difficulty in picking up 'rope-sight.'

We have a very fine ring of eight here, tenor 20 cwt., which we are endeavouring to keep going for all services. We are a band of learners with only the one instructor. I may say in appreciation of him that we could not wish for a better, but, owing to the fact that we have unavoidably had to start on Triples the 'rope-sight' seems a thing of the far distant future. I feel sure that there must be many other beginners in the same position as myself. Is there anything that you can do for us in the way of help?

E. F. M. SAMSON.



MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

## 'SYNTHETIC' BELLS.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.  
To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. Frampton's letter, it may be of interest that I have sent the accompanying resolutions to be added to the report to the Central Council of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

H. DRAKE.

## RESOLUTIONS.

1. The ringing of church bells before divine service has never been considered a mere mechanical device, similar or in addition to a clock. It is an act of worship by a certain number of churchworkers, solemnly preparatory to further worship, and proportionate in value to the number of workers and to the care employed. It may be compared to the voluntary on the organ, and more than the latter requires thorough practice at least once a week.

2. Records of change ringing are useful for instruction or for broadcasting. But as they do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship. Furthermore they publish to the world a pretence that eight men or more are in that church making an act of worship. Also they lend themselves to tricks, which to those who know something of ringing (and they are many) sound absurdly impossible. To prevent a church making itself ridiculous, records should only be manipulated by a skilled ringer. But if a man is really skilful enough to know what is possible, he will be wanting to ring a real bell elsewhere.

3. These objections do not apply to records of carillon music. Moreover, a musician sufficiently experienced to handle such records satisfactorily can often be found. Therefore, when permission is given for instruments using records to be installed, it should be stipulated that records of change ringing should never be heard from a church.

4. The above shall be sent to every diocesan bishop, archdeacon and chancellor.

## THE CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Stretford on Saturday, May 21st. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Horrocks, assisted by the Rev. F. Bonner. Memories were awakened of the dedication of St. Matthew's bells when the ringers had in their midst the late Canon Elsee, and the members recalled his untiring devotion to the Lancashire Association.

At the tea and business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. F. Bonner, who welcomed the ringers to Stretford.

Mr. F. Reynolds was elected as branch president, and the chairman made reference to the appeal for the late Canon Elsee's memorial. He said he was pleased to note the way in which other associations and guilds had responded. As the closing date was very close at hand, it would be most unfortunate if anyone found that they had overlooked the opportunity of playing their part. It was their privilege and they owed it to the memory of their late president.

Votes of thanks were passed to Canon Horrocks, the organist and local ringers, to the chairman, who responded on behalf of all concerned.

About 30 members kept the bells going to Cambridge, Double Norwich and all standard methods until 9.30 p.m.

## WARWICKSHIRE VETERANS

## DEATHS OF TWO FORMER CHILVERS COTON RINGERS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Reader, a former churchwarden, of Chilvers Coton, who was also head ringer for a number of years, and was among those instrumental in augmenting the bells from three to eight in 1908. He was 85 years of age and had taken no active part in ringing for a number of years. During the war period he taught a band of ladies to ring, the only active member now left being Mrs. D. E. Beamish, hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild.

The bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday following the interment. Included in the touches was 1,008 Grandsire Triples for evening service. Prior to raising the bells, the band stood in silence for a few moments.

Only a short time after Mr. Reader's death his wife (who had been too ill to attend the funeral of her husband) also passed away.

The death of Mr. 'Ted' Moreton occurred last week after a long and painful illness. He was associated with Mr. Reader in the early struggles to raise a band at Coton. His son, Mr. J. E. Moreton, is the present head ringer at Coton. The ringers stood for a few moments in silence before raising the bells, which were again half-muffled, and as a last token of respect a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service by E. Askill 1, H. Harris 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, J. Gibbons 6, J. Draycott (conductor) 7, P. Yates 8.

Following the interment of Mrs. Reader on Monday, May 23rd, 1,120 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung with the bells half-muffled by Mrs. M. Billington 1, \*J. E. Moreton 2, \*C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, \*J. Gibbons 6, \*H. Harris 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. \*Longest touch of Surprise.

### A JOINT MEETING BY THAMES-SIDE. MIDDLESEX AND LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS AT CHISWICK.

A pleasant and successful joint meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on Saturday, May 21st. This beautiful church, by the side of the Thames, close to the famous Chiswick Mall with its associations with Thackeray and Vanity Fair, and the burial place of Hogarth and other famous people, made an ideal setting for a meeting on a beautiful May afternoon, and proved a great attraction.

About 40 members and friends were present from Barnes, Battersea (St. Mary's), Bishopsgate (St. Botolph's), Chelsea (St. Luke's), Chiswick, Duffield, Derby, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Egham, Erdington, Birmingham, Fulmer, Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Hollingbourne, Isleworth, Kensington (St. Mary Abbott's), Kingston-on-Thames, Putney, Ruislip, Uxbridge, Westminster (St. Stephen's) and Twickenham. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, some good touches being brought round under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Rich, M.A.), who gave an address of welcome to those present, and commented upon the improvement in the ringing and attendances at his own church, which gave him much satisfaction.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). There was no official business meeting, but during the proceedings the Vicar, who had been handed a report, upon which he made favourable comment, mentioned that he would like to give his support to the association by becoming an honorary member, and was duly elected with acclamation.

Some correspondence was read by the secretary, who also announced that the next meeting was fixed for Sunbury-on-Thames on June 25th.

A vote of sympathy with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith in his sad bereavement was passed, those present standing in silence.

A welcome to the London County Association was expressed by Mr. J. Herbert.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, the local company and the ladies who had provided tea, were passed with acclamation.

Handbell ringing followed the tea, and afterwards further ringing took place at the church until 8 p.m.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### CHANGE OF PRESIDENT.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society entered upon its jubilee year on April 30th, when the 49th annual general meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church. The start of ringing was delayed owing to the funeral of Dr. Maxwell Telling, a prominent citizen of Leeds, and time for ringing was further curtailed because of a special meeting in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was held in the tower at 8 p.m. after ringing had ceased. The retiring president (Mr. W. H. Senior) occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Birstall, Bramley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hemingbrough, Holbeck, Idle, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Selby, Shipley, Elland, Hunslet and the local company.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. H. Jones and acknowledged by Mr. H. Smith.

The balance sheet showed a net total of £20 14s. 6d. carried forward.

The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse) gave the membership as 249. Eleven ringing meetings had been held during the year and all were fairly well attended. The secretary, adapting the words of one of Yorkshire's and England's cricketers, added, 'It is harder to keep on top than it is to get on top, and as our society is one of the leading district societies, every endeavour should be made by the members to keep the society in the highest class. We are now approaching our 50th birthday, and it is our earnest desire that we make this year a year to be remembered.'

Mr. Senior, in proposing that the balance sheet and report be accepted, said the details pointing to the excellent state of their society were due to the work of the secretary during the past 14 years. Considering the small area covered by the society and that the subscription is only 6d. per member, the results showed very efficient management. Their thanks were due to the secretary for his work.—This was seconded by Mr. F. Rayment and agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. H. Barton, and seconded by Mr. Helliwell, the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, M.A.; three vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Senior, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president and other officers, and spoke of the good work and regular attendance at meetings of Mr. Senior during the past eight years.—Mr. Barton seconded.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the auditors.

Methods rung during the day were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### A SPLENDID RECORD.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on 'Fair Saturday,' April 30th, when the twelve bells of the Cathedral and the two six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A special service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, conducted by the Sub-Dean (Canon H. Larken). Close on a hundred members and friends gathered at the Co-operative Hall for tea, after which the business meeting was held, the Dean of Lincoln being in the chair.

The officers were all re-elected, namely, the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell (Dean of Lincoln), president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted. Commenting on the report, the Master congratulated the Guild on their splendid record for the year 1937. Although slightly fewer peals had been rung than in the previous year (105 as against 115), he thought that the quality of the performances had been more than maintained. No less than 14 peals of Surprise Major had been rung, including four of London, one of Bristol, one of Superlative, four of Cambridge, one each of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk, and one of spliced London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge. The four last named were the first in each case by the Guild. Other new Major methods rung were Wymondham Bob and Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford Bob. During the year the spliced Minor record had been lost to the Chester Diocesan Guild, who rang a peal in 74 methods, but the record was regained in December by the Eastern Branch with a peal in no less than 80 methods. Seventeen ringers rang their first peal.

Mention was made by the chairman of the illness of Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the meeting, with all good wishes for a complete recovery.

After tea the towers were again visited, the Cathedral belfry in particular being 'full up' until the bells were finally set up at nine o'clock.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### THE 'NOISE' PROBLEM AT ASHTEAD.

A good meeting was enjoyed at Ashted on Saturday, May 7th, when nearly 40, including the Master, hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer of the Guild, with other visitors from Chertsey, Guildford, Haslemere and different parts of London, and members from six district towers, assembled at what was once a favourite 'peal tower.' But times changed and complaints from new residents near the church made the bells difficult to get, until just recently, when the louvers were boarded up. This proved too effective, and complaints were then received from the older inhabitants that they could not hear the bells ringing. Now the boarding has been made adjustable, and it is hoped that everybody's wishes will be met.

The Rector (the Rev. E. J. Austin) conducted the Guild's service and gave a short talk, in which he welcomed the ringers to Ashted, saying how he loved to hear the bells, and hoped the meeting would perhaps stir up more local interest.

Tea was served at the Brewery Inn, where Miss Sayers, of an old ringing family, amply catered for the excess of notifications.

For the short business meeting the chair was taken by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse). A suggestion by Mr. James, that a printed circular would be of help in approaching likely honorary members, met with approval, and it was left to the officers to draft a suitable one for printing.

Apart from that there was no other important business, and the proceedings closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make a successful meeting, the Rector, the organist and Mr. G. Cook, who made the arrangements.

Ringing then continued until 9 o'clock, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### STOCKPORT BRANCH AT MOSSLEY.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. George's Church, Mossley, on April 30th. The bells were busily employed from early in the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Southworth), who also gave a striking address, basing his remarks on the quotation, 'A threefold cord is not easily broken.' If, he said, we were to base our lives on the three commandments of Jesus Christ, viz., to love God, to love our neighbour, and to love our enemies, we would find that this threefold cord of religion would not easily be broken.

After service some time was spent examining the church, which is a very beautiful building and well kept. Tea was served in the adjoining schools, and some 32 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who very heartily welcomed the branch to Mossley. The business was mostly of a routine nature and was quickly disposed of, and the meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the organist and all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting a success.—The Vicar and Mr. Garside suitably responded, and the members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****MASTER INTERPRETS M.B.W.H.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch annual meeting was held at Slough, but some of the usual faces were absent owing to other attractions (wedding peals). Methods to suit all were rung, including the 'big four'—Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol.

The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. O. E. Wigg) conducted the service, and the address was given by another ringer, the Rector of Beaconsfield, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

After tea it was discovered that the bill was settled, by 'someone.' It is remarkable in this branch how these bills are a law unto themselves. In the absence of the chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett, the position was occupied by Mr. W. H. Fussell, vice-chairman.

Several new members were elected, including one of the N.U.T.S. (and he paid his 'sub.').

All the officers were re-elected, an especial vote being passed to re-elect the chairman, who wished to resign because he thought that he was 'not so useful now.'

A sum of seven guineas was voted towards the restoration of Farnham Royal bells, with the hope that every tower in the branch would contribute something.

Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. R. T. Hibbert all contributed towards the business. The Master, having noted certain mystic letters (M.B.W.H.) on the back of the branch secretary's report, translated them as 'Master be welcome here,' but, on noticing the time, thought of 'Master be walking home,' and straightway 'made tracks' for his taxi, followed by Tom, who was anxious to catch the same train.

Votes of thanks concluded a lengthy meeting, and, while some stayed to ring again at Slough, the majority made for Stoke Poges, where one touch came to grief through a bat in the belfry (a real one) enjoying itself dodging amongst the ropes until the light was put out to show him the door. (He went.)

The secretary was also concerned with another not too welcome visitor, but, like the bat, he was disposed of. What secretaries have to put up with might be published by the Secretaries' Association. Gae's Elegy was written in Stoke Poges Churchyard; here is a modernised version of the first stanza:—

'The curfew tolls the hour of nine p.m.,  
The Lizzies (tin) fly swiftly o'er the lea,  
The cyclists homeward potter after them,  
And leave the bells and bats to A. D. B.'

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AT SOUTHPORT.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Southport on Saturday, May 7th. The bells at Christ Church were rung shortly after 2 p.m. and kept going by different hands until 4.30 p.m., when a special service, with an address of welcome, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. G. Brewster). Tea was afterwards taken in the Schools at the invitation of the churchwardens, and about 70 sat down. After tea the Vicar again welcomed the ringers and friends and hoped there would be no speech-making. He set the example by being brief.

Mr. G. R. Newton expressed the thanks of all present for the way in which the visitors had been treated, then, as there was no business to transact, most of the ringers went over to Emmanuel Church to have a pull there, leaving the Parish Church short-handed. There were, however, no complaints, as Emmanuel bells, being in a residential district, are hard to get, and all, therefore, wanted to ring there. Others went to look for the sea, but the sea had gone to look for the top of Man, and was only coming back when the trains were calling the visitors home, 'stronger and more fit to render their service on the morrow, after their short service together,' as the Vicar said in his address.

**NEW BELLS WELL 'SAMPLED.'****A FINE SOMERSET EIGHT.**

The bells at Banwell, Somerset, which were recently augmented to eight and rehung in a new frame, were well 'sampled' on May 7th at the quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, there being upwards of 60 ringers present, including some from Bristol, Bath and Birmingham. Mr. T. Dyke (general secretary of the association) and Mr. G. Taylor (hon. auditor) also joined the company. Service was conducted by the Rev. Powys David, the president of the branch, in the absence of the Vicar of Banwell (the Rev. Amos), who, unfortunately, was ill.

Later the tea and business meeting were held in the Old Schoolroom, the president being in the chair.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. Minifie) announced that Shipham and Rowherrow towers wished to become members of, and affiliated to, the association, whilst Bleadon tower and members desired to be re-elected. In addition several members were admitted from Banwell and Weston-super-Mare.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Wedmore, Somerset, on July 30th.

Subsequently ringing was continued, the methods indulged in being mostly Cambridge, Grandsire Triples and Stedman. Banwell is fortunate in now possessing one of the finest peals in the county, and this meeting was one of the most successful ever held in the Deanery.

**LINCOLN'S ANCIENT GUILD.****CLAIM TO BE THE OLDEST RINGING ASSOCIATION.**

At a meeting of the Company of Ringers of Lincoln Cathedral on May 5th, the ancient origin of the society was discussed. The Dean (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell) congratulated the Master Ringer, Mr. J. Freeman, on entering upon his 25th year as a member of the company, and observed that the company had been in existence for 325 years. He had reason to believe that it was now the oldest association of its kind in the country. Ordinances of 'the Company of Ringers of the St. Hugh Bells in the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln,' still preserved in the muniment room of the Cathedral, were first made in the year 1612, and two years later, on September 23rd, 1614, these ordinances were confirmed and sealed by letter-patent of the Dean and Chapter. On the east wall of the Ringers' Chapel some names of the early Masters of the Company were inscribed, and the first was that of Robert Sandie, Master 1614.

'It would be interesting to know whether any other company of ringers can trace their records behind that date,' said the Dean.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****CHANGE IN NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.**

A well-attended meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took place on Saturday, May 14th, at Monken Hadley. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued, with the exception of the interval for service, tea and business meeting, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, up to 9 p.m.

The Chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher), in opening the business meeting, remarked that the members would have noticed that there was a change, and he voiced the feeling of the meeting by remarking that it would not be possible to let the occasion pass without reference being made to the work that had been done for the district by the retiring hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, who had been, as they all knew, elected to the position of hon. secretary to the association, a position created under the new rules. The matter had been mentioned before, but he was sure that all present would again like to give expression to the gratitude they felt for the untiring efforts that Mr. Coles had put in for the welfare of the association during the years since taking up the work of district hon. secretary. Continuing, Mr. Fletcher said he felt sure that all present would like to give a welcome to the new secretary, Mr. G. R. Goodship, on taking up the work which naturally fell to him, having been assistant hon. secretary for several years, and to which position they had duly elected him.

These remarks of the chairman were approved with acclamation. Mr. Coles, in replying, said that he had been hon. secretary for the past 28 years, having taken up the office in 1910. He had had many weary and anxious moments during that time, but through the help and support he had received from the members, things had smoothed themselves out to the benefit and success of the association. He had taken up the work before quite a number of those present were born, and the future of the association was in their hands. He had always found that it was not what you got out of the association that counted, but what you put into it that gave satisfaction and pleasure, and it was impossible to take out more than was put in. He hoped that they would continue to give their loyal support and encouragement to the new secretary.

Mr. Goodship said he hoped that he would receive support and consideration from the members, and that Mr. Coles would have the satisfaction of seeing the district continue to flourish and expand.

It was arranged for the next meeting to be held on June 11th at Stanmore.

There being no other business, the Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. Richardson for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist, Miss Chambers, and to Mr. Arbin for having everything in readiness.

At the conclusion of the meeting handbells were brought into use after which the tower was again occupied.

During the afternoon the ability of all those who attended was considered, the bells being rung in rounds and in methods up to Spiced Surprise, with special facilities for the practice of Double Norwich.

**BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.****MR. NOEL WILES, OF KEMPSTON.**

The death occurred early on Saturday, April 30th, of Mr. Emmanuel Noel Wiles, of Kempston, Bedfordshire, at the age of 54 years.

For many years Mr. Wiles was a valued and highly respected member of the Bedfordshire Association, and was, until recently, always regular in Sunday service ringing at All Saints' Church, Kempston, where he learned to ring. Being caretaker at the cemetery, he could not often attend the meetings or stand in a peal, but whenever possible he did his best for the welfare of ringing in the county and was especially good with learners.

It was with very real regret that his colleagues learned the news of his death at this comparatively early age, and he will be sadly missed.

The funeral took place in Kempston Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon (May 2nd), and was attended by many of his fellow-ringers of Kempston and Mr. Frank C. Tysoe (hon. secretary, Bedford District), Mr. H. L. Harlow, Mr. D. C. Bonnett and others. The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled in the evening.

**DEATH OF MRS. E. L. GOLDSMITH.****MANY RINGING FRIENDS GATHER AT FUNERAL.**

After a long illness, courageously borne, the death took place on May 18th of Mrs. Emma Louise Goldsmith, wife of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' at their residence, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

In addition to the widower, a son and daughter are left in bereavement.

Although not herself a ringer, Mrs. Goldsmith was known to many ringers, for before the insidious disease from which she suffered completely incapacitated her, she had travelled the country widely and attended many meetings and other functions with her husband. She was an honorary member of the Ladies' Guild and of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and her death causes a break in an interesting circle. In 1928 a party of ringers, all of whom had celebrated their silver wedding that year, was got together for a peal in joint celebration of the auspicious occasion, and this was rung at Ewell. Five years later the same eight ringers, who included, in one case, husband and wife, met again at Woking and rang a peal in celebration of their 30 years of married life. This year it had been hoped it would be possible to have another similar gathering, but it has been otherwise ordained—the circle has been broken, only a few short months before the celebration could take place.

The funeral took place at Pyrford on Saturday afternoon, when the little twelfth century church was filled with a congregation of friends from many places, come to pay a last tribute of respect. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, an old friend of Mrs. Goldsmith, assisted by the Vicar of Pyrford (the Rev. C. A. Hamilton). The service included the hymns, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er' and 'On the resurrection morning.'

In addition to the family mourners, there were present Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. James George (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. S. Hawkins (London), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), and the following representatives of the Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman (Leatherhead), Mr. F. Nye and Mrs. Welton (Bagshot), Mr. W. Denyer and Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary, Farnham District) (Aldershot), Mr. J. Brackley, Mr. D. Cole and Mr. G. Cole (Woking), Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), etc.

The many beautiful floral tributes included wreaths from Guildford Diocesan Guild; Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild; St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham; Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of Guildford Diocesan Guild); Mr. A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham); Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London); Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Enfield); Mr. G. Dent (Harlow); Mr. and Mrs. Tom White (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton); Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Coles (Walthamstow); Mrs. C. D. P. Davies (Tewkesbury); Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and Enid (Surfleet); Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Savage (Melbourne, Australia); Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett; Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston (Erdington); Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking); Mr. C. W. Denyer and Miss B. Stewart (Aldershot); Mr. and Mrs. F. Nye and Mr. and Mrs. Welton (Bagshot); Mr. L. Jenkins (Guildford); Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman (Leatherhead); Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith (Great Bookham); Miss I. L. Hastie; and many others.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and family tender their sincere thanks to all who have sent them expressions of sympathy in their bereavement, and they desire to convey their deep appreciation of the many floral tributes sent.

**BECKENHAM CONDUCTOR'S DEATH.****THIRTY-FIVE YEARS STEEPLEKEEPER AT ST. GEORGE'S.**

A well-known member of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, Mr. F. Walter Smith, for 35 years steeplekeeper and conductor of St. George's Parish Church, Beckenham, passed away on May 13th after quite a short illness. Although he had been in indifferent health for some long time, Mr. Smith was in the belfry as recently as May 1st. He had been district representative on the Association Committee for many years, and held this position at the time of his death. The record of his peals is not available, but the local peal boards bear witness of his many successes as conductor.

At the funeral on Thursday of last week the following towers were represented: Bromley, Bromley Common, Chislehurst, Lewisham, Deptford (St. John's), St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Mr. Manse represented the London County Association.

The 'whole pull and stand,' together with a course of Grandsire Triples, was rung on the handbells at the graveside by T. Groombridge, sen., I. Emery, F. Groombridge and W. J. Rawlings. On the half-muffled tower bells, the 'whole pull and stand' for the deceased's age of 64 years was rung, whilst in the evening, after an unsuccessful peal attempt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by W. J. Rawlings, P. A. Corby (conductor), J. Lyddiard, H. Hoskins, D. Sharp, F. Shorter, G. V. Murphy, G. Fogden, A. S. Richards and C. Onley.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District—A meeting will be held at Dunsfold on Saturday, May 28th (postponed from May 21st). Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at Vicarage.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., Kingsway, Old Palace Road, Guildford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Clavering on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Time of meeting to be arranged. Members and non-members cordially invited. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Please send your names for tea to Mr. A. Webb, The Croft, Lyminge, near Folkestone, not later than Friday, May 27th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity will be available. Committee meeting in Holy Trinity Vestry at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea at Mason's Cafe in the Market Place at 5.30 p.m.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Carshalton on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 6.15 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The spring meeting will be held at Benington on May 28th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea given by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Mills. Business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacy on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wilden on Saturday, May 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting will be held in the tower during the evening.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Bray (6 bells) on Saturday, May 28th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**STOKE POGES CHURCH, BUCKS.**—Two trebles to complete the ring of 8, tenor 13½ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Dedication by the Bishop of Buckingham on Sunday, May 29th, at 11 o'clock. Bells available for ringing for a short time after the service.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Practice at Southwark Cathedral, Tuesday, May 31st; St. Mary-le-Bow, June 7th, at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—WEDNESDAY meeting of Burton District.—An experimental mid-week meeting will be held at Netherseale on June 1st. Bells (8) available at 5 p.m. Victoria buses leave Burton 4.10 and 6.10. Hearty invitation to all ringers.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Hoathly (6 bells recently augmented) on Saturday, June 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by meeting. All welcome, but those requiring tea must notify by Wednesday prior to meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 4th. St. Michael's bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. and St. Stephen's (6) after tea. All welcome, especially those who come prepared to ring or call a new method.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Graham, 5, Pipworth Lane, Eckington, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sandhurst (6 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea (at small charge) 5.30. Please inform Mr. J. Moth, Willow Cottage, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, by June 1st. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Walesby (8 bells) instead of Washingborough, as arranged, on Saturday, June 4th. Bring your own tea and picnic on the hilltop. Market Rasen (8 bells) will be available after tea.—F. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to all who notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Staffs, not later than June 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—The annual festival of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please send along.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL AT LEEDS.**—Week-end visitors will be welcome for service ringing on Whit Sunday at Christ Church, Armley (9.30 to 10.30 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.). Tramway cars No. 14, from Leeds City Square, fare 2d., alight Moorfield Road.—H. Loft-house, Tower Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the

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**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day. All tickets to be applied for by May 30th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 1s. 6d. to members if application for tickets (without sending money) be made before June 1st to Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 11.30 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House at 12.15 p.m. Lunch will be arranged at the Golden Fleece at 1.15 p.m. (approx.) for those who notify me by Friday, June 3rd. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (8), Little Waltham (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.**—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, June 8th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a gathering at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Ripple ('twixt Upton and Tewkesbury) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business. Glos. ringers very welcome. Tea is being kindly provided gratis so be sure to send word by June 7th please.—George E. Large, 1, Windwill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me by June 9th.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

**SATURDAY, June 18th, at Rickmansworth, 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.**

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—July 2nd is the date of the summer meeting at Reading. Will all members please book this date? There will be ringing on various peals of bells in the vicinity to suit all tastes. Full details will be published shortly.—Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, N.W., on Saturday, July 9th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

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**LEIGHTON BUZZARD.**—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major on Sunday, March 27th, for evening service: \*K. Gilbert 1, \*Doris E. Lidbetter 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, H. B. Whitney 4, W. Botsford 5, F. J. Plummer 6, J. Nicholls 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 3rd.

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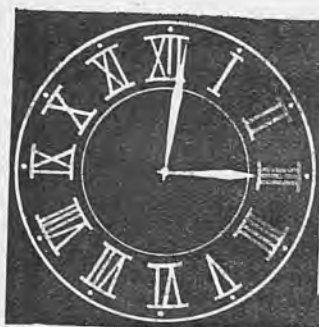
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Through the intervening years thousands of aspiring ringers have improved their knowledge of the art through a study of the books of the Snowdon series, and have had their interest stimulated by the historical records which Jasper Snowdon collected and incorporated in his works. Those who followed Snowdon, however, had not necessarily his simple methods of exposition and the volume upon Stedman, which appeared nearly twenty years after Jasper Snowdon's death, suffered somewhat from this defect. The contributors were all able men, who spoke with authority and comprehensive knowledge of their subject, but 'Stedman,' taken as a whole, was rather 'indigestible' for the average ringer; indeed, except for the very serious student, it was both too deep, and, if possible, too comprehensive. Its contents, however, were something that needed to be put on record, for they were the outcome of the work of some of the best minds the Exercise has produced, but the demands of to-day, in the much expanded circle of the Exercise, are for the most part in the direction of something more concise and easily grasped. Ringers want the surface facts that

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will enable them to ring the method and to compose if they desire to do so. They are, in the case of the vast majority, not interested in the deeper reasons upon which the facts rely, and Miss Margaret Snowden, who through her father and mother has succeeded her uncle, Jasper Snowden, as the publisher of these books, has done the Exercise a service in putting on the market a new 'Stedman' that will meet the present day demand and the modern idea of what a ringing text book should be. In this she has been fortunate in securing the collaboration of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, who has written, for the purpose, an entirely new treatise on the method. It reveals another of his many-sided gifts as a writer. The work has literary finish as well as clarity of exposition, and will, we feel sure, prove as popular among ringers of all classes as any of the books in this famous series.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 VERSION. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HRWETT ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*HARRY T. CHANDLER ... Treble	ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 7
FRANK VARTY ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 8
G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 9
CECIL L. GUY ... .. 5	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

\* First attempt for a ten-bell peal. Rung in celebration of Empire Day and as a compliment to S. O'Shaughnessy on the occasion of his recent marriage.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK DUFFY ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
†JOHN BROADBENT ... .. 2	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
†WILLIAM BROADBENT ... .. 3	†FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
GEORGE HISLOP ... .. 4	*WILLIAM EDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Liverpool.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WM. BIRMINGHAM.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY ... .. Treble	*JAMES CLAY ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 2	EDMUND G. KETT ... .. 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
FREDERICK W. ADCOCK ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. W. R. COATES.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
*MISS RENE REDPATH ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal in the method. H. Hoverd's 100th peal on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
JAMES TOPP ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HARWICH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 5
*MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	†WALTER FELGATE ... .. 6
GEORGE WATERMAN ... 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 7
†FREDERICK C. RAMPLIN ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.  
A birthday peal for Miss Andrews.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WM. RICHES ... .. Treble	T. W. LOCKWOOD ... .. 5
AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2	S. W. ARBON ... .. 6
*WM. FOSTER ... .. 3	L. E. ETHERIDGE ... .. 7
ROBERT RAYNER ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by R. RICHES.

\* First peal of Major.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*EDWARD HOLT ... .. Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 7
*HARRY W. HASLAM ... .. 4	EDWARD W. BLAKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*PERCY GREAVES ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
†GEORGE PAYNE ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. Treble	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 5
LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 2	JOHN H. STITCH ... .. 6
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 3	EDWARD KEMP ... .. 7
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... .. 4	RICHARD C. CLARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Runter.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	*RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 6
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 4	*GEORGE MASKELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal in the method.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*CLAUDE WOODARD ... .. Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	CHARLES G. SHEMMING ... 6
WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
*CLEM W. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	ROBERT J. STEED ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED SMITH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 5
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 25 cwt.

GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate Empire Day.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 5
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 21).

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN

\* First peal of Bob Major.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble	HERBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 7
HERBERT TOURLE ... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

ESORICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	*FRED TERRY ... .. 5
*MISS DOROTHY M. HAWLEY ... 2	*HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
*EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 3	*WILLIAM TERRY ... .. 7
*MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4	ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

\* First peal in the method. First attempt in the method as conductor.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*W. ALLEN WILLIAMS ... Treble	WALLACE DOBBINS ... .. 5
HAYDEN DOBBINS ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 7
JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	D. ALLEN ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal and first attempt. Specially arranged in honour of the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. Princess Royal on this day; also in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... Treble	C. GEORGE SMITH ... .. 4
OLIVER HINES ... .. 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... .. 5
FRANK SHARPE ... .. 3	SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Canon H. E. Fitzherbert on the last day of his incumbency of the parish of Seale. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's Church.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	LESLIE HOUGHTON ... .. 5
HORACE TUTTLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
*MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor.

HINTON ADMIRAL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Consisting of 40 six-scores, with 10 variations of calling and one 240, Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 3
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 4
†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 3	

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

**TETSWORTH, OXFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
 (SOUTH OXON AND MID BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Five callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.  
 JOHN STONE ... .. Treble | JAMES HEDGES ... .. 4  
 RICHARD LINDARS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM GIBBARD ... .. 5  
 ALFRED PEASLEY ... .. 3 | THOMAS LAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GIBBARD.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. Rung for the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

**TEMPSFORD, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being the extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
 Tenor 9½ cwt.

HUGH HARDING ... .. Treble | REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4  
 ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5  
 C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

**CLIFTON, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

\*GEOFFREY W. MAYES ... .. Treble | HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4  
 \*EDWIN C. BUCK ... .. 2 | PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 5  
 JOHN CHURCH ... .. 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

\* First peal in five methods.

**CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.**

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

SYDNEY SMITH ... .. Treble | JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 4  
 HARRY PURCHASE ... .. 2 | ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5  
 CLAUDE TARR ... .. 3 | EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

First peal of Oxford by all, also on the bells.

**STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

\*VERA GOODERHAM ... .. Treble | ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 3  
 \*LEONARD LOCK ... .. 2 | \*FREDERICK G. POPPY ... .. 4  
 \*WILLIAM A. LOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

\* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

**WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four extents of Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.  
 Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

LOUIS RICHARDSON ... .. Treble | GEORGE WALL ... .. 4  
 JOHN A. BROWN ... .. 2 | THOMAS W. DODD ... .. 5  
 WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3 | STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

A compliment to the treble ringer on the celebration of his 70th birthday.

**DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.**

**THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.  
 EDWARD STEEL ... .. Treble | NEVILLE HOLLAND ... .. 4  
 WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5  
 JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... .. 3 | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Holland.

**KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.**

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. Treble | \*GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 4  
 HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2 | BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5  
 \*WILLIAM CURZON ... .. 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal of Minor in four methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

**HARTEST, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE GARWOOD ... .. Treble | ARTHUR W. ROLFE ... .. 3  
 FREDERICK H. COOPER ... .. 2 | FREDERICK PAYNE ... .. 4  
 STANLEY HONEYBULL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. ROLFE.

**STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.**

**THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, May 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Seven extents in ten methods: (1) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER LYCETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4  
 THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5  
 FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3 | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in ten methods in the county, by all the band, and for the association.

**TREGARE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, May 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Percy's Pleasure, London, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire.  
 Tenor 8 cwt.

\*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble | \*CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 3  
 †JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2 | \*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4  
 \*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal of Doubles in seven methods. † First peal as conductor in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

**SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Monday, May 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being five 720's of Oxford and two of Kent. Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH ... .. Treble | F. WHATLING ... .. 4  
 A. LING ... .. 2 | O. NEWSON ... .. 5  
 J. FORD ... .. 3 | W. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WHATLING.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Penge, S.E.,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt.  
\*GEORGE W. FOGDEN... ..Treble | †FREDERICK V. CROSSKEY... 4  
†EDGAR J. BARRETT... ..2 | †NORMAN T. HEXT... ..5  
†DENNIS G. BROWN... ..3 | †PHILIP A. CORBY... ..Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. † First peal on six bells.  
The first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, May 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob (rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

\*WILLIAM C. WOODLEY... ..Treble | JAMES D. TAYLOR... ..4  
EDWARD T. BARRETT... ..2 | BRYAN O'NEILL... ..5  
†GEORGE J. BERRY... ..3 | CYRIL A. BURGESS... ..Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL A. BURGESS.

\* First peal other than Doubles. † First peal in five methods. First attempt to call a 720 by the conductor.

## FLITTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Being an extent each of London, York, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD... ..Treble | LEWIS H. BYWATERS... ..4  
RONALD J. SHARP... ..2 | FRANK WARRINGTON... ..5  
C. HENRY HARDING... ..3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

## BARKING SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD... ..Treble | HARRY D. LISTER... ..4  
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS... ..2 | EDWIN A. CRACKNELL... ..5  
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER... ..3 | URBAN W. WILDNEY... ..Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

## LONDON.

## THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, May 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, S.W.,

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

Tenor size 15.

WILLIAM E. JUDD... ..1-2 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..5-6  
ERNEST C. S. TURNER... ..3-4 | \*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES... ..7-8

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): E. Askill (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Draycott 2, C. E. Rayson 3, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 4, J. Ford (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, J. E. Moreton 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. Gibbons 8. On Mothering Sunday for the family service, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. Ford 1, Mrs. A. H. Beamish 2, J. Gibbons 3, J. Draycott 4, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 5, J. E. Moreton 6.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, March 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,312 changes): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, E. G. Cottis 4, R. Fenn 5, F. G. Newman 6, C. E. Faulkner 7, F. Freestone 8. Rung on the birthday of R. Fenn.

**PEAL NOTES.**

## FIVE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

Five different Surprise Major methods figure in the peal reports in this issue—and they do not include either Cambridge, Superlative or Bristol!

A peal of London Surprise Royal, rung by a band mostly associated with this method at Beddington, Surrey, is another feature of the peals recorded this week. It was rung for the Sussex Association at St. Peter's, Brighton, and, despite the rarity of the performance, there were no 'stars.'

The peal at Chatteris, Cambs, on May 14th, recorded last week, was rung in honour of the recent wedding of Mr. S. Murphy, who has been a member of the local band of ringers for 12 years.

Members of the Shropshire Association scored the first peal in ten methods in the county and by the Shropshire Association when they included four methods in one extent in a peal of Minor at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath on May 22nd.

On the heavy going ring at Colston Bassett, Notts—the tenor is 22½ cwt.—a peal of Bob Major was rung on May 21st. After the ringing the band greatly appreciated the tea kindly provided by Mrs. Creasy.

Tetsworth (Oxfordshire) ringers are to be congratulated upon scoring their first peal. It was the first peal on the bells and the first by all the band, and was rung on May 17th for the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells, a little ring of six with a tenor of less than 5 cwt.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Hawkhurst, Kent, on May 21st, was the first in the method on the bells for the Kent County Association. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. W. Jarvis, wife of one of the Hawkhurst band, who, with Mr. G. Maskell, rang his first peal in the method.

Mr. Claud Woodard rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on May 21st, and thus 'completed the circle' of the tower.

When the King and Queen visited Liverpool on May 19th, a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event was rung at St. Peter's, Woolton. Mr. George Hislop, who is 75 years of age, took part and rang his first peal after a lapse of more than 20 years.

Members of the Sunday service band at Stowmarket, Suffolk, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on May 21st.

The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at Pulham on May 21st. It was also the first peal in the method by all the band.

## YOUNG BAND'S GOOD PROGRESS.

The bells of Stoke Ash, Suffolk, were augmented to five in May last year. Mr. Ernest Poppy then set to work to build up a band, and so well have his pupils progressed that four of them, with their instructor, rang a peal in three methods of Doubles, the first on the bells, on May 21st. Great credit is due to them for so quickly becoming proficient and for ringing a well-struck peal. It was Mr. Poppy's first peal on five bells.

The 70th birthday of Mr. Louis Richardson, of Whickham, Co. Durham, was celebrated by a peal of Minor on May 21st. Mr. Richardson has been a ringer at Whickham Church since the augmentation of the bells from three to six 50 years ago, and is now the only member of the original band still taking an active part in ringing. Mr. Richardson and members of his family entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal, and his hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The first peal on the six bells at King's Bromley, Staffs, was rung on May 21st.

Another first peal on the bells was that at Tregare, Monmouthshire, also a ring of five, where 5,040 in seven methods of Doubles was rung prior to evening service on May 22nd.

Tregare is the fiftieth tower in which Mr. J. P. Hyett has conducted a peal.

Miss Daisy Andrews, who is coming into prominence in peal ringing in Essex, rang her first peal of Major on May 21st at Harwich in celebration of her birthday. Horace Wright and Urban Wildney rang their 25th peal together.

A peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on May 24th, in celebration of Empire Day. It was also a compliment to Mr. S. O'Shaughnessy on the occasion of his recent marriage, which took place at Charles' Church, Plymouth. Mr. Frank Varty, of Cheshire, who took part in the peal, was elected a non-resident life member of the Devon Guild.

There were six 'firsts in the method' and the first in the method as conductor in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Escrick, Yorkshire, on May 25th. The band included two ladies.

A peal of Bob Major was rung at Smethwick, Staffs, on May 25th. The last peal on the bells was rung in April, 1926. They are now a very rough going ring and badly need the attentions of the 'hanger' in all ways. The peal was arranged so that several ringers who reside in Smethwick could ring one there before it is 'too late.' 'Swindon James' had not previously rung a peal there, so he, also, added this tower to his collection.

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**A LINK WITH FABIAN STEDMAN.**

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The peal of Doubles rung at Hartest, Suffolk, on May 21st, is of special interest, inasmuch as Hartest was the parish to which the Rev. Richard Duckworth was appointed Rector in 1660.

Duckworth was an Oxford man and a keen ringer. After he went to Hartest he came into contact with Fabian Stedman at Cambridge; between them they compiled the 'Tintinnalogia,' the first book on change ringing, of which Duckworth was the author.

Mr. J. A. Trollope in his 'College Youths' (published by 'The Ringing World,' 5s. 6d. post free) gives some most interesting information on this and other similar historic matters in a chapter on 'Fabian Stedman and his contemporaries.'

The six bells at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Penge, were rehung not long ago, and the first peal on them since the restoration was carried out was rung on May 23rd. Four of the ringers, who belong to the local band and are all under 20 years of age—indeed, three of them are still at school—rang their first peal.

The 'first pealers' acquitted themselves with credit, a high standard of striking being maintained throughout. The treble man, G. W. Rogden, also learned to ring at this tower.

The encouragement which the Vicar, the Rev. B. P. Mohan, has given to the ringers since coming to the parish 18 months ago has been of great assistance, and his kindness in allowing the peal attempt to be made was much appreciated.

The first peal on the bells at Saxmundham, Suffolk, since they were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, was rung on May 23rd.

In honour of the birthday of Queen Mary and the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Swansea, on May 27th.

In the past many peals in Surprise and other methods were rung at Smethwick in the days when 'Joe' Pigott and his talented sisters, Sarah and Kate, were in the news with peal ringing.

A scheme has been 'on the anvil' for having these bells recast, but money at present is required for a new Parish Hall.

The Hertfordshire band who have 'taken up the running' in ringing new Surprise methods have added two more, rung within four days—Kendal Surprise at Bushey, and Hitchin Surprise at Hitchin. Both were rung without any previous practice.

The only difference in the methods, on paper, is that, in the sections when the treble is behind, Kendal has a 6th's place, while Hitchin has a 3rd's place, but the difference 'messes up' the diagram more than a bit.

Both peals were composed and conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

The South-Eastern Division held a meeting at Boreham on Saturday, April 30th, 39 members and friends attending from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Fryerning, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Kelvedon and Brentwood.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Dobnee, who warmly welcomed the ringers to Boreham. The lesson was read by the Divisional Master, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, and the singing was accompanied by the organist.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the ladies of the local ringers, and at the business meeting the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and Reginald L. Orth, of All Saints', Maldon, Patrick J. Spencer-Phillips and Lewis Castleton, of Great Baddow, were elected ringing members.

The Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, conducting the service and for his address, also to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, the organist and the organ blower.

The Vicar, in reply, reiterated his welcome and hoped the association would come again soon. He expressed his appreciation of being elected an honorary member of the association.

After a few touches on handbells, a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in a variety of methods until 9 p.m., when another enjoyable meeting was brought to a close.

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Before he left Netherseale, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 30th, Canon H. E. Fitzherbert visited the belfry and wished the ringers success and said good-bye to the local band, who rang a farewell peal.

A conductor who had never previously attempted to call a 720, called a peal in five Minor methods at Hitcham, Bucks, on May 25th. This was Cyril A. Burgess, of St. Peter's Society, Burnham. He and two other members of his society, with three Hitcham ringers, made up the band.

The number of changes in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung on handbells at Stockport for the Lancashire Association, on April 7th, was 5,056, not 5,024 as published.

Mr. Pat Cannon secured another 'first peal on the bells' when he called a 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles at Hinton Admiral, Hants, on May 17th. The bells were cast by Taylor and Co., 1884. The occasion of the peal was the tenth anniversary of the conductor's first attempt to handle a bell at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, and it was Mrs. F. J. Marshall's 25th peal.

Mr. Harry Hoverd, of Dartford, rang his one hundredth peal on the bells at Crayford on May 20th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The demonstration of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's latest ringing machine at a meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association at Giggleswick on June 18th should be a great attraction. The machine can now 'ring' Spliced Surprise Major.

In a printed notice sent out to the members, they are asked to make this meeting into an outing, 'and give a treat to those "ringers' widows" who have waited at home so patiently all the long winter.'

The attraction at another meeting—at Sharnford in the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association—on June 11th is the trial of a set of 'silencers' which have been acquired for the benefit of the outside public on practice nights.

## DIFFICULTIES OF 'ROPE-SIGHT.'

THE ADVICE OF AN EXPERT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The difficulty of acquiring 'rope-sight' is one that is common to all learners. The reasons are usually twofold:—

1. Altering the focus of the eyes.

2. Gazing too long at the rope one is following.

Let us take the first. The learner usually looks and sees the sally carefully into his hands, then probably to a distance for the next rope to follow. Well, his eyes will not focus quick enough for such procedure.

Keep the eyes as near as possible to a fixed focus, that of the opposite side of the circle, and flash them round as you would in crossing a busy thoroughfare. Your own rope will always come into your vision, but never focus your eyes upon it.

The second difficulty, that of gazing too long at the bell one is following:—

One has only to remember that once a bell leaves the balance, whether it is a good or a bad stroke, it cannot be altered, therefore the time that it takes in its revolution must be occupied in looking out for the next rope to follow.

There is not much difference between 'road-sight' and 'rope-sight.' Going from lead to the back or vice versa is only like crossing a busy thoroughfare. It would be fatal if one used his eyes to see his feet get firmly planted on the ground instead of observing the oncoming traffic.

A good remedy to break one of these bad habits is to write out a plain course or two, with sufficiently large enough figures to enable them to be read from the opposite side of the ringing room. Place this on the wall opposite your own bell. Then with tied clapper and a friend to check, see if you can read and mention the bell you should be following at each pull. Ring your bell in this practice at your ordinary speed. This practice will also help you in learning a method.

G. LINDOFF.

90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.

## RINGING AT VICTORIA CATHEDRAL.

YOUNG CANADIAN RINGERS' PROGRESS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am enclosing the following news from Victoria, B.C., which I think may be of interest to some of your readers.

On Sunday, April 24th, the ashes of the Very Rev. Dean Quainton and of his wife, Mrs. Quainton, were placed in the wall of Christ Church Cathedral after the morning service, and half-muffled ringing took place immediately afterwards, the method being Grandsire Triples.

On Friday, April 29th, at 8 p.m., the Cathedral bells were rung for one hour to welcome the Very Rev. Spencer Elliott, M.A., on his arrival from England to take up the post of Dean and Rector. Several touches of 168 Grandsire Triples and plain courses were rung and very well struck. Several of the band were young ringers who have only learned to ring since the bells were installed.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Sexton and the new Dean came up into the ringing chamber and the ringers had the pleasure of meeting them. Dean Elliott expressed great interest in the bells and the art of change ringing, and he and his three children climbed up into the belfry and watched the bells while they were being rung.

On Sunday, May 1st, the bells were specially rung before and after the service of institution and installation of the new Rector and Dean. The service was very impressive and every part of the building was filled.

The ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire Triples, the bells also being 'fired.'

Christ Church Cathedral bells are broadcast on short and long wave C.F.C.T. every Sunday evening at 7.15 p.m., and are appreciated by listeners as far as 700 miles away at Banff, in the Rocky Mountains. They were also heard in the Empire broadcast for three minutes after the Coronation procession last year.

The Victoria ringers are very proud of their bells and look forward to the time when they can tell you they have rung the first 5,040.

The scale of the bells is D flat; the tenor 29½ cwt., the actual swinging weight with stock 35 cwt.

E. W. IZARD.

980, Arundel Drive, Victoria, B.C.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—21.****ROBERT MATTHEWS.**

For 40 years Mr. Robert Matthews has been ringing in Worcestershire, and his services to the art in and around that county have done much to build up the reputation which the Worcestershire Association holds in the Exercise.

Mr. Matthews, who was born at Wordsley, Staffs, began his ringing career at Wollaston, Worcestershire, in 1898, and for many years was attached to this six-bell tower. His first peal was one of Bob Major, rung on March 14th, 1903, at Brierley Hill, and his first as conductor was in the same method, rung at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, in February, 1904.

He was the first Master of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and held the office from 1910-12. He was Master of the association in 1924-25.

Mr. Matthews has rung more peals for the Worcestershire Association than any other member, and some of them have been notable performances. His peal total is 583, including four on handbells, of which he has conducted 369, including his first on handbells.

He has taken part in 'silent' peals of Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Major and Cambridge Maximus; and conducted the record peal of 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909, and what was, at the time, also a record, the 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major at Clent in 1910. He has also conducted, from each bell, a peal in

seven Minor methods, and in Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. He has called peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman, and rung peals on six, eight, ten and twelve bells in Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, having called a peal in all of these, except Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Maximus.

Mr. Matthews' peals have been rung in 77 towers in seven counties, and they have included the first Surprise peals rung in Herefordshire, Radnorshire and Brecknockshire.

**Next week: Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen.**

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****GUILDFORD DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW SECRETARY.**

A 13th century church (one of the oldest in Surrey), an ancient holy well containing water of medicinal value similar to that found at Lourdes, and a belfry with an extra long draught. These are features of interest in the comparatively isolated Surrey village of Dunsfold, and on Saturday, despite a rainy day, attracted upwards of 36, including the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer of the Guild, to the Guildford District meeting.

The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) conducted the service, and, dispensing with the orthodox address, gave an interesting discourse on the church.

An old coach house adjoining the Rectory was utilised for tea and for the business meeting which followed.

The Rector took the chair, and at the commencement of the meeting Mr. A. C. Hazelden welcomed the new district secretary (Mr. W. F. J. Cope). Referring to Mr. Cope's forthcoming marriage, he expressed good wishes for the future on behalf of the members.—The Secretary suitably replied, and said he would do his best to follow the high standard set by Mr. Grover (now Guild secretary). He hoped all members would give him their support.

The Guild secretary referred to the recent sad bereavement sustained by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (their former secretary), and the meeting stood in silence.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the organist and to those who had assisted with tea.

Further ringing followed, and a number of members also set out to sample the somewhat unmelodious five bells of Hascombe Church.



**MR. ROBERT MATTHEWS.**

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT TADCASTER.****Suggested Chain of Office for President.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Tadcaster on May 21st, when, by kind permission of the Rev. R. J. Hall, A.K.O. (Vicar), the splendid ring of eight bells was available. Glorious weather prevailed throughout, and upwards of 140 ringers and friends were present in the course of the afternoon and evening. This is considered very satisfactory indeed, as all the districts were well represented, and it was the first occasion that the association has met at this delightful town.

The bells were going early in a variety of methods, while many availed themselves of listening to their glorious tones on the river side.

A brief service was conducted by the Vicar and was greatly appreciated by the members. An excellent tea followed, to which over 100 sat down. As usual, many more were present than had applied.

The general meeting which followed was presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton) and the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. Lewis, P. J. Johnson, F. Cryer and H. Gibson). Arising out of the minutes, the President pointed out that at the last meeting it was decided to hold the next at Knaresborough, but as it had been found inconvenient, it was found necessary to find another place. He was glad indeed that, by the kind courtesy of the Vicar and ringers, they were able to come to Tadcaster instead, and he was sure that if the number present was any criterion, an excellent alternative had been selected. It was gratifying that so many should be present on the first occasion that the association had met at Tadcaster.

Before proceeding with the business, the President drew attention to the great loss the association had sustained in the death of the Southern Division's secretary, Mr. Fred Clark, and, as a mark of respect, the meeting stood in silence.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens. He assured them that the association were very grateful for the kindness extended to them, and congratulated them on the praiseworthy arrangements made.

The Vicar of Tadcaster, who replied, said it was indeed a pleasure to have the association. He hoped that they would make Tadcaster the venue of another meeting, adding that they would be very welcome at any time.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies who officiated at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who in reminiscent mood told of his early associations with Tadcaster. (A voice, interposing: The brewery?) He also made some pointed remarks to those who did not send in their names for tea, adding that it often caused considerable embarrassment to those who were voluntarily doing their best to cater for the members' comfort.—The motion was seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer and carried unanimously.—Mr. W. Hick, in reply, said he was very glad indeed to see so many present, and assured them that it was a pleasure to the Tadcaster ringers to have contributed to the success of the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to try and arrange the next meeting, to be held in September, at York, or, failing that, at Beverley.

The President drew attention to a circular which had been received from the president of the Lancashire Association inviting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a memorial stained glass window to the late Canon H. J. Elsee. It was agreed that the committee's recommendation of subscribing three guineas be endorsed.

A notice of motion to amend Rule 2 was then debated, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Barton, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis, it was decided to amend the rule in accordance with the terms embodied in the notice of motion.

Messrs. H. Jackson and G. W. Fletcher were elected out county members of the association.

The President next made a statement relative to the Central Council meeting, which is to be held in Leeds on Whitsun Tuesday. He pointed out that the sub-committee had almost completed arrangements, and extended a hearty welcome to any members who cared to avail themselves of these arrangements. An itinerary had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' giving particulars in full.

Mr. F. G. Sherwood raised a point relative to the office of president. He felt it most fitting that the president should have a chain of office.

A lively discussion ensued, and it was eventually decided that the matter be again raised at the next general meeting, on the grounds that it was not desirable to take a decision until the members had had sufficient time to fully consider the matter for themselves.

Mr. S. F. Palmer reminded the members that the next Snowdon Dinner would be held in Sheffield on October 8th, adding that they had been fortunate in obtaining excellent premises, and that the cost of the dinner would be only 4s.

This concluded the business, some visiting the tower for further ringing, others preferring to debate quietly which was best; Sam Smith's Surprise, or John Smith's Treble Bob. Bus and train time arrived all too quickly, bringing to a close a memorable and well patronised meeting.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. FESTIVAL AT LYME REGIS.

### A Successful Year.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Lyme Regis, Dorset, on May 21st, and despite the fact that the venue was in an extreme corner of this large diocese, which includes almost the whole of two counties, there was an attendance of about 180, including many old members. Service was held at midday in the Parish Church, of which one of the best known clerical ringers, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, is Vicar. The Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Guild, conducted the service, Canon W. Jacob, R.D., read the lesson, and in the course of the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four of the Lyme Regis ringers, including the Vicar.

In his address the Vicar said one could not help feeling sorry for the parish which never heard its bells, either because they had no bells or no ringers, because bells did more than people realised to maintain the real English atmosphere of the countryside. They were a heritage of the past, and it would be a real disaster if parishes were to lose them.

A collection of £2 2s. is to be devoted towards diocesan memorials to the late Archdeacon Carpenter and the late Canon Christopher Wordsworth.

At a luncheon which followed in the Church Hall, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master of the Guild, who has recently recovered from a long illness, presided, and he was supported by the Mayor of Lyme Regis (Alderman W. J. Emmett), the Rev. Canon Hellins, D.D., of Marnhull, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the Rev. C. F. Urquhart (Rector of Chideock), Messrs. H. J. Ramsbotham and C. H. Sutton (Lyme Regis churchwardens), and others. A message was received from Lord Shaftesbury, president of the Guild, regretting his inability to be present.

### MAYORAL WELCOME.

The Mayor welcomed the Guild to Lyme Regis and said he was particularly pleased to be present, as he was a ringer at one time.

Lyme Regis to-day, he added, was fortunate in having one of the few clerical ringers in the diocese, in their Vicar. Under his able instruction, scientific change ringing had progressed and peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples had been rung by the local band.

It was a great pleasure to him last year to unveil a peal board erected in the belfry to record a peal of Stedman Triples, rung in honour of the Coronation. It was the first peal of its nature rung by a local band in Dorset.

At the annual business session, the chairman (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) was unanimously reappointed Master. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, Devizes; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. D. G. Newman, Gillingham, and Mr. W. Hinks, Kington Magna. The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. E. G. Coward. Mr. Martin Stewart (Ferndown) was added to the list of vice-presidents, and Mrs. Wooldridge (Long Burton) was made an hon. life member.

The hon. secretary, in his annual report, made mention of several notable events in the past year, foremost among them being the Coronation festivities, in which the ringers of the Salisbury diocese fulfilled their important function in the national celebrations with a good will, and the bells of the parish churches paid their loyal tribute with jubilant acclaim. Five peals were successfully accomplished on Coronation Day and four more during the three days following. To celebrate the Coronation, also, the eight bells at Poole were augmented to ten, so that Dorset now possessed two rings of ten. The year 1937 also witnessed the jubilee of the first peal ever rung in Salisbury—Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Thomas Blackburn at St. Martin's on September 3rd, 1887. To mark the fiftieth anniversary, a peal in the same method, conducted by F. W. Romaine, was rung in the same church on September 4th, 1937. Mr. Hewlett, of Puddletown, was congratulated on completing half a century as a ringer.

### 'CANNED' BELLS.

One branch of the Guild, continued the report, had unfortunately been inactive during most of the year, but the officers recently selected have made a good beginning, and it was hoped that the current year would produce gratifying results. The records of the other seven branches all tell of good, steady work, and the variety of methods rung at some of the meetings testified to a marked degree of enterprise and progress. Two meetings of the Dorchester Branch were very largely attended, and the annual meeting attained historic importance through the discussion that took place on the substitution of gramophone records for real bells. The vigorous protest of Dorset ringers against 'canned bell music' as one of the latest eccentricities of this mechanical age attracted wide attention in the public press, not only in this country, but even in America. Although in the particular instance that gave rise to the discussion the circumstances were such as to justify the use of record and amplifier, it is devoutly to be hoped that such artificial substitutes for the real thing will be severely confined to quite exceptional cases.

The peal record for 1937 showed several features of interest. The eleven rung to celebrate the Coronation included a peal of Stedman Triples at Lyme Regis, believed to be the first in Dorset by an entirely local band. A peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster was the

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### YOUNG RINGERS AT BOLTON BRANCH MEETING.

Another very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday last.

Here there is a grand peal of bells, with a tenor of about 19 cwt., the tone and 'go' of which are all that is desired. The Vicar, the Rev. Bailey, and his daughter, together with Mr. Potter, were present to welcome visitors, and very early in the afternoon the tower was packed with ringers and remained so until 9 p.m.

Apart from representatives of many towers in the branch, there were visitors from Prestwick, Stretford, Worsley, Preston, Middleton, Wigan, Standish, Upholland, etc.

Again the younger members turned up in large numbers, and some showed a definite advancement since the last meeting held a month ago. The older members have answered the call, with the result that many benefited in the higher methods, and the striking throughout the meeting was very good.

It was decided to alter the place and date of the next meeting from Blackrod, June 25th, to Bolton on June 18th. The Ladies' Guild are holding a meeting at Bolton Parish Church on that date. It was also decided, owing to such large numbers turning up, to have two towers open for ringing.

An expression of sympathy was passed with the editor of 'The Ringing World' in his recent bereavement.

The Vicar brought a lady visitor from America. She was shown the bells working up in the bell loft and handbell ringing, and methods and bell tuning were briefly explained. She was greatly impressed and very interested in the subject.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 21st, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Hastings (St. Clement's, All Saints' and Christ Church, Blacklands), Waldron, Northiam, Hailsham, Brede, Battle, together with Mr. H. J. Eldred (Barnet), Mr. T. H. Taffender (Streatham) and members of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. B. W. Dinison), who gave an interesting address. The Rector being unable to attend, the tea and business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. T. H. Taffender. One new member, Miss Betty Rayfield, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, was elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

Excellent practice was held both in the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, and several members rang their first touch in a fresh method. It was very gratifying to see so many young members present.

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first Masonic peal in Dorset, rung as a welcome to Bishop Lovett, himself, like their president, a distinguished member of the Order. A peal of Grandsire Caters at Trowbridge was rung in honour of the Duke of Kent's visit to open the Agricultural Show, while the year's record was completed by one of Stedman Cinques at the same tower on New Year's Eve to commemorate the centenary of Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the well-known shorthand system, who was a native of Trowbridge.

The band of ringers at Marnhull, after completing over 40 years of united service, had suffered their first loss by the passing of Alfred Drew. Amongst other losses inflicted by death, one had been taken from them, who was, to the best of their knowledge, the oldest member of the Guild: Canon Christopher Wordsworth had subscribed to the Guild as an honorary member for 38 years and passed away at the venerable age of 89.

The report concluded with an expression of sincere appreciation of the good work done by the officers of the Guild throughout the diocese and warmest thanks to the hon. members for their generous support.

### RESTORATION GRANTS.

The balance sheet showed contributions from the branches amounting to £39 14s. 6d., subscriptions from hon. members and associates £15 9s., life members £1 10s., and £1 18s. 3d. from sale of badges and certificates. The expenditure was £60 17s. 9d., including grants of £6 6s. for bell restorations, and the balance in hand £64 7s. 4d., a reduction of £2 6s. on the year.

The balance sheet was adopted, and it was decided to make grants to the parishes of Chiseldon, Wyke Regis and Hilpertown for the renovation of their bells.

Dr. Hellins thanked the local Guild, of which Mr. J. E. Philbrick is hon. secretary, for the arrangements for the day, and the organist (Mr. Pocock) and choir for their services.

The Rev. Carew Cox said that Mr. F. Price, a local ringer, would be attaining his 50th year as a ringer soon, and he wished to offer congratulations to him.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, editor of 'The Ringing World,' in the bereavement suffered by the death of his wife.

Subsequently the ringers visited towers at Bradpole, Bridport, Whitchurch, Canoncorum, Chideock, Burton, Bradstock, Evershot, Symondsburry, Litton Cheney, Loders, Netherbury, Hawkechurch, Uplyme, in addition to the Lyme Regis tower, and in all these places made good use of the bells.



**HARTHILL AND ITS BELLS.****MEETING OF NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A glorious summer afternoon heralded a good meeting of the North Notts Association at Harthill, near Sheffield, on Saturday, May 21st. This village, although in a mining area, is as typically rural as any village could be; the fine church dominates the scene, and the bells are a credit to its tower. The octave, tenor 19 cwt. (approx.), was recently recast and rehung, and this was the first official meeting of the association since the rededication. About 45 ringers were present from the surrounding district, including the new band and most of those who have trained them. The bells are a little noisy from the ringing chamber, but run very well, and touches of Minor, Triples and Major in a variety of methods were brought round, although attempts at some methods had to be abandoned.

Tea in the Parish Room, hard by the church, was followed by the business meeting. The Rev. H. R. Everson took the chair and very heartily welcomed the association. His church, he said, had the best peal of bells anywhere, and the village was the finest in England. He did not know where all the ringers' homes were, but they were definitely in not such a grand place as Harthill (laughter).

Arising from the minutes of the Everton meeting, recording the appreciation by the Vicar of that village of his ringers' services, the Rev. H. R. Everson said how much he appreciated the hard work his ringers had done in becoming efficient and ringing the bells regularly.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on June 11th.

All the ringers at Harthill were elected members, these numbering twelve, and the Rev. H. R. Everson and Mr. H. Garbutt were elected vice-presidents.

At the Rector's request, Mr. Garbutt, who was largely responsible for the reinstallation of the peal, made a short speech. The old bells, he said, were, without doubt, among the worst in the country; the tone was very bad and they were almost unringable. Three years ago a public meeting was held to decide whether they were to be allowed to remain in that condition or whether a new peal was to be hung. The vote was in favour of raising the necessary £600 for a ring of eight. The population of 1,000, many of whom were dependent on the coal pits for a livelihood, showed that tremendous effort would be required, but by means of pageants and donations this sum was raised to remain in that condition or whether a new peal was to be hung. He was grateful for the support by outsiders, who realised, as he did, that the ringing of bells was a very real part of church life, and he was very pleased to see so many ringers present.

Suggestions as to mitigating the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber were made by ringers who had had previous experience of similar conditions; sawdust in a false floor, felting and wool slag were some of the recommendations for the Rector to consider.

After the meeting some of the ringers returned to the tower, while others visited the Rectory garden, a grand 'old-fashioned' garden of a type now so seldom seen. More ringing until about 9 p.m. brought a very enjoyable afternoon to a close.

**A TRURO FESTIVAL.**

The Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild held their spring festival at Kenwyn on Saturday, May 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. Thomas. Kenwyn has one of the best rings of eight in Cornwall, and is very beautifully situated, overlooking the city of Truro and the River Fal.

The ringers were welcomed by Canon Thomas at 2.30 p.m. Later he conducted a very impressive service and addressed the ringers on the important duty of service ringing. Seventy ringers were present at tea, and ringing was resumed during the evening, when the bells of the Cathedral were also available. The methods were Grandsire and Stedman, while call changes and rounds were also rung.

Those present included the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard), the general secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewheila), the peal secretary (Mr. C. Laxton), the vice-president (Mr. W. Woods) and Mr. Pick, of Kingston-on-Thames. The towers represented were the Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Perranzabuloe, Gwennap, Redruth, St. Gluvias, Mabe, St. Stephen's-in-Brunnell, Gulval and Camborne.

The Ringing Master presented medals for competence in method ringing to two young members of Kea tower.

**WANTAGE BELLS.****A RESTORATION SCHEME.**

Wantage Parochial Church Council recently asked Mr. R. White, of Appleton, to inspect and report on the condition of the bells in the Parish Church. His report has now been received. He recommends among other things rehanging the bells on ball bearings. The cost of the repairs will be £108. The Church Council have accepted this estimate, and the work will start as soon as possible. Towards this amount the North Berks Branch at their annual meeting on Saturday, May 21st, granted £5 5s. An application will also be made to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the ringers are going to get busy with money-raising schemes.

A timely reminder of the urgency of the matter occurred on the following Sunday evening, when, during the service ringing, the clapper of the 7th broke off and fell to the floor. No further damage was done.

**A COOL RECEPTION.****SURREY ASSOCIATION'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT CARSHALTON.**

Seldom do ringers receive such a cool reception at the hands of local church authorities as that meted out to those who attended the North-Western District meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Carshalton on Saturday. The authorities at Carshalton do not believe in wasting time on bellringers, whom they regard as people apart from the essential business and purpose of a church, with the result that the local ringers receive little, if any, encouragement from the Vicar and churchwardens.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock and continued until 5.30 p.m., when some of those present attended solemn evensong, set to Plainsong, with full Catholic ritual. There was no address or words of welcome.

However, the deficiency of the authorities was in part compensated by the local ringers, who had made all arrangements for the catering for, and entertainment of, the visitors, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Leonard Reece, the local secretary, and his helpers for their kind hospitality.

Thirty-three members and friends sat down to tea in the Parish Room, representing Banstead, Beddington, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Leatherhead, Ealing, Ruislip and London.

At the commencement of the business meeting, presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master, the members stood for a moment in silence as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Edgar Baker, of Wimbledon, who passed away on April 30th, and who was a member of the association.

Mrs. Diserens, of Balham, was elected as a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next mid-week meeting at Ewell, on Wednesday, June 22nd, if possible in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild.

As no further ringing could take place at Carshalton owing to illness near the church, Mr. O. H. Kippin offered the use of Beddington tower for the evening. The meeting, therefore, adjourned to Beddington, where the bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 9.15 p.m. Mr. Kippin's action was much appreciated by everybody, for it provided a happy culmination to a meeting which would otherwise have ended in disappointment. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness before the members left the tower.

**DEATH OF MR. GEORGE FEW.****LOSS TO ISLE OF ELY.**

It is with much regret we record the death of Mr. George Few, of Sutton, Ely, Cambs, many years captain of the St. Andrew's company. 'Big-un,' as he was known to his colleagues, with Mr. Russell Knights (now at Cambridge), did much in recent years to maintain Surprise Minor practice in the district.

The interment took place on Saturday, May 28th, about 300 people being present, including Mr. A. J. Abrams, Mr. W. Seekings (Chatteris), Mr. H. Cole, Mr. Godfrey (Ely), Mr. R. Knights, Mr. W. Faux (Cambridge), Mr. H. Collins, Mr. J. Lawrance, Mr. W. Markwell, Mr. W. Thulbon (Haddenham), Mr. H. Sharp, Mr. G. Markwell, Mr. S. G. Shipp (Wilburton), Mr. F. Warrington (district secretary, Central Branch of the Ely Association) (Over), Mr. G. Howard, Mr. C. Gimbert, Mr. A. Faux and Mr. C. Thulbon, of the local company. As the coffin was lowered into the grave the bells, with muffled clappers, commenced to ring.

On Sunday, before matins, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by deceased's friends: C. Thulbon 1, J. Lawrance 2, H. Collins 3, G. Howard 4, C. Gimbert 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. During the service the Vicar, the Rev. Canon A. L. Woodard, made mention of the untiring devotion of George Few to the church. F. W.

**DEATH OF AN ESSEX RINGER**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Amos R. Gardiner, of Saint Osyth, Essex. He passed away rather suddenly on May 23rd after a short illness. Mr. Gardiner was a 'stone' ringer for nearly 40 years, but since taking up change ringing had made good progress, and at his death was a good and a safe ringer in several methods. He will be greatly missed in the district, where he was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral took place at St. Osyth on Saturday, May 28th, and the bells were rung for a short time fully muffled. A muffled 720 Bob Minor was rung for the morning service on Sunday, May 29th, by C. Page 1, Mrs. E. Blyth 2, A. R. Andrews (conductor) 3, E. Blyth 4, — Lindoff 5, J. Mills 6.

**A HALF-PEAL.**

At Bere Regis, Dorset, on Saturday, May 28th, in an attempt for a peal of Minor, four 720's were rung in 1 hour and 42 minutes, viz., one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: R. Wake 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshall 2, W. C. Shute 3, E. T. Griffin 4, W. E. Cheater 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6 (tenor 18½ cwt. in D, said to be the lightest 'D' bell in the country). During the fifth 720 the 5th bell became absolutely unringable, although it had been going fairly well up to then. This is the longest length on the bells, which are of excellent tone.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Hoathly (6 bells recently augmented) on Saturday, June 4th. 'Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, June 4th. St. Michael's bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. and St. Stephen's (6) after tea. All welcome, especially those who come prepared to ring or call a new method.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Eckington (8 bells) on Saturday, June 4th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Graham, 5, Pipworth Lane, Eckington, near Sheffield. All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. James', East Crompton, Saturday, June 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, June 5th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes', June 13th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 28th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN, ST. GILES'.**—The bells will be dedicated on Whit Sunday at 3.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Lincoln. Ring of eight tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea (1s.). Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? All ringers welcome.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cullompton, Devon, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Half Moon Hotel at 12.45 p.m., followed by the business meeting, non-members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: St. Mary's (10) throughout the day.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Whit Monday, June 6th. Central committee meeting at 10.45 a.m. at the Church Hall. Service in All Hallows' Church at 12 noon, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. C. M. Blagden. Lunch at 1 p.m. at the Gloucester Hall, Church Street, followed by the meeting. Bells available: Wellingborough (8) from 10 a.m. throughout the day; Earls Barton (8) and Irchester (8) after the meeting; Irthlingborough (8) and Finedon (8) from 5 p.m. to 7; Wallaston (6), Mears Ashby (6), Great Doddington (5), and Wilby (5), after the meeting, but visitors to these towers are advised to make up a band before going to them.—R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday (June 6th) at Hereford. 3 p.m. service in Cathedral, with address by Rev. Preb. Winnington-Ingram. 4.15 p.m. tea at Booth Hall, followed by annual general meeting. Following bells available: All Saints' (8) and St. Nicholas' (6) from 12 noon, Cathedral (10) from 1 p.m., Holmer (6) 12 to 2.30. Tea 2s. 6d.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Burghill Vicarage, Hereford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 59th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral 11.30 a.m., followed by meeting in the Chapter House at 12.15 p.m. Lunch will be arranged at the Golden Fleece at 1.15 p.m. (approx.) for those who notify me by Friday, June 3rd. Members 1s. 6d. Non-members 2s. 6d. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (8), Little Waltham (6). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—L. J. Clark, 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, June 7th; St. Magnus, June 9th and 23rd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, June 14th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, June 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**'HERE WE ARE AGAIN.'**—Combined practices for June: Knebworth, Tuesday, June 7th, 7.30 to 9; Offley, Wednesday, June 15th, 7.30 to 9; Hitchin, Monday, June 20th, 7.45 to 9; Barkway, Thursday, June 30th, 7.30 to 9. Please cut this out and attach it to the notice board in the tower, as it will *not* appear again. Do your bit and make a real effort to come.—Don Mears, Northern District, Herts County Association.

**CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.**—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present. Will those intending to be present please advise me by Wednesday, June 8th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 8th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 7th. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a gathering at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Ripple ('twixt Upton and Tewkesbury) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business. Glos. ringers very welcome. Tea is being kindly provided gratis so be sure to send word by June 7th please.—George E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me by June 9th.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Queen's Hotel 5. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 8th? Please make an effort to attend. — C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, free to all who notify Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk, by Wednesday, June 8th.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ST. GILES' CHURCH, LINCOLN.**—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) retuned, new fittings and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co. (these bells previously hung in St. Peter-at-Arches Church). Garden fete in aid of Bells Fund in Parish Hall Grounds, Wragby Road. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradford Abbas on Saturday, June 11th. Service 4.30. Visitors welcomed. — W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Ripley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Own arrangements for tea.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea can only be provided for those who notify me by the previous Thursday (9th). All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All welcome, but would like a card if you are coming for tea.—C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Portishead on June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by June 8th? — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Fairwarp on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Will all who require tea please notify by the 9th? — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BELL SILENCERS.**—On June 11th the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. will hold a meeting at Sharnford (6 bells). Ringers will have the opportunity of testing the effect of a set of silencers on the sound of the bells. These silencers have been acquired for practice nights, etc. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30. Tea, at a moderate charge, will be arranged at the Rectory at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Friday, June 10th. All welcome—but don't forget that p.c.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 11th. Eight bells (tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.), available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. On bus route from Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Lanchester on Saturday, June 11th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mrs. Rutter, King's Head Hotel, Lanchester, Durham, not later than Thursday, June 9th? On this occasion tea cannot be guaranteed unless the caterer is notified.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTS.**—The bells will be rededicated on Thursday, June 16th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of ten tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor and your postcard re tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, June 15th. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**, Saturday, June 18th. Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea interval 5.45. Herts Association.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 15th.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Car-

fax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Those wishing to be present at tea must notify me by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 127th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Old and new friends (both sexes) welcome.—S. H. Symonds, Towerkeeper.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Atkinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, June 18th. Six newly hung bells. Benhall (6), Kelsale (8). Tea (9d.) at Albion Hall (near the station) at 4.30.—W. Smith, Farnham, Saxmundham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akeld's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea, provided FREE to those only who send in names to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 20, Marshfield Road, Settle, by Thursday, June 16th. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual commemoration Dinner will be held at 'Ye Olde Castle Restaurant,' Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 6 p.m. Please book the date. Further details later.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec.

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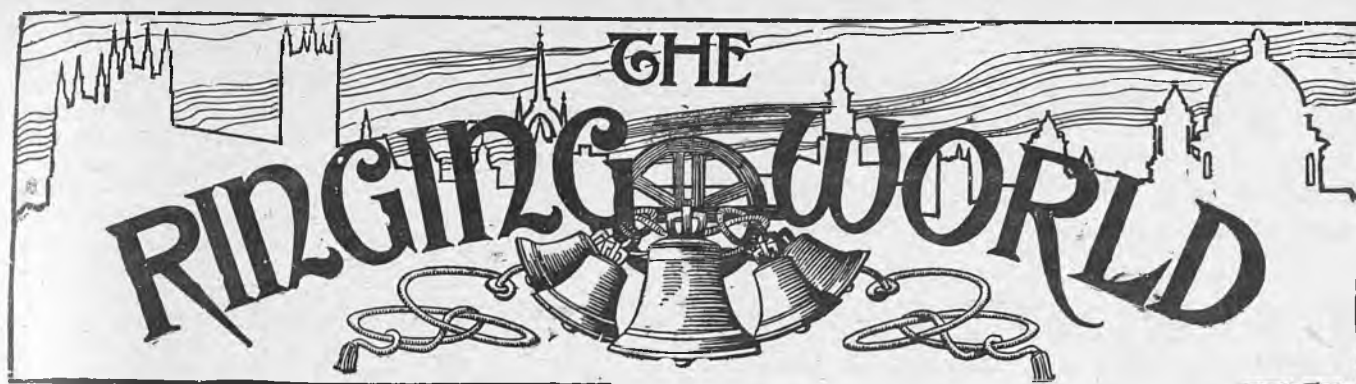
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far beyond the scope of their other similar books. There are chapters on proof and history and such like matters which make the volume comprehensive, but which will add materially to the cost, and, thus, we think, restrict the sales. The cost is holding up production—for the Council's available funds are limited—and we wonder whether, with the comparatively small number of ringers who are interested in the development of Surprise ringing, there is ever going to be sufficient demand to justify printing a book of this size. The work has been splendidly done, the Methods Committee justifiably look upon it as the completest of their productions, but its very completeness, on account of its cost, may be a drawback to its sale, when the Council can afford to publish it.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATCHES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 2	... Treble	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 2		JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 3		PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 8
ALBERT FORD ... .. 4		CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 9
BENJAMIN KNIGHTS ... .. 5		PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 152). Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

This composition now rung for the first time.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALBERT FIRTH ... .. 5	... Treble	JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2		ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 6
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 3		CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7
JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 4		HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. BARSLEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 2	... Treble	*FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... .. 5
ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 2		LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 3		BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4		JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A memorial peal for the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

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HALSTEAD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 6
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
BASIL RIDGEWELL ... .. 4	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HOWARD S. IRELAND ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... .. 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Composed by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wheadon, also to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, on the occasion of his 101st birthday.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 23 cwt.
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 5
*ALEC MUNDY ... .. 2	KENNETH FORD ... .. 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
RONALD G. BECK ... .. 4	FRANK SKIDMORE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

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

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WARD ... .. Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY 5
GEORGE COPLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WILLIAM STEELE... 6
FRANK RAYMENT ... .. 3	HAROLD L. JONES ... .. 7
FRANK ELLIS ... .. 4	PERCY MASSAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

Rung in honour of his jubilee as priest of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Branscombe).

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
STANLEY SLANEY ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. COOPER ... 7
JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. 4	HAROLD KENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.  
Rung after the induction of the Rev. Lewis Lloyd as Vicar of Bolsover.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

*HERBERT OSBORNE ... .. Treble	† WILLIAM T. GARRETT ... 5
† FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT ... 2	F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 6
*ROBERT DEAR ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 7
CHARLES R. FORPITT ... 4	PERCY W. WITTHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' and in the method. All are Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN S. MASON ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Howard Stanley.

LONDON.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... .. Treble	E. RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	NORMAN H. MANNING... .. 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 3	JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

DORKING, SURREY.

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble	*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 5
*ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	*WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
† WILLIAM J. WHITING ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal of Ashtead on the bells.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—For morning service on Whit Sunday at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,296 changes): Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Hector 2, Miss F. Hart 3, F. Wallington 4, J. C. Chester 5, W. Wallington 6, R. March 7, A. Manning (conductor) 8.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal for the Guild.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 7
*CHARLES W. WARD ... .. 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

BRECON, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 5
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 2	*DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with half-muffled bells in memory of Mr. William Evans, an old conductor of St. Mary's Society, who died on May 25th.

WALESBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY ... .. 6
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 3	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild; also the first rung with 4th's place bobs.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
FRANK LORD ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.  
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, on the occasion of his 101st birthday.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 5
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 2	*WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 6
JACK BAILEY ... .. 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... .. 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

NORWICH.

On Thursday, June 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS WINNIE DITCHAM ... Treble	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... 3	ROBERT W. BARBER ... .. 7
*CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BULWER. Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. George Jarrett, for many years connected with this church.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. FROST ... .. Treble	W. P. SAMS ... .. 3
B. G. BURTON ... .. 2	G. BLAKE ... .. 4
C. W. SAMS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. W. SAMS.

First peal as conductor.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Comprising seven extents: (1) Double Court, London Bob and College Single Reverse; (2) Lytham and Wavertree College; (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Hereward and Oxford Bob; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 11 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CRCIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the association.

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FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cadoc,

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

Being 42 six-scores with 6-4-8 covering. Tenor 12 cwt.

*L. TEMPLE ... Treble	A. G. WILLIAMS ... 5
†H. JONES ... 2	A. THOMAS ... 6
C. TEMPLE ... 3	T. LADE ... 7
*J. PHILLIPS ... 4	*W. TEMPLE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. LADE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. Rung to commemorate the jubilee of the opening of the bells, which took place on Whit Monday, 1888, and as a compliment to Tom Jenkins, who has completed his 50th year as a ringer.

CROPTHORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*RONALD BRAIN ... Treble	FRANK TUFFLEY ... 4
FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 2	†SAMUEL LOYNES ... 5
LEONARD KINCHIN ... 3	ERNEST HOLDER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. TUFFLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

WHEETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Wavertree and Childwall, London Bob and Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Court Bob, Double and Plain Bob.

RON RUSSELL ... Treble	W. A. WOOD ... 4
J. C. GEARY ... 2	F. K. MEASURES ... 5
A. BALLARD ... 3	J. H. BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal in 14 methods by all the band. There were 150 changes of method.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 4
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cynfarch,

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

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED H. LEWIS ... Treble	*GEORGE LEWIS ... 4
EDWARD P. EVANS ... 2	WALTER PRICE ... 5
JAMPS METCALF ... 3	FRED HARTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

\* First peal of Minor.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, one of Double Court and two of plain Bob.

*FREDERICK W. LAWSON ... Treble	ERIC DURRANT ... 4
EDWARD HOWES ... 2	*WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... 5
GEORGE T. BELL ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

\* First peal in four methods.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5328 CHANGES;**

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Plain Bob, and 288 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	*ROBERT W. COOKE ... 5
GEORGE A. COOKE ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in five methods.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 4
ROBERT J. STEED ... 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

WICKHAM SKETH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... Treble	SIDNEY W. ARBON ... 4
LESLIE FOSTER ... 2	GEORGE BROWN ... 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	*THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. David Mayes on attaining his golden wedding and the completion of 50 years as clerk and sexton at this church.

HOOLE, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

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

*GEORGE LEE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4
*E. P. EVANS ... 2	*THOMAS MATHER ... 5
*JOHN BEST ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

\* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Being 720 each of Stedman S.C., New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Ohase, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

CECIL BROWN ... Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

*On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in One Hour and Forty-Five Minutes,*

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

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

FREDERICK A. SALTER... 1-2 | J. FREDERICK MILNER... 3-4  
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## PEAL NOTES.

AN ORIGINAL COMPOSITION FOR ORIGINAL.

Original Major looks simple stuff, and so it is until you try to call a peal of it. The bobs come thick and fast, and may occur only two changes apart. Usually they are made in sixth's place and affect only the three back bells, but on Sunday week a peal was rung at Walesby, in Lincolnshire, in which, for the first time in a peal, 4th's place bobs were used. It was composed and conducted by Mr. George E. Feirn, and, having seen the composition, we heartily congratulate him upon the performance. It is the first composition obtained on the plan without the use of singles, and it contains 720 bobs.

A band of Lancashire College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Tarleton, Lancashire, on May 28th, and desire to record it as a memorial peal for the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary of the Ancient Society for 46 years.

Miss Hilda Snowden rang the 14½ cwt. tenor at her home tower, Halstead, Essex, to a peal of Major on May 28th, and thus completed the circle. She has finished the job by ringing both the 7th and tenor to London Surprise.

The method on May 28th was to have been Bristol, but one of the band unfortunately met with a slight accident, and Mr. F. Ridgwell kindly deputised at the last minute.

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, a veteran among veteran ringers in Kent, has just celebrated his 101st birthday, and a peal at St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith, on May 28th, was rung as a compliment to him, and also to Mr. W. J. Wheadon for his birthday.

The peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Bishop's Waltham, Hants, on May 28th, was only the second peal rung on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Taylor and Co. in September, 1937. It was the first Surprise peal on the bells, the previous one having been Bob Major in November last.

A peal in 15 methods in seven extents was rung at Wroxham, Norfolk, on May 28th. It was the first in this number of methods for the Norwich Diocesan Association, as well as by all the band. Is it a portent of greater things to come?

A new Vicar, the Rev. Lewis Lloyd, has been inducted at Bolsover, Derbyshire, and a peal of welcome was rung at the Parish Church after the induction service on May 28th.

A birthday peal of Bob Major was rung for Mr. C. Howard Stanley, at Edgbaston, Birmingham, on May 28th. The band included Mr. Will Viggers, who was formerly a member of the Aldershot 'circus,' an enthusiastic group of 'youth and beauty' who turned up on motor-cycles at most unexpected places when meetings were being held. Mr. Viggers recently took an appointment in Birmingham.

Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfast, Devon, while spending a holiday in London, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Chip-ping Barnet, Hertfordshire, for the Middlesex Association.

Mr. John Worth rang his 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild on May 28th, when he called a peal of Superlative at Norbury. It was the 25th peal by the Rev. Frank Bonner, and his first peal in the method. There can be few ringers who have crowded as much method variety into their first 25 peals as Mr. Bonner.

A band, all Sunday service ringers at Mickleton, Glos., rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cropthorne, Worcestershire, on May 28th.

There were 150 changes of method in a peal of Spliced Minor rung at Whetstone, Leicestershire, on May 28th. It was the first peal in 14 methods by all the band and Ron. Russell's one hundredth peal.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at North Creak, Norfolk, for evening service on Sunday, May 29th. When the seven extents had been completed, 238 of Kent Treble Bob was coupled to the end of the peal to take the ringing up to service time.

It was only the second peal on the bells, the first having been seven extents of Bob Minor, rung on May 20th, 1914, conducted by Mr. R. W. Cooke and in which Mr. C. V. Ebberson took part. Both were in the peal on May 29th.

The Vicar of Rothwell, Yorks (the Rev. Harry Stanley Branscombe), reached the golden jubilee of his priesthood on May 27th, and among the celebrations of the event in his present parish was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on May 28th.

The first peal on the bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, since their restoration by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to commemorate the Coronation of their Majesties, was rung by a band of the Sunday service ringers on May 28th.

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## A MONMOUTHSHIRE JUBILEE.

(Continued from previous column.)

The bells of Trevethin, Monmouthshire, were opened on Whit Monday, 1888. To commemorate the jubilee, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a local band—they had not enough change ringers to ring Triples—on May 28th at the request of the Vicar, whose desire was that the ringing should be done by the service ringers. It was also a compliment to Mr. Tom Jenkins, of Trevethin, who has completed 50 years as a ringer. He was, unfortunately, not well enough to take part in the peal.

When the bells were opened 50 years ago it was a red letter day for Trevethin. Thousands wended their way to the village, situated high up on the hillside, to hear the bells. The actual opening ringing was done by a band from Gloucester, who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Some 22 months afterwards, on February 6th, 1890, a terrible calamity happened in the parish, 175 men and boys losing their lives in the Llanerch pit by an explosion. Alfred Thomas, a member of the band, was one of the victims. Some 60 of the victims were buried in Trevethin Churchyard, and as a mark of sympathy the Caerleon Society rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on February 13th.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, took part in the ringing which followed the peal on the opening day, and also in the muffled peal. There are still three men alive who took part in the ringing on both occasions, but Mr. Jones is the only one who is still actively engaged in the art.

Mr. David Mayes has completed fifty years as clerk and sexton at Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, and recently celebrated his golden wedding. In honour of this double jubilee, a peal of Minor was rung on June 1st. Mr. Mayes still rings regularly for the Sunday services, but does not now take part in peals, although between 1896 and 1900 he rang six for the old Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. Charles Slingsby's 101st birthday was celebrated by a peal of Double Norwich Major at Northfleet on June 1st. Mr. Slingsby was an active ringer until he reached the age of 95.

The peal at Brecon on May 29th had been arranged as a farewell to Mr. W. Fussell, who has been judge at the ringing competitions of the Swansea and Brecon Guild since they started in 1927. He feels that he is now too old and his hearing is not so good as it used to be, and he has, therefore, decided not to act again in this capacity. So members of the Guild arranged this farewell peal at Brecon.

But the passing of Mr. W. Evans, who had been a ringer at this tower for about 40 years, resulted in the bells being half-muffled. Incidentally it gave three of the band an opportunity to ring a peal on Sunday, and Mr. Roderick has now rung a peal on each day of the week, although he only rang his first peal in February, 1937.

A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. Arthur Knights when he participated in one of his own compositions, called by Mr. Christopher Gudgeon at Worsley, Lancashire, on Saturday. Another visitor who stood in and was equally welcome was Mr. S. F. Palmer.

## CHESTER GUILD AT BOSLEY.

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Bosley on May 14th, which proved to be very successful. Over 20 members attended and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. All the ringers present had a pull, and methods from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Spliced Treble Bob and Surprise Minor were rung. Only one touch was lost, that of Spliced Surprise Minor, when no doubt the men concerned did not fully give their minds to their ringing following the repast served at the Queen's Arms Hotel.

A short business meeting was held after tea. The Vicar of Bosley (the Rev. J. W. A. Greenacre), who was in the chair, was elected an honorary member of the branch. He welcomed the ringers from Gawsorth, this being the first meeting there since the band re-entered the Guild at the beginning of this year. The Vicar also congratulated three of the members of the branch on commemorating 40 years' service ringing by standing in a peal of Minor on Easter Monday. The gentlemen concerned were Messrs. T. Taylor, J. W. L. Slack and J. Manifold.

On the suggestion of the Stockport branch secretary (Mr. K. Lewis), who was present, it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting at Bollington in July should be a joint one between the Stockport and Macclesfield branches.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for coming to the meeting and acting as chairman, concluded the business, when further use was made of the bells. Handbells were also utilised by members waiting their turn for the tower bells, whilst some showed their prowess as dart throwers in competition with the local 'champions.'

## MEMORIAL DATE TOUCH.

On Wednesday, May 18th, at St. Margaret's, Leicester, with bells half-muffled, a special date touch of 1,938 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 22 minutes to the respected memory of Mrs. Parsons, mother of the Rev. K. F. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's, who was interred at Werrington, near Peterborough, that day: F. Mason 1, T. Bent 2, E. Morris (composer and conductor) 3, G. Humphreys 4, A. Cattell 5, G. S. Morris 6, E. Cattell 7, R. Hill 8.



**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****AN EXAMPLE OF CARE AND ATTENTION TO BELLS.**

The pre-Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Darlington on Saturday, May 28th. The weather conditions were, to say the least, appalling, but it is suspected that there must have been a goodly sprinkling of gardeners in the company, because grumbling was conspicuous by its absence; everyone seemed to be pleased that the long drought had at last run its course. Despite the weather, a representative gathering assembled, and the bells of St. Cuthbert's, which were recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the peal of six at Holy Trinity were used to advantage. It is interesting to note in passing that the bells of Holy Trinity were supplied and hung by Warner in 1891, and have not since had the attention of the bellhanger. Considerable ringing has always been done on the bells. Upwards of forty peals have been rung, and in very few years has the number of changes rung for practice and service fallen below the one hundred thousand mark. This speaks volumes for the care and attention bestowed on the bells, and the example may well be copied by others.

Tea was served in Mason's Cafe, presided over by the president (Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth), who addressed a welcome to the Rev. W. C. Jordan (Vicar of Darlington) and the Rev. Dr. P. R. Brinton (Vicar of Holy Trinity). Both responded, Mr. Jordan saying how pleased he was to be with the ringers again. He said that he did not see a great deal of his own ringers, but nevertheless he was still appreciative of the services they rendered.

Dr. Brinton was in jocular mood and told a ringing story, or rather a story connected with bells, for the benefit of the younger ringers present.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to Dr. Brinton for permitting the use of Holy Trinity choir vestry for the committee meeting, was proposed by Mr. W. N. Park.

The Rev. W. C. Jordan apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. G. Stephens (Vicar of St. John's), who had fully intended to be present, but who had had a busy afternoon at the cemetery, and in view of the fact that he had been wet through he thought the better course was to remain indoors.

The President referred to the death of an old member of the association, who passed away early last week. Mr. J. D. Forster, of Benfield-side, had been a member since 1885, but although he had not been able to participate in ringing of late, he had always retained an interest, as witnessed by the fact that he had remained a member of the association. A wreath was sent to the funeral and a letter of condolence to the family.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, May 28th. Although the weather was bad, 47 members and friends attended. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Marsden), and an excellent tea was afterwards provided in the Church House. In the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), who is still in a nursing home, Mr. Rupert Richardson (Guild Ringing Master) took the chair at the business meeting, at which all the officers were re-elected.

After some discussion, it was resolved that no reports be issued to members in arrears with their subscriptions.

It was agreed that the half-yearly meeting be moved forward to September 24th. The continued absence of the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry), through illness, was much regretted, the members wishing him a speedy recovery.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. To get into the ringing chamber at St. James' one has to pass through a very small door, and one prominent member of the Guild noted for his size failed to get through the aperture. He is evidently still increasing his girth. He was consoled with a variety of methods on handbells.

**OXFORD GUILD MEETING IN BERKS.**

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Sandhurst, Berks, on Saturday. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch, who attended in spite of great pressure of parochial work.

Canon Coleridge, in a few homely words, stressed the great importance of the Whitsuntide festival, and in describing how a ringer in an eight-bell tower was on the look out for each of the other seven ropes, said we should be looking, especially at this time (which reminded us of our confirmation), for the sevenfold gift of the Holy Spirit. The Rev. A. G. Thurlow presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the school, the meal being ably and bountifully prepared by several ladies, who were thanked by the hon. secretary, as was also Canon Coleridge, who, though unable to stay himself, had with his usual kind thought made the ringers his guests.

Branch towers represented were Binfield, Finchampstead, Hurst, Twyford, Wokingham (All Saints'), Waltham St. Lawrence, the local band and welcome visitors from Aldershot and Basingstoke. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor; also handbell ringing in the churchyard, including a course of Grandsire Caters.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers who are looking for something new in the way of gifts to friends, or who would like to adorn their homes, will find a novelty advertised this week in our columns.

The Potters' Arts Guild, Ltd., a village industry established by the widow of the late G. F. Watts, R.A., at Compton, Surrey, are marketing fruit dishes and electric reading lamps, of which the base is a model bell surmounted by the stock. These articles are both artistic and accurate in design, and many ringers, we feel sure, will be glad to possess them.

One of the candidates to be made deacon by the Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday will be Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, of Truro. For the past three years he has been at the Bishop Wilson Theological College, Isle of Man.

Before going to college, Mr. Roberts was for many years secretary of the Truro Cathedral company, and for a while he was Master of the company. He was also the Truro Branch secretary of the Diocesan Guild for ten years.

Mr. Roberts is to work as assistant curate in the parish of St. Aldhelm, Upper Edmonton, North London.

The Halifax and District Association's six-bell contest is to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting at Low Moor on June 25th. Entries close on June 18th.

Mr. H. Rowley, leader of the ringers at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, has been elected chairman of the Urban District Council. On Civic Sunday, May 15th, when the chairman, the Council and other public bodies attended church in their official capacity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the service and in honour of Mr. Rowley's appointment: A. Fothergill 1, H. Pickles 2, G. W. Pickles 3, E. Pickles (conductor) 4, J. Milner 5, G. Goldstraw 6, R. Thickett 7, W. Hammond (Wakefield) 8. It was the first attempt by Mr. E. Pickles to conduct a quarter-peal.

Mr. Ernest Roberts, secretary and leader of the ringers at Uttoxeter, Staffs, met with an unfortunate accident the other day when ringing with visitors from Wistaston. The bell he was ringing went over and he was drawn up to a considerable height. Falling back on to the floor, he struck his head and was badly dazed, but happily soon recovered, although the fingers of one hand, which had become entangled in the rope, were lacerated. Mr. Roberts has been a ringer for 34 years.

On Thursday, June 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rann and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bacon celebrated their golden weddings. Both Mr. Rann and Mr. Bacon are ringers at Loughton, Essex. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's Church in 48 minutes: A. White 1, J. Moule 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen. 5, C. R. Morss 6, J. Rann, jun. 7, C. Sease 8.

## PEAL BOARDS.

PROVOST OF SOUTHWELL'S REASONS FOR REFUSAL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—An encouraging feature of to-day is the number of remarkable peals that are successfully rung. The other day a splendid team rang Cambridge in 3 hours 25 minutes in the Minster tower where I am Provost.

But now I find myself requested to allow a peal board to be placed in the ringing chamber, and I feel bound to refuse.

My first reason is a legal one. In these days a peal board could not be placed in any church without a faculty from the Archdeacon after consulting his Diocesan Advisory Council, and I feel sure that no Advisory Council would admit the clumsy and inartistic boards that are so common in our towers. Therefore, ringers should recognise that fact and approach the Archdeacon with a design smaller and more artistic. It is a break with long tradition, I know, but that thought leads to another kind of objection.

In these days of cars it is possible to get a crack team from a very wide area, and consequently the names of the ringers have little or no local interest whatever. The other day only one member of our local band took part.

It used to be very different, and when a team of local men rang a peal it was suitable to give the feat real prominence in the parish church. Also it was appropriate that the names of incumbent and churchwardens should be added. But nowadays it is probable that none of those gentlemen appreciate the music or the wonderful skill and concentration required, and they certainly ought not to be asked to pay so much a letter for their names to appear. If their names were omitted it would make the tablet, or whatever form was decided upon, smaller and neater.

Let anyone should think I am against peal ringing, may I add that though I never have been an expert, and have for some time given up ringing (except when I take the treble first thing on Christmas morning!), I was a member of the band that rang the first tower peal ever accomplished by *resident* members of the University of Cambridge. That was 44 years ago at Sawston. And though that was a ringing event of some interest, and many of that band became distinguished ringers, I am not aware that any record of it is to be seen in Sawston Church. That was probably going too far! But the old-fashioned ringing boards go too far in the other direction. The time has come when for legal and practical reasons some new method must be found.

Southwell Minster.

W. J. CONYBEARE.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—22.****LEWIS W. WIFFEN.**

An eminent ringer who has only in recent years figured prominently as a conductor is Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, Essex. He was trained in an exceptionally good school—St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich—and if the peals which he has called have not been as numerous as those of some other ringers, it has only been because of the fact that he has usually been attached to some tower already led by an eminent conductor.

Mr. Wiffen was born at Colne Engaine, near Halstead, Essex, on August 26th, 1881, and began his ringing in his native village. Later he went to Ipswich, where he had the good fortune to become associated at St. Mary-le-Tower Church with such famous ringers as the brothers James and William Motts, William Catchpole and Robert Brundle. He rang his first peal on April 9th, 1901, at Southwold, for the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. His first peal as conductor was in the same method and was rung at Henley, Suffolk, on November 7th, 1908, but about three months before this he had taken part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, where he afterwards took part in peals of Superlative, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Rochester Surprise Maximus, all without previous practice.

During a brief stay at Guildford, Mr. Wiffen rang his first handbell peals under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling. He is now attached to the tower of St. Michael the Archangel's Church, Braintree, where he is acting Master, and he is now responsible for calling many peals. Altogether he has rung 537 peals and conducted 67. They have been rung in some 15 churches.

Mr. Wiffen has filled the office of District Ringing Master of the Essex Association, and is one of its representatives on the Central Council. He has been Peals Secretary for several years.

**Next week: Mr. John Worth.**

**WILTSHIRE VILLAGE GETS NEW BELL.****CHISELDON NOW HAS RING OF SIX.**

After several years of persistent effort, the authorities of the pleasant Wiltshire village of Chiseldon have achieved their ambition and a treble has been added to the old ring of five. The new bell was dedicated by the Very Rev. J. W. Coulter, Archdeacon of Wiltshire, on May 21st, in the presence of a large congregation.

The Archdeacon, in the course of a most inspiring address, congratulated the parishioners on providing the new bell, and paid high tribute to the bellringers generally for their self-sacrificing work for the church, at the same time reminding them of the sacredness of the office they held as churchworkers.

After the service the local band rang the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and the tower was then open for general ringing.

About 25 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. One of the ringers was Mr. A. Lawrence, of Swindon, a veteran of 83 years of age, who rang at Chiseldon Church 50 years ago for a wedding.

The general opinion expressed was that the 'splice' was admirable, the tone of the new treble blending well with the old five, whilst the 'go' of the new bell is excellent. The work has been carefully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on a first-class job, the peal now forming a handy ring of six with tenor of 14½ cwt.

The dates and founders' names of the previous ring of five are as follows: 1, 1652, W. and T. Purdue; 2, 1610, John Wallis; 3, 1613, John Wallis; 4, undated, but believed to be pre-Reformation; 5, 1667, William Purdue.



**MR. L. W. WIFFEN.**

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.****RINGING COMPETITION AT MORRISTON.**

The fourteenth annual competition of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held on May 28th at Morriston, near Swansea. It was gratifying to all concerned with the arrangements to find that eight teams competed for the Dr. T. P. Thomas shield. The competition commenced at 11.30 a.m., the test consisting of raising the bells in peal, ringing 120 changes in any method, and falling the bells in peal. Three teams performed their tasks before lunch, and then between 50 and 60 ringers sat down to an excellent meal. The weather, which had been none too kind before the interval, cleared nicely for the afternoon session, when the remainder of the competitors got through the work by 4.30. Again tea was provided for all, and the Rev. N. L. James presided over the proceedings which followed. Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, for the last time, kindly consented to adjudicate and gave the result of what he had heard from a house in close proximity to the tower.

Below is a list of the points obtained by each team out of a maximum of 240:—

1. Cefn Coed	236	Stedman Doubles
2. Gorseinon	234	Stedman Doubles
3. Cadoxton	232	Kent Treble Bob
4. Llanelly (Carm.)	232	Grandsire Doubles
5. Brecon (St. Mary's)	224	Grandsire Doubles
6. Scratch Band	222	Grandsire Doubles
7. Talgarth	212	Grandsire Doubles
8. Brecon (St. David's)	(Cancelled)	

**CADOXTON'S UNFORTUNATE SLIP.**

Mr. Fussell, in speaking of the competition, referred to the unfortunate slip at the last treble lead made by Cadoxton, who up to that point had rung without fault—the one slip they made cost them eight points and the shield. He said the standard of ringing of the past three or four years had been maintained, and he gave a word of encouragement to the team which had come to grief. The bells were by no means easy to handle—new ropes, a long draught and a small belfry all combined to upset even the best.

The Vicar's wife, Mrs. James, then presented the shield to the captain of the Cefn Coed team together with a certificate. A silver medal was also presented to each member of the winning team as follows: Treble, A. Hunt (capt.); 2, V. Chappell; 3, K. Gough; 4, C. Chappell; 5, E. Woosley; tenor, W. Thomas. The captains of the teams placed second and third each received a certificate.

Mr. C. Powell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. James and his energetic band of workers for so kindly providing the meals. The arrangements throughout the day had worked smoothly and everyone had enjoyed the visit to Morriston.

In seconding the resolution, Mr. L. T. Havard coupled the name of Mr. G. M. Williams, of the local band, who had worked untriflingly throughout the day, and of Mrs. James for so graciously presenting the awards.—The vote was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. H. Fussell for his expert services.—Mr. S. T. Rackham seconded, and said that he hoped Mr. Fussell could be prevailed upon to act again for the Guild.—The vote was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fussell, in responding, reminded the ringers that he had been coming to Wales for 14 years to adjudicate the competitions. He was not getting any younger and felt the time had come when he must decline any further invitation.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Ranworth on Saturday, May 21st. The bells have recently been rehung and are a fine six. A short service was held, and in his address the Vicar, the Rev. Everad, gave a very interesting account of the church and bells.

Tea was followed by a short business meeting, over which the Vicar presided. Two ringing members were elected, also the Vicar as an honorary member. Happisburgh was decided upon for the next meeting, on Saturday, August 13th. Mr. J. Harwood brought to the notice of the meeting the death of Mr. Dennison Hayward, of Yarmouth, the last but one of the foundation members of the association, and the company stood in silent tribute.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Joan Greenham, one of the local band, who undertook the arrangements for tea; also to the Vicar for the kind and interesting way he received the association, this being the first time that there has been a meeting held at Ranworth.

The company of 49 present at tea included Mr. A. L. Coleman (former general secretary), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (North Norfolk secretary) and Mr. J. Harwood (East Norfolk secretary). Mr. W. J. Lee (East Norfolk chairman) was unable to be present owing to illness.

Ringers came from Norwich, Yarmouth, Fakenham, Barham, Wymondham, Reedham, Ranworth, Acle, Happisburgh, Norton, Buxton, Saxlingham, North Walsham, South Walsham, Garveston, Halvergate, Wroxham, etc. Various Minor methods were rung to suit all comers.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. TUESDAY'S MEETING AT LEEDS.

### The Surprise Methods Book.

There was an exceedingly good attendance at the 46th annual meeting of the Central Council at Leeds on Tuesday. A great welcome had been prepared by the Yorkshire Association, and visitors, in addition to enjoying the ringing on many peals of bells, had an extensive coach tour on Monday, which took them to Fountains Abbey, Ripon Cathedral, with lunch in the city, Middleham, and Richmond, where tea was partaken of.

The meeting on Tuesday was held in the Civil Court of Leeds Town Hall, and the members were welcomed by the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) and by Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, on behalf of the Vicar of Leeds.

The following members signed the roll:—

Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. A. B. Peck.  
Barnsley and District Guild—Mr. C. D. Potter.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. J. Hunt.  
Bedfordshire Association—Mr. A. King, Mr. A. E. Sharman.  
Chester Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. J. W. Milner, Mr. H. Parker.  
Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. C. Pollard.  
Devon Guild—Mr. T. Laver.  
Dudley and District Guild—Mr. F. Colclough.  
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. J. Davidson.  
East Derbyshire and Notts Association—Mr. T. Clarke.  
Ely Diocesan Association—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. F. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.  
Essex Association—Mr. G. R. Pye.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Mr. J. Austin, Mr. E. Guise, Mr. W. B. Kynaston.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.  
Hereford Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. P. Hyett.  
Hertford County Association—Mr. W. Ayre.  
Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.  
Kent County Association—Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.  
Ladies' Guild—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.  
Lancashire Association—Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. L. J. Williams, Mr. T. B. Worsley.  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. R. Richardson.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association—Mr. J. W. Jones.  
London County Association—Mr. F. E. Dawe.  
Middlesex County Association—Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. W. G. Wilson.  
Midland Counties Association—Mr. A. J. Harris, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor.  
Norwich Diocesan Association—Mr. A. L. Coleman.  
North Staffordshire Association—Mr. A. Thompson.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild—Mr. A. D. Barker, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. E. Lock, Mr. R. A. Post.  
Oxford Society—Mr. W. G. Collett.  
Oxford University Society—The Rev. C. E. Wigg.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild—The Rev. E. S. Powell.  
Romney Marsh and District Guild—Mr. P. Page.  
St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild—The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. S. H. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings, Mr. F. W. Romaine.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—Mr. J. Parker.  
Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton, Mr. H. Knight.  
Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee.  
Surrey Association—Mr. W. Claydon, Mr. D. Cooper, Mr. C. H. Kippin.  
Sussex County Association—Mr. F. H. Dallaway.  
Warwickshire Guild—Mr. D. H. Argyle, Mr. F. W. Perrens.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild—Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Williams.  
Yorkshire Association—Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. S. F. Palmer.  
Honorary members—Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. O. S. Turner, Mr. S. H. Wood, Mr. E. Alex. Young.  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr. E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), Mr. J. W. Parker (Durham and Newcastle), Mr. E. J. Butler, Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Essex), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford), Mr. A. Lawrence, Mr. C. W. Woolley (Hertford County), Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Kent County), Mr. G. Chester, Ven. Archdeacon Parry (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth), Mr. T. H. Taffender (London County), Mr. C. E. Borrett, Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Norwich Diocesan Association), Mr. K. Thacker (North Staffordshire), Mr. R. G. Black, Mr. T. Tebbutt (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire), Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. G. W. Steere, Mr. G. Gilbert (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. C. J. Sedgely, Mr. Stedman H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Mr. H. R. Butcher (Sussex County), Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis (Swansea and

Brecon), Mr. H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. J. D. Johnson (Worcestershire), Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (honorary members).

### THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

The hon. secretary reported that there are now 51 societies, guilds and associations affiliated to the Council, an increase of one from last year. The new guild is the East Grinstead and District Guild, founded in June, 1927, with a present membership of 111. The usual undertaking to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council has been signed, and the affiliation fee paid, but no representative will be elected until next year. An additional representative has been elected by the Ladies' Guild, bringing this guild's representation up to three. Miss Steel, president of the Guild, is the new member.

Three societies have lost representatives by death, and of these two have elected members for the remainder of the triennial session, the Middlesex Association, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the Sussex Association, Mr. F. H. Dallaway.

In the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, Mr. T. Metcalfe, a member since 1913, has resigned, and Mr. J. C. Pollard has been elected in his stead. Mr. Pollard was a member of the Council for four years, 1932-1935.

The present representation is 23 associations entitled to four members 92, elected 90 members; 6 associations entitled to three members 18, elected 18 members; 8 associations entitled to two members 16, elected 14 members; 14 associations entitled to one member 14, elected 12 members; total 51, number of members to which entitled 140, elected 134.

The vacancies are one each in the following societies: Ancient Society of College Youths, Cambridge University, East Grinstead, North Notts, North Wales and Worcestershire.

There are 15 honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except the following: North Wales Association, Truro Diocesan Guild. Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol) and Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham) were re-elected hon. members, and Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham (St. Albans) was elected to one of the vacancies.

Reference was made to the loss by death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. W. H. Hollier, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. F. W. Thornton and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who had all served on the Council, also to the deaths of Mr. J. J. Parker and of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting it was decided, with regret, to delete from the Analysis a peal of Minor rung for the Yorkshire Association in which a plain course was rung between the first and second 720's.

It was reported that the preparation of a pamphlet on double-handed handbell ringing had been begun by Mr. Chris. Woolley.

The report of the hon. librarian showed that sales of publications were down, partly owing to 'Minor Methods' being out of print, and the book on Major and Cater Methods being exhausted. It was hoped the former and the pamphlet relating to the law affecting church bells would be available shortly. The librarian recommended that the stock of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' should be replenished. The whole stock of Glossaries had been given away, about twelve associations having taken advantage of the Council's offer.

The sales during the year totalled £10 10s. 1d., and the various stocks on hand were valued at £138 15s. 7d. The balance of receipts over expenditure was £3 4s.

It was decided to sell off the remaining copies of 'Collections of Peals' at a uniform price of 9d. each, with a copy of the Corrigenda. It was also decided to revise the 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and issue a new edition, and also to revise the booklet on the 'Preservation of Bells.'

The general accounts of the Council showed that the balance in hand had been increased by £25 5s. to £130 16s. 7d.

The Carter Ringing Machine (in the Science Museum) had been taken out and tried over, and the trustees, in their report, recommended carrying out the suggestion of Mr. Sharman (one of the demonstrators) that the contact pins of the electric circuits, controlling the sounding of the bells, should be reset with stouter wire and readjusted. Mr. Sharman offered to do the work free if paid expenses.

The Peal Collection Committee reported that the compositions were now going through the final scrutiny as to truth and there would be nothing to delay handing them in at the next meeting.

### ASSOCIATIONS TO BE ASKED FOR HELP.

The Methods Committee reported that the third edition of Doubles and Minor methods would be on sale shortly. They also reminded the Council that the manuscript of the book on Surprise Major methods was ready for publication as soon as financial considerations permit.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The Standing Committee asked for the views of the Council upon proceeding with the publication of the Surprise Methods, the cost of which would be at least 4s. or 5s. per copy when printed.

Mr. Walter Ayre took exception to the insertion of names to methods of which peals have not already been rung, and was supported in this by Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

The heavy financial responsibility involved, which it was urged would 'sequester' the Council's funds, was the ground of opposition to present publication by Mr. P. J. Johnson and others, although it was



generally agreed that the book was an excellent one which should be available to ringers.

Eventually, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, a resolution was carried with two dissentients that 'with a view to publishing the book on Surprise Major Methods at an early date, this Council recommend that all affiliated societies be invited to take up one half of the issue.'

On the question of printing the names of the methods in the book, Mr. Trollope referred to the confusion which occurred when the Minor methods were printed because the names were omitted, and said that no objection had been raised to the printing of the names in the Collection of Major Methods. He urged the Council to retain the principle of printing the names.

The matter cropped up again later in the day, when it was pointed out that the book could not be published for at least a year and that the question of the names could, therefore, be discussed at the next meeting.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, with a slight correction.

It was resolved that application should be made for permission to submit to His Majesty the King a list of the 259 peals rung in celebration of the Coronation.

#### OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The report of the Towers and Belfries Committee mentioned that since the last Council meeting members of the committee had been consulted in 27 cases and had given advice, in most cases after inspection of the towers concerned. In 22 of the towers the question was one of the rehanging or the provision of additional bells. In the other five towers advice was given in the matter of sound modification.

An effort was being made to obtain information as to competent ringers, with a knowledge of bells, on Diocesan Advisory Committees. So far, said the report, replies had been received from 24 dioceses out of 47. In 16 of these there is a member who either has a good knowledge of bells or is sufficiently interested to see that expert advice is obtained. In the other eight the position is said to be unsatisfactory. The committee desire further information with a view to taking some action in the matter.

The report was adopted on the motion of the president, who, as usual, elaborated the committee's report with some interesting details of some of the cases which had come under his notice.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report reviewed the publicity, through various outstanding events, given by the Press of the country to bellringing, and specially mentioned the publication of Mr. J. A. Trollope's work, 'The College Youths.'

On the broadcasting side, the report mentioned that during the past nine months a very fair standard of broadcasting before services had been maintained, although there was still need for much improvement. The president of the Council had had the opportunity of personal conferences with officials of the B.B.C., which should be productive of good results.

The statement prepared by the Rev. H. Drake (published in 'The Ringing World' on May 27th) on the subject of using mechanical devices in church towers, to broadcast bells, and which expressed the opinion that as records of change ringing 'do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship,' came before the Council as an addenda to the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee's report.

After discussion, the mover withdrew the motion, it being agreed that the matter should be considered by the Standing Committee, who were given power to act.

The Peal Boards Committee had to deplore the death of their convener (Mr. W. H. Hollier). This had delayed the progress of the work, but at present copies of some two hundred peal boards, dated not later than 1825, had been received.

The report was adopted, as was also that of the Biographies Committee, who reported progress with the work, and asked members to return the forms without delay.

The officers of the Council presented a further interim report on the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' It comprised principally extracts from suggestions received from members. Several of the suggestions, said the report, might be useful in the future, but for immediate needs they invited serious consideration of a letter which suggested approaching the clergy, through the Archdeacons, to solicit the influence of every incumbent, who has bells and ringers, in putting the matter to his ringers, in the belief that a vast benefit would be created to the ringing Exercise as a body of active churchworkers by the increased circulation of 'The Ringing World.'

There was considerable discussion, and the suggestion made in the report was adopted.

Another report by the officers of the Council was on the muffling of bells. It included the report presented at the last meeting of the Council and extracts from a number of letters from ringers in different parts of the country describing local customs.

It was decided that the report should be redrafted to incorporate certain other points, and, after approval by the Standing Committee, will be sent to the Church authorities.

#### ADDITIONS TO PEALS OF DOUBLES.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson, the following motion was agreed to: 'This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis,

resolves that peals of Doubles as already defined may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes.'

It was decided to send the congratulations of the Council to Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, on celebrating his 101st birthday, and a gift amounting to £2, subscribed by the members, was sent to him.

A communication was received from the Midland Counties Association suggesting that the Agenda of the Council should be published a month beforehand to enable associations to consider the contents at their annual meetings.

It was pointed out that this was already covered by the rules, and it was agreed that no action was necessary.

The hon. secretary reported that 92 members had signed the roll; 20 associations were fully represented by 47 members, 22 were partly represented by 36 members, and nine were unrepresented. Nine honorary members were also present.

The meeting terminated with an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the arrangements of the meeting, also to the president and the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher for their great services.

After the meeting the members and their friends were entertained to tea by the Yorkshire Association.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday afternoon, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.

—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending to take tea please notify J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by Wednesday, June 15th?—H. S. Hinkins, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me how many will require tea *certain* by Thursday, June 16th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing (6 bells) commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by the 15th inst.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. A. B. Wiffen's address is now 57, Gunnersbury Court, Acton, W.3 (near Acton Town Station).

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## NOTICES.

**CHAWLEIGH, NR. CHUMLEIGH, DEVON.**—Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Special preacher, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Crediton. A ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Prittlewell on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. The presentation to the late District Master will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped as many members as possible will be present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Stanmore, on Sat., June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major.—G. R. Goodship, Hon. Sec., 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, Middlesex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selborne on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Queen's Hotel 5. Business meeting follows. Please make an effort to attend.—C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Halsall on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ST. GILES' CHURCH, LINCOLN.**—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) retuned new fittings and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co. (these bells previously hung in St. Peter-at-Arches Church). Garden fete in aid of Bells Fund in Parish Hall Grounds, Wragby Road. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea to H. Marcon, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at Ripley, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Own arrangements for tea.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All welcome, but would like a card if you are coming for tea.—C. W. Cook, Newton, Cambridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, June 11th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, so that arrangements may be made for tea.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting at Seale on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15 in Jubilee Room. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Redbourn on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Portishead on June 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston, Bath.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Fairwarp on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**BELL SILENCERS.**—On June 11th the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. will hold a meeting at Sharnford (6 bells). Ringers will have the opportunity of testing the effect of a set of silencers on the sound of the bells. These silencers have been acquired for practice nights, etc. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30. All welcome—but don't forget that p.c.—W. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Langdale, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting June 11th. Ringing at Great Ness (6 bells) 3 to 5 p.m., Bicton (6 bells) 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea and transport between towers arranged. Please notify W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Kedington to-morrow (June 11th). Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Stoke-by-Clare (6) and Clare (8), also after tea.—Herbert G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on June 11th at Halewood. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schools. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. J. Gardner, 5, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for Sunday service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 12th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, June 23rd, St. Giles', Cripplegate, June 14th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, June 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTS.**—The bells will be rededicated on Thursday, June 16th, at 7.30 p.m. Ring of ten tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor and your postcard re tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, June 15th. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mr. D. Smith, Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Heswall (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after. Please let me have numbers for tea by June 15th.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Carfax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members. Those wishing to be present at tea must notify me by Wednesday, June 15th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The 127th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Old and new friends (both sexes) welcome.—S. H. Symonds, Towerkeeper.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Atkinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Stamford on Saturday, June 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea, provided FREE to those only who send in names to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 20, Marshfield Road, Settle, by Thursday, June 16th. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held on June 18th at Church Lawford, near Rugby. Solihull bells not available. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Lion at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth (10 bells), at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and business meeting at 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m.—N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The meeting of the Grimsby District, which was fixed for Bigby, will, instead, be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Vicar's Room. Business meeting to follow. It is essential that numbers for tea reach Mr. H. E. Dannett, The Rockeries, Barrow-on-Humber, by Wednesday, June 15th. All ringers welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints', Long Ashton, on Saturday, June 18th, at 5 o'clock, instead of Clevedon, as previously proposed.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Cramlington, on Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. A frequent service of buses runs from Newcastle Haymarket, and all members are urged to attend and help make a successful meeting.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle 4.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 18th, commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 15th inst. if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O. Grappenhall.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me by the previous Wednesday?—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford Peverell on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea (kindly provided) and short business meeting to follow. Stratton and Sydling bells available and Dorchester from 7 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday next if you require tea.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held in Bolton on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells from 4.15 p.m. At the Parish Church, in connection with the Ladies' Guild, there will be a service, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s.). Names to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope Bank, Bolton, by June 16th. All ringers invited.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 14th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Towcester Branch) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch). —A joint meeting of the above will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send to Mr. E. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove. All visitors will be welcome. —Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send me a postcard by the 15th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, RICKMANSWORTH.**—Ringing from 3.30 till 8.30. Herts Association.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock, will be provided free to all who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 23rd. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Elbor Street, Selby.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting and Six Bell Prize Contest will be held at Low Moor June 25th. Entrance fee, 7s. 6d., to be in my hands June 18th. Subscriptions due.—F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. W. Girton, Grantham Road, Bottesford, not later than Thursday, June 23rd. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome. —Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 21st. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing arrangements:—St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Mary (8) 3.15-4.40, St. Laurence (12) 6.30-8.30, Caversham (8) 7-9. Service at St. Mary at 4.45. Address by the Rev. Canon A. G. Parham (Vicar, St. Mary). Tea follows service at 5.15. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the Reading district to come and 'have a pull' with us at this meeting. Kindly let me have names for tea not later than June 29th.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. Notifications for tea must reach me by Wednesday, June 22nd. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting; also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual Festival will be held at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Callington (6), St. Dominic (6), St. Ive (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5), Stoke Climsland (8). Service at Callington 4 p.m., followed by tea (free to ringers). Reply to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro, by June 20th.

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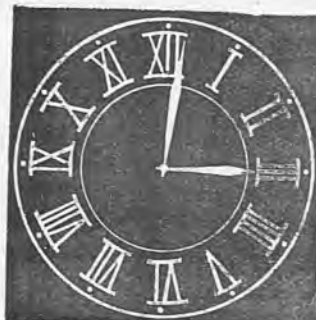
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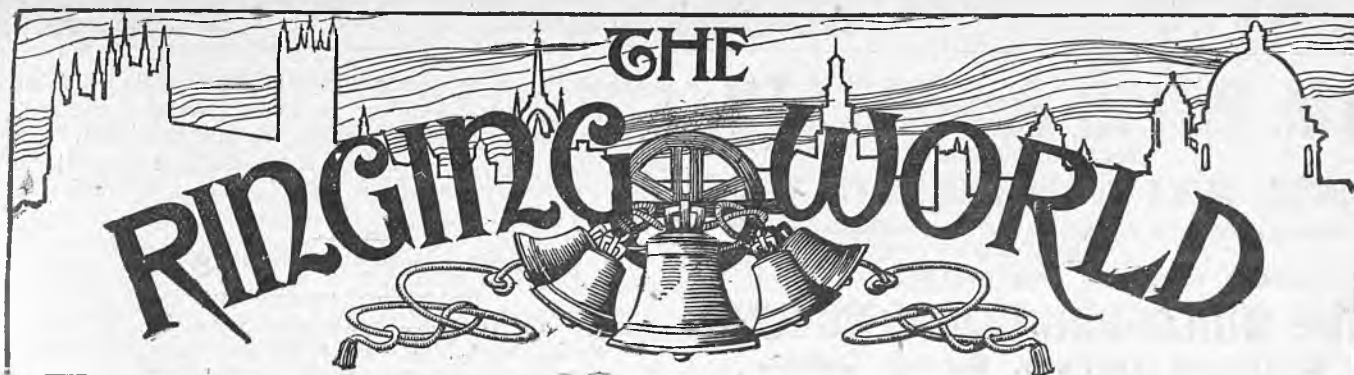
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The Central Council paid a long-delayed return visit to Yorkshire for their meeting this year. They had been invited time and again, but in their desire to spread their visits over the country the claims of other centres had been given priority, and not for 34 years had the Council met in Yorkshire. The last occasion was at York in 1904, and once previously, in 1895, they met in Sheffield. As far as possible these annual meetings have been planned broadly on a system which, with London as the fixed meeting place under the rules for the first session of each new Council, has taken them in turn, twice to the Midlands, then north and south, then west and east. It is a scheme that works well, for it enables the Council to reach in time each part of the country and thus help to keep interest in it alive in the various centres.

Few meetings outside London have been more interesting than that at Leeds last week, and none has been more enjoyable. The attendance was well above the average, and the Yorkshire Association earned the Council's gratitude for the wonderful hospitality with which they entertained the members. They spared nothing in making the gathering a success, and those who were able to share fully in the social side of the visit will long have pleasant memories of the occasion. Those—and there are still a few—who are inclined to view the meetings of the Council as an opportunity for 'junketing' on the part of a privileged few, fail to realise both the work which is done by the Council and the valuable effect created by these opportunities of members of associations and guilds all over the country to meet and rub shoulders and to discuss informally, as they do outside the Council Chamber, the hundred and one little points that go to make up interest in ringing, and broaden their ideas, which, in the long run, must reflect its benefit on the Exercise at large.

As to the actual business transacted at last week's meeting, there was nothing exciting about it, no very spirited debates on contentious subjects, such as sometimes happen, although an interlude in the afternoon, in reverting to the subject of publishing the book on Surprise methods, threatened a small storm. That, however, was successfully sidetracked, at any rate for a year. The rest of the agenda was disposed of very placidly, but that is not to say that a good deal of useful and solid work was not done. As we have so often pointed out, it is the committees of the Council that carry the burden, but the Council must meet to implement the decisions. Its deliberations occupied in all some four and a half hours. That the business was got through

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Miss L. K. BOWLING ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 7
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MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5	RONALD SQUIRES ... .. Tenor

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ERNEST WHITING ... .. 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
* FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 3	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 8
GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... .. 4	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 9
CLAYTON PARNELL ... .. 5	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. Tenor

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REUBEN WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

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\* First peal of Major. This composition has 2-3 at home every course end and is now rung for the first time.

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## WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. FARMER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung on the 75th birthday of the conductor's father.

## LEWISHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. PARKER ... .. Treble	HARRY WARENETT, JUN. ... .. 5
HARRY WARENETT, SEN. ... .. 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

\* First peal. This peal was rung as a fiftieth birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Warette, jun.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 2	*URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major.

## REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... .. 2	LAURENCE POULSON ... .. 6
MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... .. 3	*WILFRED JARVIS ... .. 7
*LEONARD PRYKE ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal in the method.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 5
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... .. 2	FRANK RAYMENT ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 3	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS ... .. 7
WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON

Rung as a farewell to G. Wilfred Slack.

## NORWICH.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, COSLANY,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
*MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE SAYER ... .. 4	ROBERT W. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Gwen Tunnadine, it being her first peal in the method.

## CAMPSALL, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*FRANK VALLANCE ... .. Treble	EDWIN E. LEE ... .. 5
GEORGE CLARK ... .. 2	WILLIAM FAY ... .. 6
†HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 3	FOORD P. NEWTON ... .. 7
HARRY GOODALE ... .. 4	ERNEST COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. COOPER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6
*GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM ... .. 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	*G. LESLIE LUNN ... .. 6
MRS. E. GRAY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 7
JOSEPH DIXON ... .. 4	*NOEL B. THURLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Epworth being the birthplace of John Wesley, this peal is associated with the Wesley bicentenary celebrations.

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## HERNHILL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 2	*WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wood.

## WYE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
HARRY DAVISON ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal in the method.

## WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

A. STANLEY WOODARD ... Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

F. J. Smith's 200th peal.

## KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. F. L. Fisher's 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES WHITING ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 5
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by J. M. BAILEY.

First Surprise peal as conductor.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

## PENSURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 5
GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

Mr. G. Edwards' 100th peal.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 7
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 5
CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 2	HARRY PARKES ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	ERNEST A. OXENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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*On Tuesday, May 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Consisting of two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, 24 of Grandsire (10 variations of calling), and one 240, Morris' arrangement. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT WALFE ...	...	3
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ...	†ARTHUR V. DAVIS ...	...	4

A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in four methods. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, June 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS E. J. BRÉWER ... <i>Treble</i>	*FRANK D. WHEELER ...	...	4
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ...	RALPH SHAILES ...	...	5
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ...	*A. JOHN GOUGH ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. H. F. Shepherd).

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	...	4
LEWIS BUSH ...	...	2	WALLACE COUSINS ...	...	5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ...	...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

C. W. LAWTON ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ...	...	4
STANLEY NOBLE ...	...	2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ...	...	5
THOMAS TAYLOR ...	...	3	JOHN W. WHITTAKER ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER.

A birthday compliment to C. W. Lawton.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of 14 six-scores each of Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD ROGERS ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GOWING ...	...	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	...	2	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ...	...	5
*GEORGE LINES ...	...	3	†EDWARD J. THURLOW ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. The conductor's 150th peal.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, all called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	ERNEST MATTHEWS ...	...	4
THOMAS BALDWIN ...	...	2	THOMAS WORRALL ...	...	5
LESLIE BARRY ...	...	3	CHARLES HODGES ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Kent Treble Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Court; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER LYCETT ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	...	4
THOMAS PRICE ...	...	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	...	5
FREDERICK PRICE ...	...	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in 11 methods in the county, by all the band and for the association.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*GEORGE BERRY ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ...	...	4
WALTER LYCETT ...	...	2	FREDERICK PRICE ...	...	5
THOMAS PRICE ...	...	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

\* First peal in four methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	HECTOR HOLLIDAY ...	...	4
JOHN CLARKE ...	...	2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ...	...	5
JOHN A. GODFREY ...	...	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALFRED C. G. GAMBRILL ...	...	<i>Treble</i>	LAURENCE BODMAN ...	...	4
MISS JOYCE M. BRAN ...	...	2	E. THOMAS ELLENDER ...	...	5
*WILLIS BROOKS ...	...	3	*WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP ...	...	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. THOMAS ELLENDER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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## PEAL NOTES.

### TWELVE TIMES ROUND THE TOWER.

Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham, Suffolk, has now 'circled' his own tower in peals no fewer than twelve times. He completed it on June 4th in a peal of Cambridge, when he rang the 2nd. It must be, surely, a record.

The bicentenary of John Wesley has been recently celebrated by the Methodist denomination. Wesley was born at Epworth, Lincolnshire, where his father was Vicar, and on June 4th a peal was rung at this church in association with the commemoration. It was the first peal on the bells.

Dennis Brewer, the youngest member of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, rang his first peal on June 1st, when 42 extents of Grandsire Doubles were rung at Lydiard Millicent, Wilts, as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. H. F. Shepherd. Dennis is only 13 years of age.

### A GOOD WHITSUN.

Youth, with a sprinkling of age, made a good bag in Kent during Whitsun. Five peals were rung between Friday and Tuesday, although, perhaps, the two first were just in the ordinary programme, one being at Crayford and the other at Gravesend, while Crayford came in for another on the last day.

On Whit Monday it was intended to go for Double Norwich at Penshurst and Oxford Treble Bob at Speldhurst with the same band. Unfortunately, however, events proved that early rising was not the strong point of one of the ringers. When he had been 'given up as a bad job' at Penshurst, it was decided to start for Bob Major, with Mr. George Edwards, of the local band, kindly standing in and ringing his 100th peal. The delinquent turned up when the peal had been in progress about three-quarters of an hour. By the way, if you check over the names you may find who was the culprit.

It was particularly kind of Mr. Edwards to stand in, as he had hoped that Mr. Thomas Groombridge, sen., of Chislehurst, who called his 50th peal, would also call his 100th.

Other Kent ringers had a Whitsuntide trip to Suffolk, and, augmented by some well-known 'natives,' scored a trio of peals. The first was on the Saturday at Woodbridge, where Cambridge was rung and Mr. F. J. Smith scored his 200th peal.

On Whit Sunday the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells at Kelsale was achieved. This peal was well earned, as the tenor went very badly, and, towards the end, only brute force kept it going.

Peals in almost all the 'standard' methods had previously been rung at Kelsale, as well as one or two of the unusual Surprise methods, such as Guildford and Rochester, but, although several good bands had attempted to score a peal of Stedman, this one was the first to come home.

It was Mr. F. L. Fisher's one hundredth peal, and Miss Sylvia Bowyer's first of Stedman Triples, although she has already rung three peals of Stedman Cinques.

### FAMILY ACHIEVEMENTS.

Leiston, made famous in ringing history by the achievements of the Bailey brothers, who could man all the bells and still have one or two of the family to spare, produced a peal of Superlative on Whit Monday. There were four members of the family in the peal, two brothers with a son and his wife. We think this must be the first time a Mrs. Bailey has rung a peal there. The conductor was Mr. J. M. Bailey, her father-in-law, and it is a curious fact that although he has rung 270 peals of Surprise Major, it was the first he had called.

It is also interesting to note that on Whit Monday, 29 years ago, what is believed to be the longest length by any local band was rung at Leiston. It was 11,240 of Double Norwich Major, which took 6 hours 32 minutes to ring. Messrs. E. S. and J. M. Bailey, who rang in the peal last Whit Monday, were also in the performance in 1909.

Messrs. A. E. Bacon and W. Buckenham rang their 50th peal together on Whit Monday, when they took part in seven extents of Bob Minor at Gressenhall, Norfolk.

The first peal in eleven methods in Shropshire and by the Shropshire Association as well as by all the band was rung at Moreton Corbet on Whit Monday. The four extra methods were put in in the first extent. Five of the same band rang in another peal of Minor the same day at Stoke-on-Tern.

The conductor of both these peals, Mr. Arthur Pritchard, called a peal of Grandsire Caters at Coalbrookdale on the following day, when Ronald Shepherd, of Aston, Birmingham, rang his first peal at the first attempt.

John Gilbert, of Handsworth, one of Yorkshire's coming youngsters, rang his 75th peal on Whit Monday at Heptonstall. He it was who called the record junior peal at Crayford a year or two ago. The peal at Heptonstall was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, who, at the time, was coaching round Yorkshire with the Central Council.

Something 'different' in Bob Major! The composition of the peal of Bob Major rung at Earl Shilton on Saturday, May 28th, was on novel lines, having instead of the orthodox 7-8 at home, 2-3 there at every course end. Consequently the big bells were 'all over the place' and the music was like the proverbial curate's egg—good in parts. The sergeant-major would have said it was like 'neither your armhole nor your elbow,' or words to that effect! Nevertheless, it broke away from the common rut.

(Continued in next column.)

## DEATH OF MR. G. T. DALTRY.

### A VETERAN BRISTOL RINGER.

A well-known ringer of former days passed away on June 8th in the person of George Thomas Daltry, of Bristol. He had been in charge of the tower at All Saints', Bristol, for over 50 years, and the esteem in which he was held may be gauged by the fact that he was, at the time of his death, people's churchwarden, a representative on the Ruri-decanal Conference, and one of the trustees of All Saints' Lands Trust. He was a Freemason, and member of the Royal Clarence Lodge, in the Province of Bristol.

As a ringer he did much to raise the standard of ringing in Bristol. The series of peals rung at his tower, in collaboration with his colleague, the late Henry Porch, about 1896-97, roused his rivals to greater endeavours, and although his peals were termed 'non-association' (several members of the band refusing to join the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the writer, as one of the 'rivals' at the time, can bear witness to the excellent quality of the ringing. Through the influence of the late James Hinton, Mr. Daltry and his colleagues eventually agreed to join the association and meet together for practice at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on December 31st, 1899. Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus followed, all conducted by H. Porch.

The funeral of Mr. Daltry took place on Saturday, June 11th, when the church was nearly filled by representatives of the various organisations with which he was connected. The ringers present were Messrs. W. R. Paddock, C. H. Gordon, F. C. Mogford, R. Clark, H. H. Tucker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, F. J. Porch, F. J. Jewell, F. J. Cooper, R. J. Drew, F. Gooding and W. A. Cave.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH CHAIRMANSHIP.

A very successful meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 4th, the occasion being the branch annual festival. The weather being good, there was an excellent attendance, the following towers being represented: Buckingham, Bradwell, Loughton, Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell, Newport Longville, Shenley, Stony Stratford and Stoke Goldington, with a number of ringing visitors, including Mr. and Mrs. J. Davies and Mr. Pye, from London. Service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Partridge (Rector of Bletchley), and a very inspiring address was given by the Rev. Bishop, of Little Buckhill. Tea was served in the school, where about 60 sat down.

At the business meeting afterwards the secretary (Mr. W. Sear) reported that he had received the resignation of the chairman (the Rev. H. Adeane Byard, of Newport Pagnell). The Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg) presided, and the secretary gave a detailed account of the financial position of the branch and of the activities during the year. They had, he said, a total of £15 8s. 11d. in hand, £10 invested, with a membership of 239 from 28 towers.

The appointment of a chairman of the district was held over to a later date. Mr. W. Sear was re-elected secretary and treasurer for the 22nd year.

A sum of £5 5s. was voted for Mr. J. J. Parker's memorial fund. Mr. R. T. Hibbert, hon. secretary of the Guild, addressed the meeting and complimented the branch on its very healthy condition.

The Deputy Master proposed votes of thanks to the preacher and to the ladies for their assistance, which had helped to make the meeting so successful.

The secretary was requested to write and thank the late chairman for his help during his term of office.

Ringing during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman to Spliced Surprise, which was accomplished by the visitors.

## AN ENQUIRY FROM JERSEY.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to enquire through your columns if any ringers are contemplating a holiday in Jersey at any time between July 8th and 18th? If so, will they please communicate with me?

C. E. LOVETT.

Heathfield Cottage, Bagatelle Lane,  
St. Saviour's, Jersey, C.I.

### (Continued from previous column.)

Several members of the Central Council took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral on June 4th as a preliminary to their visit to Yorkshire.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Lugwardine on June 4th was rung during a visit to Herefordshire of Mr. W. H. Fussell and Mr. A. P. Cannon. It was the latter's fiftieth peal as conductor, and this number has been spread over no fewer than 49 towers.

Mr. Fred Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, rang his 150th peal on Whit Monday, when he called a peal of Doubles in three methods at Wissett.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack, a brilliant mathematician who makes some of our ringing 'scientists' watch their step, and who has composed a peal of Stedman Triples in two equal parts with only two singles, is leaving Leeds for a post in Hampshire. A farewell peal of Double Norwich was rung at Drighlington on June 4th.



**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****MAY MEETING AT GUISELEY.**

Usually the visit of the Leeds and District Society to Guiseley is rewarded with wonderful weather, but this year they had to share similar weather to the rest of England, and continued rain throughout the day rather kept the attendance down. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

The bells were kept going, except for the usual breaks, during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. A. B. Andrews, M.A.) being in the chair. One new member, Mr. F. Terry, of Hemingbrough, was elected.

A donation of 10s. 6d. was voted to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund. The vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson and seconded by Mr. S. Helliwell.—Mr. F. Dixon acknowledged the vote and promised to pass on the society's thanks.

The next meeting will be held on June 25th at Burley.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

For the meeting of the Shropshire Association on June 11th, two six-bell towers were visited, conveyance by car between the churches being satisfactorily accomplished.

In the afternoon the light peal at Great Ness provided practice in handling, while in the evening it was found that the peal at Becton needed both strength and skill if good striking was to be hoped for.

Some good practice was obtained in standard six-bell methods, and the attendance of 23 ringers to tea was quite satisfactory for the district.

There was little business, as time was limited, but the meeting recorded its appreciation of the efforts of the band and conductor, Mr. A. Pritchard, who had raised the county record to eleven Minor methods in a peal.

**DEATH OF MR. G. M. WYATT.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George M. Wyatt, of Bentley, South Weald, Essex, who passed away on Ascension Day. He will be missed in the district, where he was respected by all.

The funeral took place on Monday, May 30th, when the bells were rung half-muffled for the service.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,250 changes) was rung by R. C. Heazel (conductor) 1, A. Rainbird 2, A. E. Pryke 3, G. Sewell 4, J. Sitch 5.

**A YORKSHIRE WORTHY.****PASSING OF MR. ARTHUR E. WEST.**

The death occurred at his home, Holly Bank, Sutton, near Hull, of Mr. Arthur E. West. Deceased, who was 54 years of age, was connected with the St. James' Church, Sutton, for 38 years. Portly in build, he was a typical yeoman and of a most lovable nature. His friends, who included ringers not only locally, but all over England, have lost a true 'pal.'

All visitors to the district received a warm welcome at Holly Bank and were always interested in his collection of clocks (incidentally there were nearly 500) and many valuable pieces of antique furniture. Then there was handbell ringing if possible, and before saying 'Good-bye,' a visit to the private sanctum for a stirrup cup which, somehow, was never failing. Mr. West made many friends wherever he went, for he travelled far in the cause of ringing. His advice about church clocks was much sought and he gave it most willingly.

Mr. West had rung 25 peals, and was one of the band that scored the first peal on the bells of his Parish Church, when in 1907 the local band rang seven extents of Treble Bob Minor.

His loss to the Yorkshire Association and especially in the East Riding will be felt in many ways. He attended a general meeting at Tadcaster only a fortnight before his death, where he caught a chill and took to his bed on the following Tuesday.

He was buried quietly in the family vault at Hull General Cemetery on Whit Monday and was carried to his rest by his brother ringers from Sutton. His keenness in the teaching of learners has been shown regularly in 'The Ringing World,' especially by his pupils at Craford and other places as the writer can testify.

J. W. H.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A monthly meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on Saturday, June 4th, at Biddulph. The attendance was smaller than usual, probably due to the Whitsun holidays, but 24 members attended from Biddulph, Kingsley, Brown Edge, Longton, Burslem, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Wolstanton, Draycott and Norton-in-the-Moors, and Lawton.

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, who, in welcoming the visitors, suggested that the wishes of the meeting for her speedy recovery be sent to Mrs. Cottrell, wife of the Biddulph captain.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, ringers and lady helpers was followed by more ringing and the ringers' special service at 7 o'clock.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The method rung by Cadoxton at the Swansea and Brecon Guild's competition at Morrision was Cambridge Surprise and not Kent Treble Bob as reported in our last issue.

At least two members cycled to the Central Council meeting. One, a lady, pedalled her way to Leeds from Cambridge; the other pushed all the way from London. It took him 23 hours. But for a slight accident he would have cycled home again—instead the bike went back by rail and the cyclist by car.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's wonderful ringing machine worked overtime during the visit of the Central Council to Leeds. He had it on exhibition on two evenings and both members and visitors inspected it with the keenest interest. One of its most remarkable features lies in the fact that while ringing in one method is in progress it can be set to switch over to another at any lead head.

Leeds and District ringers are specially requested to send in their names for tea at the Burley meeting. The difficulty of catering is especially great in this district, as there are no cafes in the neighbourhood.

The long run of good fortune enjoyed by St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, came to an end on Saturday last. A peal of Yorkshire Maximus had progressed as far as the 'middle' in the last course when one of the ringers felt faint and had to stop.

It was the intention of the society to ring twelve peals in twelve months in twelve different Maximus methods. Half that intention had already been realised. We hope the plan may yet be successfully accomplished.

## RINGS OF TWELVE.

WHICH IS THE BEST PEAL?

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Whit Sunday morning I heard a course of London Surprise Major rung on the back eight at York Minster. It was a very good course, and except that in the first lead or so the little bells were rung rather too fast, the striking was good. It was the tenor ringing which was notable. That bell must be a masterpiece of the bellhanger's craft, but, even so, the way in which Charlie Kippin turn her in was splendid.

My impression (for what it is worth) is that York are better as an eight than they are as a twelve. It would seem that a very heavy ring of bells with modern tuning, unless they could be rung very slowly (say at the rate of five and a half hours to a peal), are musically a failure. Leaving Mancroft out of the question (for which bells I have a natural prejudice), I think the best ring of twelve I have ever heard (both inside and outside the tower) is St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. I wonder how many people agree with me?

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## UNSIGHTLY PEAL BOARDS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to the Provost of Southwell's comments on the very poor peal boards which may be seen in belfries, with a little thought and effort by the right executors it is possible to produce a peal board (or a framed notice) that is not blatant and respects the style of building in which it is to be placed. But why not a Record Book? If necessary, it could be of vellum or parchment and bound in leather, and if kept in a case would last for centuries. As a preface some historical data could be included.

The ugly boards seen coincide with the ill-designed notices, brasses and stones so prevalent in public buildings. The result is caused by handing the job to the nearest signwriter or mason at so much a letter.

Chelsfield Park, Kent.

O. CULLEN.

## WYKE REGIS BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With your kind permission, may I make an appeal through 'The Ringing World' to all my fellow-ringers and church-workers on behalf of the bells of Wyke Regis (Weymouth) Church? This peal has been rung for Sunday services for 47 years, but has been silent since November, owing to the fact that after examination by the bellfounders it was stated they were unsafe to ring.

Unfortunately we have had some very heavy expenditure in our parish quite recently. We have had to purchase our Church Schools at a cost of £7,000, the cost of church restoration has amounted to £1,600, and of the organ £350. A large portion of the above has been paid, but more money is required to clear the debt on the schools, church restoration and organ. Now we require £300 to put our eight bells in order.

Many ringers come to this beautiful district for their holidays during the summer, and bands of ringers come for their outings. I feel sure they will miss the pleasure of a touch on this merry peal.

I shall be most grateful to receive any donations.

C. H. JENNINGS.

3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—23.****JOHN WORTH.**

One of the conductors who has helped to make ringing history is Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, for he led the band that resumed the good work, begun in his own county in the early 'twenties by the Norbury company, and carried on the record-breaking exploits in Spliced Minor ringing. Under his conductorship Cheshire men built up the total to 51 methods in seven true extents, and, after their Lincolnshire rivals had carried the number by stages to 61, Mr. Worth called peals in 66 and 68 methods, and later took part in a peal in 73 methods. At the moment honours rest in Lincolnshire with the 80-method peal rung last December. But it was Mr. Worth's initiative that set the ball rolling again in 1934, little more than five years after he had rung his first peal, a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on June 3rd, 1929, which was the first peal by all the band.

Mr. Worth was born at Macclesfield in 1910 and learned to ring at Christ Church, where the conditions, to say the least, are not easy, and among the peals which he has rung he, therefore, values particularly two at this church, a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Sunday service band and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

In addition to the record peals of Minor in which Mr. Worth has taken part, he has rung peals of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus, and Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. He conducted the first peals of Staffordshire Surprise Major, Manchester Surprise Major and Carishbrooke Delight Major, and also the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods in Cheshire.

He recently rang his two hundredth peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and out of the total of 233 peals in which he has taken part, he has called 161. He has rung two peals of Maximus, two of Cinques, ten of Royal and conducted six, six of Caters and conducted five, 114 of Major and conducted 85, 15 Triples and conducted 12, 80 of Minor (in one to 73 methods) and conducted 50, and four of Doubles, of which he has conducted three—and he has been peal ringing only nine years!

Mr. Worth is a Branch Ringing Master in the Chester Guild and serves on the Guild Committee.

**Next week: Mr. Harold J. Poole.**

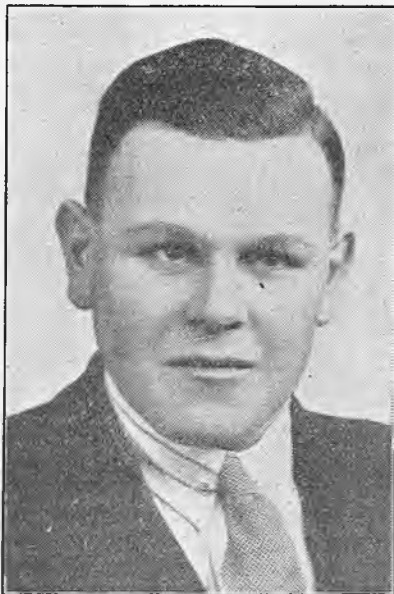
**ANOTHER VETERAN PASSES ON.****FORMER MEMBER OF THE OLD BURTON BAND.**

The Stoke (Coventry) band lost its oldest member when Mr. William J. Smith died on June 4th at the age of 72. He joined the Stoke band in 1912. He had previously been a ringer at Burton-on-Trent for many years, and became a member of the Midland Counties Association in 1886. While at Burton he took part in 123 peals, including Cambridge, Superlative, New Cumberland and London Surprise Major, with the famous band which included the brothers Wakley, J. Griffin, J. Austin, J. Jagger, etc. Since coming to Coventry he rang a further 22 peals, adding Bristol to his list of Surprise methods. His last Surprise peal was one of London Major, rung 25 years after his previous peal in the method.

Although living more than two miles from the tower, he was most conscientious in his attendance for service ringing until, 18 months ago, a seizure prevented him taking part in any more ringing, and for more than three months before the end he had been confined to his bed.

The funeral took place at Coventry Cemetery on June 9th, the mourners including the widow, brother, three daughters, son-in-law, representatives of the Warwickshire Guild and the Stoke band. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. E. Sibley, F. E. Pervin, A. Beamish and J. Taylor.

In the evening a quarter-peal of the deceased's favourite method (Stedman Triples) was rung at Stoke Church with the bells half-muffled by F. E. Pervin (conductor) 1, E. H. Johnson 2, F. Hayne 3, C. Freeman 4, D. Ellender 5, J. Taylor 6, W. T. Cox 7, F. Rouse 8.



**MR. JOHN WORTH.**

**DEVON GUILD.****AMALGAMATION HOPED FOR.**

The annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Cullompton on Whit Monday. The usual Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rev. G. W. Grubb, Vicar of Cullompton, the address being given by the Rev. Major T. H. E. Woods, Rector of East and West Woolington, who said that as a lover of bells he rejoiced at the opportunity of addressing such a large assembly of ringers. References to his varied experiences abroad greatly interested the congregation.

Luncheon was served in the Assembly Room of the Half Moon Hotel, over 150 members and friends being present. Following this the business meeting was held, the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) being in the chair, supported by the Revs. F. Carter, H. L. Hustwayte, F. W. Moore, G. W. Grubb, Major Woods and representatives of each branch of the Guild.

In moving the adoption of the annual report and financial statement, the Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee to all the members for their loyal support, and hoped that before long the Guild and its sister—the Devon Association—might unite by eliminating the rule which at present formed a barrier to amalgamation.

Sympathy was expressed with the Rev. E. J. Barton, of Holcombe Regis, and Mr. O. Gatter, of Littleham, both in hospital.

The president and general secretary were re-elected as before, and Mr. F. C. Smale, of Okehampton, was elected general treasurer in place of Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who wished to resign. It was resolved to record on the minutes the gratitude of the meeting to the late treasurer for his 17 years of faithful service. Mr. J. C. Oke was re-elected auditor, and the general secretary and Messrs. E. W. Marsh, G. C. Woodley and F. C. Smale elected Central Council representatives.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Plymouth.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicar of Cullompton, Major Woods, the organist, and the local band for their assistance in the arrangements.

The fine toned ring of ten in St. Mary's tower were heard throughout the day in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, a local wedding ceremony benefiting by the ringing.

**THE USE OF CHURCH BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of your journal there is an account of a quarter-peal, rung in honour of the appointment of a ringer to the chairmanship of an Urban District Council. This is only one of many occasions when church bells are rung to celebrate purely mundane events, and it is open to question whether ringing of this description is either in order or in the best of taste.

On looking through your columns of the past year I find many incongruous reasons for ringing peals. Among these are the birth of a local baby, birthdays of local people (21st and otherwise), a tribute to a long-deceased inventor of shorthand, the engagement of a local couple, a tribute to the parents of a ringer, and now, to crown all, the appointment to the Urban District Council chairmanship.

Church bells are primarily installed for the glory of God, and, secondly, to summon people to the services of the church. Apart from recognised occasions for ringing, such as weddings, commemoration of the departed, welcomes and farewells to incumbents, national occasions of rejoicing, etc., there can seldom be an occasion when a peal is rung that there is not some festival or saint's day to which the ringing could be dedicated. If no other reason could be found on any particular day, then the peal could be rung in honour of the patron saint of the church which owns the bells.

In conclusion, I would advocate that we 'render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's,' thereby keeping our ringing in the high position which it ought to occupy as one of the services of the Church.

Streathley, Berks.

A. R. C. POYNTZ.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****A WELCOME TO WORTLEY.**

The June meeting was held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 11th. Members were present from Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Rotherham, Sandal, South Kirkby, Sheffield (St. Marie's), Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and tea was served in the Wortley Arms.

At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. B. Brockwell), who presided, was accorded thanks for all he had done to make the meeting a success and for the cordial welcome he had given to the ringers. The thanks were even more grateful than usual, because the meeting had been previously arranged for Wentworth, but word was received from the Vicar of that church that, through the bells being in a bad condition, they had been advised to cease ringing; therefore, the meeting had to be transferred to Wortley at short notice.

The Vicar suitably replied, and assured the members that he was very pleased to attend such a gathering.

Touches were rung on handbells, and further ringing continued on the tower bells in a variety of Minor methods and touches of Plain and Treble Bob Major.

The next meeting will include the six-bell contest at Horbury on July 9th.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### WELCOME TO LEEDS.

#### Publications to be Revised.

When the third session of the sixteenth Council (the forty-sixth meeting) opened at Leeds on Whitsun Tuesday, there was an attendance of 92 members, and the chair was taken by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis).

The Deputy Mayor of Leeds (Councillor Mrs. L. Hammond) welcomed the members to the city on behalf of her father, the Lord Mayor. She confessed that she knew very little about church bell ringing, except by hearing them. Sometimes they were very beautiful, but sometimes she thought they were rather a nuisance when she wanted a little rest and they started ringing (laughter). But she could say in all sincerity that, when one was in the country or in the garden and heard the bells ringing in the distance, there was no more musical sound anywhere (applause). Mrs. Hammond went on to say that in the Registrars' Room at Leeds Parish Church were four volumes bearing the title 'The Ringers' Book,' covering a period from 1746 to 1883. These volumes were in reality minute books of the records of the ringers. The first entry was in 1746, when they 'received 13s. 4d. for ringing for a day of thanksgiving for the suppression of the late Rebellion.' From the commencement of the book the wages or gratuities of the ringers were entered for each quarter, but they ceased in 1853, 'the reason the ringers' salary is not inserted as usual is in consequence of it being so irregular and small we are ashamed for future generations to see it' (laughter).

'Most of you are ringers from the love of the work,' continued the Deputy Mayor. 'I hope after your deliberations you will not have to make entries in your ringing book of such a character' (laughter). In 1854, proceeded Mrs. Hammond, another complaint was entered that the salary of the ringers used to be £60 a year, but since the rebuilding of the church they had had to depend on subscriptions from pew holders and others interested, and the sum since 1843 was only £36, which seemed gradually falling until in 1854 it was only £23, 'with every chance of it getting less.' Mrs. Hammond added that if any of those present had the opportunity of examining the book they would find it very interesting. She concluded by renewing the welcome to Leeds and expressing the hope that the Council would have a successful conference.

The President thanked the Deputy Lord Mayor for her kind and charming welcome. The Council, he said, had been a long time coming to Yorkshire, but now they had got there they felt they had got a real, good Yorkshire welcome (applause). On the preceding day they had been treated to one of the finest outings the Council members had ever had. They would like to thank the civic authorities for allowing them the use of that room for their meeting. Mr. Lewis went on to say they knew that Yorkshire was a sort of breeding ground for bishops, and if they looked up the list of bishops in Crockford, and examined their antecedents, they would find that nearly all of them were either curates or vicars of Leeds. In the same way, Yorkshire was famous for its ringers. Many of the famous ringers of old, outside London, came from Yorkshire, among them Thackrah, Snowdon and the Hattersleys, while their old friend Mr. W. T. Cockerill was also a Yorkshireman. They felt that Yorkshire was a real, live centre of bellringing. The members of the Council had had the opportunity of seeing its lovely scenery, and they would go away with very pleasant memories of their long delayed visit (applause).

Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association) expressed the sincere apologies of the Vicar of Leeds that he was unable to be present to welcome the Council on behalf of the Church in Leeds. He gave a provisional promise some time ago to be present, but now he found he had to be away from the city. The Vicar had asked him to assure the Council of his hearty welcome. He was very proud of the bells in Leeds Parish Church and of those who rang them. He realised to the full the very great work which bellringers and the Central Council were doing for the Church, and in Leeds they felt that they had in the ringers a most devoted and loyal band of workers. The Vicar asked him to give the Council a hearty welcome to Leeds and his very best wishes for the success of the conference (applause).

The President expressed thanks for the kind message conveyed by Canon Marshall and said how much the Council appreciated meeting in Leeds and having the opportunity of ringing on the various peals of bells that had been placed at their disposal. They were sorry the Vicar had not been able to be present, but they appreciated his message very much (applause).

After the report of the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) as to the constitution of the Council (printed in our last issue), the following new members were presented to the president: Mr. J. C. Pollard (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (Middlesex County Association), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. H. Dallaway (Sussex County Association), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley and District Society) and Mr. J. P. Hyett (Hereford Diocesan Guild).

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

The retiring honorary members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected, on the motion of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt.

The Standing Committee recommended the election of Mr. Gilbert E. Debenham, of St. Albans, as an honorary member. The President

said that owing to Alderman Pritchett's age he was unable to do that work for the Council on the legal side that they would sometimes like him to do, and it would be very valuable if they could have another lawyer on that Council, because legal questions sometimes cropped up, such as questions of alleged nuisance, insurance and so on. Mr. Debenham had been a solicitor since 1930. He was a son of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham, a member of the Council from 1894 to 1902, and was treasurer of the Hertford County Association.—Mr. Debenham's election was unanimously agreed to, on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge.

The President said Alderman Pritchett had written suggesting that, as he was 83 years of age, he should retire from the Council, but as they still had some vacancies among the hon. members, the Standing Committee suggested the resignation be not accepted, at least for the present (applause). Alderman Pritchett would come up for re-election in the normal course next year.

#### LOSSES BY DEATH.

Five members or past members had died during the year, and, in accordance with custom, the names were reported to the Council.

Canon G. F. Coleridge said one of the deceased members and one of the most distinguished was the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. He was referring to him because the president, being his brother-in-law, could not very well do so. Mr. Richardson was a member of the Council for 30 years, and in his early days at Cambridge made history with other distinguished men, who had made their mark upon ringing. Mr. Richardson had done a very great work indeed for the Council. As convener of the Peals Committee, he undertook the task of proving over a thousand peals of Treble Bob. That was a pretty big handful for any man to take on, but Mr. Richardson did it, and ringers who wished to ring the peals in that collection could be sure that they were absolutely sound. The work required great concentration and effort, and a considerable amount of time. In his later days, when he was Vicar of a busy parish in Hereford, Mr. Richardson carried on the work with the same ability, and the result was in the hands of the Council. He (Canon Coleridge) looked at the book on the previous day and it was marvellous. They had to thank Mr. Richardson and the other members of the committee for the scrupulous care and the assiduity with which they carried out the work. Mr. Richardson had long been a leading light in the Council and no one mourned his death more than he (the speaker) did.

The President referred to the other past members. Mr. W. H. Hollier had been a member of the Council from 1924 to 1937 and had attended 14 meetings. He was convener of the Peal Boards Committee, and it was a branch of work on which he spent a great deal of time and an enormous amount of trouble in the effort to collect these old records. He (the president) did not think the members, apart from those intimately connected with Mr. Hollier, realised the time and trouble he took in the matter. They would very much miss him as one of their members.

Mr. Frank Smith, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, was a member of the Council from 1915 to 1935 and attended seven of the meetings. He was a very useful member in a quiet way.

Mr. F. W. Thornton was a member from 1891 to 1893 and from 1897 to 1900. He was a member of the Society of Trinity Youths and of the Kent County Association, and attended five meetings.

Another whom they had lost was one known to them all, their dear old friend, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who represented the Ancient Society of College Youths on the Council for 44 years, from 1893 to 1937, and attended 23 of the meetings; in fact, he was a member of the Council almost as long as he was secretary of the Ancient Society. He (the president) had spoken on more than one occasion of Mr. Cockerill's sterling qualities, and he thought they were known to all of them. All he need say on that occasion was how much they missed him. At the same time he could not help feeling how happy his ending was. He was 78 years of age; he rang the seventh at St. Paul's Cathedral on the Sunday before his death and was in unusually good form in calling the customary three courses of Stedman Cinques. He was taken ill on the way home and only lasted two or three days afterwards. They could feel glad that he passed away, as he must have wished, in a happy time of his life and in harness right up to the end.

There were two other names, said the President, that he would like to mention, although they were not members of the Council. During the year they had lost Mr. Joseph J. Parker, who was so well known to the Exercise. He doubted if there was any ringer in that room who had not, at some time or other, rung Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandfire Triples and other of his compositions. He thought it would be nice to mention the fact when they felt the loss of so eminent a ringer and composer. Also, recently there had passed away one who was known to many members of the Council; he referred to the release of Mrs. Goldsmith.

The members of the Council stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect.

#### A PEAL 'DISQUALIFIED.'

The minutes of the last meeting of the Council were then presented and passed.

The Standing Committee, said the President, asked for instructions with regard to a peal of Minor rung in Yorkshire that was questioned by the Analysis Committee in their report for 1936. As the result of the committee's inquiries it appeared that, in a peal in seven methods, a plain course was inserted between the first and second 720's. This



was against the decisions of the Council, and the Standing Committee felt with regret that it should be deleted from the records.

The hon. secretary proposed that the Standing Committee's recommendation be confirmed.—Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded and the motion was carried.

The President said the letter explaining the occurrence admitted quite frankly that the course was put in because one of the band was a bit uncertain of the method, and this was a little bit of practice put in in the middle of the peal (laughter).

Another point arising out of the minutes was with regard to the preparation of a book on handbell ringing. The hon. secretary said this was being drafted by Mr. Chris. Woolley, who was also seeking the advice of other prominent handbell ringers.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian (Mr. W. H. J. Hooton) presented the following report: Sales of publications are down, partly owing to the absence from the list of the book on Minor Methods and the exhaustion of the book of Major and Cater Methods. For the former I have had many inquiries, and it is hoped that this publication and the pamphlet relating to the law affecting church bells will be available shortly. The stock of 'Hints' is low and should be replenished. The Bristol sheets have gone sufficiently well to justify the printing of 500 to be sold at 2d. each. The whole stock of Glossaries has been given away, and about 12 associations have taken advantage of the Council's offer.

Books have been borrowed from the library for the purpose of a lecture on bells and for the extraction of peal records. The thanks of the Council are due to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher for the gifts of volumes of 'The Ringing World' for 1935 and 1936; also to Mrs. H. S. T. Richardson for duplicate copies of the peals of Treble Bob and for volumes of 'The Ringing World.'

In accordance with the Council's instructions the library and publications have been insured against fire with the General Assurance Corporation for a sum of £250. The annual premium is to be 8s. 9d., the first premium 9s. 3d.

The number of books sold during the year was 397 and of method sheets 106. This brought in £13 2s. 1d. Expenditure had been £9 18s. 1d., leaving a balance on the year of £3 4s. The number of books in hand was 2,680 and of method sheets 1,199, of a total value of £138 15s. 7d. Of the books in hand 1,042 are sections 1, 2 and 3 of the 'Collection of peals,' valued at £72 4s. 8d.

On the motion of Mr. Hooton, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report was adopted.

The President said the Standing Committee had considered the question of the stock of the 'Peals Collection,' and under the powers already given to them had decided that the price of all these books should be reduced to a uniform one of 9d. each, and that the Corrigenda leaflets be inserted as a matter of course and included in the price.

A suggestion being made that the Corrigenda leaflets might be gummed into the books, Mr. W. A. Cave said the safest way was for those who had a copy to make the corrections on the pages of the books straightaway, otherwise they were absolutely useless.

The President reported, as a matter of interest to the Council, that the 'Model Rules' were out of stock. There had been a certain amount of demand. The Standing Committee had come to the conclusion that the present rules were quite unsuitable for modern conditions and had appointed a committee of their own members, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. Stephen Wood and the hon. librarian, to revise the rules and subsequently print them. With regard to the booklet on the preservation of bells, which was also practically out of stock, the committee had decided it should be reprinted, after revision by the Towers and Belfries Committee, and that would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Replying to Mr. F. W. Rogers, the Hon. Secretary said the Standing Committee already had power to reprint 'Hints to Conductors and Beginners,' and stock would be replenished when necessary.

The statement of accounts showed the balance at Whitsun, 1937, was £105 11s. 7d. Receipts included 1936-37 affiliation fees arrears, £3 10s.; 1937-38, £33 5s.; subscriptions from hon. members, £2; interest on stock, £5; balance on sale of publications, £3 4s.; total £152 10s. 7d.

The expenses were: Printing method sheets, £1 16s.; sums voted at last meeting—Carter ringing machine fees, 10s. 6d.; Anti-Noise League donation, £1 1s.; purchase of Davis 'silencers,' £2 5s.; insurance of library and publications, 9s. 3d.; advertising, printing, stationery and postage, £11 9s. 3d.; wreaths, £3 3s.; gratuities, £1; leaving a balance of £130 16s. 7d. The investments in Conversion and Consolidated Stock have a market value of £142 1s.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. C. T. Coles (auditor), seconded by Mr. E. A. Young.

#### THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Young presented the following report of the Trustees of the Carter ringing machine and proposed its adoption and the payment of the fees: The machine was taken out and tried over on April 23rd last by the two demonstrators, Messrs. Sharman and Driver. I was unable to be present myself, but by co-trustee, Mr. A. A. Hughes, was present, and it would appear that all three gentlemen were satisfied with the demonstration. Mr. Sharman suggests that the contact pins of the electric circuits controlling the sounding of the bells be reset, as they require adjusting and would be more reliable if reset with stouter wire. Mr. Sharman offers to do this work free if paid expenses, but it would mean the taking of the lower part of the machine to his home at Lewisham, and it would be away a month. The trustees

recommend that consent be given. There are two fees of half a guinea to pay, and the petty expenses amount to 1s.

Mr. Young said Mr. Driver had mastered the machine and had set it to certain methods without the aid of the MS. book compiled by Mr. Carter, so that Mr. Carter's mantle seemed to have fallen upon a worthy successor. It was remarkable how Mr. Driver, although not a ringer, had mastered not only composition, but also the way in which change ringing was demonstrated on this machine.—Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said there was some anxiety among members near him as to the petty expenses—they worked out at 4d. each (laughter).

The report was adopted, as was also the Standing Committee's recommendation that the expenses be paid and that permission be given for the removal of part of the machine for resetting.

A formal report by the Standing Committee that they had considered the agenda, and that various recommendations had been or would be laid before the Council, was adopted on the motion of the president.

(To be continued.)

### CENTRAL COUNCIL'S YORKSHIRE EXCURSION.

#### A MEMORABLE TRIP.

One of the privileges of being a member of the Central Council is to enjoy the hospitality which the Council receives wherever it goes. All the associations are the same in this respect, but none perhaps has ever arranged an outing so successful and so enjoyable as the one on Whit Monday to North Yorkshire. All the details were well thought out, the time table was kept and the weather was everything that could be expected.

Three fully laden motor-coaches (officially known as 'charas'—but why?) left Leeds headquarters at 9 o'clock en route for Fountains Abbey. We passed through Harrogate, where the waters are good for those suffering from 'free living, combined with excess of alcohol' (vide guide book), but, as Leeds beer had not yet reduced us to that state, we did not stop.

Fountains, as everyone knows, is one of the most extensive monastic ruins in the country and is delightfully situated. But we understood a good deal more about it, and how the monks lived and so on, after we had been taken round by Dr. Moody, the organist of Ripon Cathedral, who evidently knows and loves every stone in the place and who had most kindly come to meet us and be our guide.

Then to Ripon and the Cathedral, where there is a good modern ring of ten bells. Though the party was so large and the time strictly limited, everyone who wanted to got a pull; no more than courses being rung. Some managed to make a tour of the church, where again Dr. Moody acted as guide.

Lunch at the Studley Royal Hotel and then on again to Middleham, famous in history for its castle, the stronghold of the Nevilles in the Wars of the Roses. But we did not all go there. We went to the Church of St. Aeldra, where there is a good Taylor ring of eight bells, with a tenor 18 or 19 cwt., and which go splendidly. Several plain courses were rung in different methods, including Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge; and one very decently struck touch of Spiced Surprise by a mixed band (Croydon, Beddington, Portsmouth, Edmon-ton, Ealing and Coventry).

All along the scenery had been very fine (the Croydon men were heard to remark that it was nearly as good as Surrey), but now we got among the foothills of the Pennines, and, climbing out of Wensleydale, came down Swaledale into Richmond. That was by far the most beautiful part of the journey.

At Richmond we had tea at the Bishop Blaise Hotel, an old rambling house with narrow passages and steep stairs. Outside, in the Square, there was a fair on with cokenut shies, and presently nearly all the ladies were strutting about carrying cokenuts and pretending that they had won them in fair fight. One did not like to ask what the price was at the shop.

Members of the Standing Committee of the Council had to leave at 6 o'clock, but most of them managed to get a ring first at the Parish Church. The bells are nothing to talk about. The rest of the party stayed on until 7 o'clock. It seems that many of the visitors were disappointed with Richmond. They had been told that it is one of the three most picturesque towns in England, and they'd be hanged if they could see it.

The truth was that we came into the town by the wrong way and we left it in the wrong way. We came out of Swaledale suddenly and the first thing we saw of Richmond was some ordinary modern houses. They don't seem to fit into the picture—'foul' one Central Councillor called them. I suppose he expects the Richmond people to live in ruined abbeys or roofless cottages. To see Richmond you should come from the south. How many of the visitors realised that the Castle, which most of them saw, stands on a rock with a sheer drop on three sides of over a hundred feet to the river? There was one brief glimpse of what Richmond looks like as we looked back on leaving the town; but that's not the view of Richmond you should see. J. A. T.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church for evening service on June 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Miss B. Mills 1, B. R. Harris 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, J. W. Chapman (Streatham) 4, E. J. King 5, J. Grandsbury 6, A. Diserens 7, F. Hopgood (Wimbledon) 8. This touch was rung as a 50th birthday compliment to F. W. Wicks, of Wimbledon.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for June, all at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, June 23rd, \*St. Paul's Cathedral, June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, June 28th. \*Business meeting.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ticknall on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Methods suitable to all, but don't forget Cambridge Minor. Special invitation to Derby District members.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield Societies and the above association will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, in the New Rectory Rooms, 1s. 3d. each, at 5 p.m.—S. F. Palmer, Hon. Treasurer, 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Ockley on Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea after.—A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, June 18th. Towers open: Horsham, 2.30 to 5.30 and after meeting; Warnham, 2.30 to 5. Service at Horsham 5.30, with address by the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A. Tea (2s. 6d., 1s. to members) at the King's Head, Carfax, 6. Half rail fare, maximum 2s. 6d., allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Snap out of it and be loyal to the Ladies' Guild.—E. Dorice Kelly, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A joint meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowances will be paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse has kindly consented to demonstrate his very latest ringing machine at this meeting. Do not miss this opportunity. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held on June 18th at Church Lawford, near Rugby. Solihull bells not available. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Lion at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth (10 bells), at 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and business meeting at 6 p.m. Further ringing till 8 p.m.—N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The meeting of the Grimsby District, which was fixed for Bigby, will, instead, be held at Barrow-on-Humber on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Vicar's Room. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held in Bolton on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m. Holy Trinity bells from 4.15 p.m. At the Parish Church, in connection with the Ladies' Guild, there will be a service, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s.). All ringers invited.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Tower Branch) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Cosgrove on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send to Mr. E. Lambert, Church Cottages, Cosgrove. All visitors will be welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday afternoon, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Sleaford District will be held at Heckington on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) open at 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Will those intending to take tea please notify J. H. Clark, 6, Banks Lane, Heckington, Sleaford.—H. S. Hinkins, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing (6 bells) commencing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A district meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, June 18th. Six newly-hung bells. Benhall (6), Kelsale (8). Tea (9d.) at Albion Hall (near the station) at 4.30.—W. Smith, Farnham, Saxmundham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Cramlington, St. Nicholas' (6 bells) will be the scene of the next meeting on Saturday, June 18th, at 3 p.m. Will members note that Cramlington buses 4 and 5 run from Newcastle Haymarket?—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec., 29, Cherryburn Gardens, Newcastle, 4.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—Saturday, June 18th. Bells (10) available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea at Red Spider Rooms 5.45. Business meeting after. Excellent train and coach service.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270). Herts Association.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. A mid-week practice meeting at Kimbolton on Thursday, June 29th. Bells available 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Late Final.—Wallington (near Baldock). Peal of six available Saturday, the 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea at the Derby Arms, 5 p.m. Don't forget to support the six-bell meetings.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Mountsorrel on June 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will friends please accept this short notice and turn up in full force?—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting of members of these two organisations will be held at Ewell on Wednesday next, 22nd inst. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Mary Wallis Hall at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Mr. Charles E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, by Monday, the 20th inst. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.**—Combined practice at 8 p.m., Thursday, June 23rd. Special methods, Double Norwich and London. Visitors will be welcome.—W. Ayre.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Thursday evening meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23rd, at Tilsworth. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. Come and learn a new method and there will be plenty of youngsters need coaching.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock, will be provided free to all who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, by Thursday, June 23rd. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 21st inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. J. W. Girton, Grantham Road, Bottesford, not later than Thursday, June 23rd. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, June 21st. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 25th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea after, 1s. per head, by invitation, in the Vicarage garden, if fine, otherwise in the Parish Hall. Short business meeting to follow. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on June 26th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Coffee Room. Bells from 2.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury on June 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Visitors to Blackpool and district heartily welcomed. Train leaves North Station 2 p.m. for Poulton, then bus at Poulton Square at 2.20.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, June 22nd. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Stow on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cross Keys Inn. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the Tuesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Preston Branches Joint Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at a small charge, for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw and A. Blogg, Branch Secs.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford.—K. Lewis, Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A practice will be held at Wargrave, Berks (8 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, 6 till 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles', on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Watermoor, Cirencester, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify by June 21st.—W. H. Hayward, Hon. Branch Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Drake, 7, St. John's Terrace, Belle Vue Road, Leeds, by Wednesday, June 22nd. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 315th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each. Will all those attending please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 25th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 to 8.30. St. Neots (8) available from 3 to 4.15. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport, near Ely, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by card you are coming.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Short evensong at 6 p.m. Old and new members very welcome. A card re tea would oblige.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. Notifications for tea must reach me by Wednesday, June 22nd. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting, also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing arrangements:—St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Mary (8) 3.15-4.40, St. Laurence (12) 6.30-8.30, Caversham (8) 7-9. Service at St. Mary at 4.45. Address by the Rev. Canon A. G. Parham (Vicar, St. Mary). Tea follows service at 5.15. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the Reading district to come and 'have a pull' with us at this meeting. Kindly let me have names for tea not later than June 29th.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Rd., Bexleyheath, Kent.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual festival at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Callington (6), St. Dominic (6), St. Ive (6), Pillaton (6), South Hill (5), Stoke Climsland (8). Service at Callington 4 p.m., preacher, the Archdeacon of Bodmin. Tea 4.45 (free to ringers). Reply to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southard, Penheard, Bodmin Road, Truro, by June 20th.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Up- lowman on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, June 27th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/5) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, on Wednesday, July 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual six-bell shield contest will be held at Horbury on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 6s. per band. All entries and voluntary subscriptions for prize fund must reach me not later than June 25th. A good entry is hoped for.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex. Re-opening of the bells on Saturday, July 16th, at 3 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

#### BIRTH.

**BIBBY.**—At the Nursing Home, Frodsham, Cheshire, on Sunday, June 12th, to Alice Mary, wife of John E. Bibby, the gift of a son.

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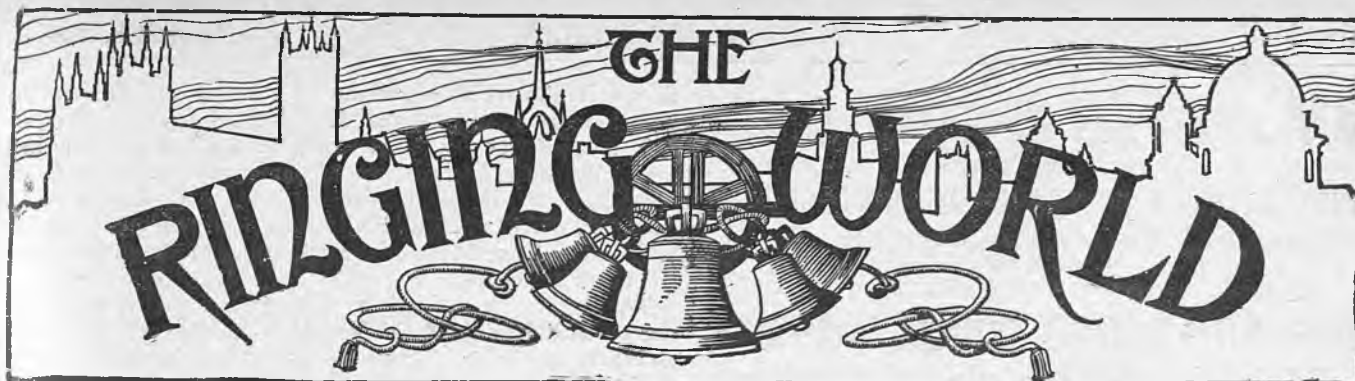
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There were two main questions before the Council. First, is publication, at present, a reasonably sound commercial proposition in view of the cost? The Council's funds are necessarily limited; it is already committed to the issue of new editions of several other of its publications, which will swallow up a considerable slice of the available cash, and if the Surprise Major book is printed, a further large sum will have to be spent, thus locking up for some long time funds which some members declare could be better spent in other directions, in view of the probable very tardy return which would be received from this new volume. Those who hold this opinion look upon the number of ringers interested in Surprise ringing and likely to purchase a book costing 4s. or 5s. as comparatively small, and must necessarily continue to be an extremely limited section of the Exercise. On the other hand the Methods Committee have sufficient confidence in their work to believe that, apart from the collection of the methods which is given, the letterpress theory, history and the like would be sufficient to create a demand that would justify printing; and in any case the book, if available, would have educational value and be an inducement leading to an increase in the number of Surprise ringers, thus making a widening circle of potential purchasers.

The Council was asked to choose between these two opinions, and eventually accepted a suggestion that the affiliated associations should be invited to come to their aid by providing half the cost, and in return receiving an equivalent number of copies of the book. This scheme, if carried through—and it would impose only a very small drain upon the funds of any association—would have several advantages. Among them it would enable a definitely valuable work to be printed without crippling the resources of the Council; it would give the associations an incentive to encourage the sale of the publica-

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tion. It should also provide an inducement to them to take a more active interest in this very useful and practical side of the Council's work, as well as encouraging generally the ringing of the higher methods. It is to be hoped that the individual associations, when they have to consider the Council's invitation, will view it in its broadest light and give it the wholehearted support which we think it merits.

The other question which cropped up and upon which there is evidently a sharp division of opinion, was whether, in the published book, names should be given to the still unring methods or whether the naming should be left to those who first ring them. Even the committee is divided on this, but, as the book, in any case, cannot be printed until after the next Council meeting, an immediate decision was not called for. It is a question of policy. It has been settled once, but it is certain that it will have to be reconsidered next year.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

*JOHN E. TURLEY... .. 2	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7
T. COLIN RYDER... .. 3	ALBERT NASH ... .. 8
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 4	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 9
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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.  
\* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.  
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On Saturday, May 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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*HARRY DICKENS... .. 2	†WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 5
STANLEY N. HARRISON ... .. 2	†HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 6
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\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Howard.

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Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 5
JOHN GODFREY ... .. 2	EDDIE BARKER ... .. 6
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Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WILLIAM AYRE ... .. Treble	STEDMAN STEELE... .. 5
†WALTER LEACH ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE... .. 6
EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD RICKITT ... .. 7
MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. The ringers wish to associate this peal with the memory of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull.

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On Saturday, June 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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RONALD FOWLER ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

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\* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal of Major 'inside.'

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On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	*LEONARD SHEARBY ... .. 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 2	HARRY PRICE ... .. 6
*TREVOR NEWBURY ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
EDWARD MAUND... .. 4	HENRY BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal in the method.

## LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. KELLETT ... Treble	*PHILIP ASPINALL ... .. 5
†JOHN TURNER ... .. 2	HENRY H. SMITH ... .. 6
*PHILIP MOORHOUSE ... .. 3	†GEOFFREY GEE ... .. 7
*PETER ASPINALL ... .. 4	†WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... Treble	EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SHEARN ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 7
*ALFRED J. PEACOCK ... .. 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. Treble	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 5
GEORGE PAGE ... .. 2	TOM PAGE ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Arranged as a wedding peal for Miss Dorothy M. Heath and Mr. William T. Llewellyn, who were married on June 5th at St. Dyfrig's Church, Cardiff; and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Heath, mother of the bride.

## RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 5
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 2	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 3	FRED PRICE ... .. 7
SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

JACK BUCKENHAM... .. Treble	HECTOR HALLIDAY ... .. 5
ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	EDDIE BARKER ... .. 6
GEORGE JOHNSON... .. 3	JOHN GODFREY ... .. 7
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. G. BASON.

A birthday compliment to Hector Halliday.

## ENDERBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... Treble	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	*ARTHUR H. DEBENHAM ... .. 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAYMOND WOOD... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
*HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
*CECIL H. WOOD ... .. 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... .. 7
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	*ERNEST HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method.

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## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	...Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER ... ..	5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... ..	2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... ..	6
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ..	7
ALFRED J. BULL ... ..	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... ..	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... ..	2	JACK BAILEY ... ..	6
HORACE MOULT ... ..	3	HOWARD HOWELL ... ..	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... ..	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung on St. Barnabas' Day as a birthday compliment to Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Master of the Arch-deaconry of Stafford Society.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

WALTER ELSEY ... ..	...Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... ..	5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... ..	6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
CHARLES W. LOOME ... ..	4	ERNEST WHITING ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... ..	...Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	5
*GEOFFREY HARRISON ... ..	2	KENNETH A. ROE ... ..	6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... ..	3	SIDNEY CHENEY ... ..	7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

\* First Surprise peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wain, of Leicester.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..	5
JAMES BETTS ... ..	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..	6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... ..	7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... ..	4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

A birthday compliment to J. G. Rumsey.

## CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM J. PREECE ... ..	...Treble	FRANCIS EVANS ... ..	5
JOHN J. PRICE ... ..	2	*LESLIE EVANS ... ..	6
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... ..	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... ..	7
ERNEST H. MEREDITH ... ..	4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HARRY C. INGRAM ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH SWIFT ... ..	5
BERNARD H. HALL ... ..	2	JOHN H. FOSTER ... ..	6
STEPHEN LAWRENSEN ... ..	3	*RUFUS COWELL ... ..	7
PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ..	4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Major. First peal on the eight bells, which were augmented by the addition of two trebles in October, 1937. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Mellor, M.A.), who has recently been appointed Rector of Standish, Lancs.

## OTLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... ..	5
FRANK RAYMENT ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... ..	6
JAMES A. TEALE ... ..	3	HARRY DAVISON ... ..	7
*KENNETH SIMPSON ... ..	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\* First peal in the method.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... ..	5
JOHN H. ARBON ... ..	2	T. WILLIAM LAST ... ..	6
GEORGE PRYKE ... ..	3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... ..	7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... ..	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. WHITING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. James Bennett, jun., one of the service band, to Miss Florence Kate Manning, of Helmingham.

## HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

HENRY W. GAYTON ... ..	...Treble	*STANLEY S. WALLIS ... ..	5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ..	2	*JOHN CHURCH ... ..	6
*C. HENRY HARDING ... ..	3	ALBERT FLEET ... ..	7
HORACE H. SMITH ... ..	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

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On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL ... .. Treble	RICHARD BROWN ... .. 5
*LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
REGINALD A. REED ... .. 4	HAROLD P. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. A. REED.

\* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss I. F. M. Young to Mr. J. P. Burnett.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 22½ cwt.

ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 5
MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 4	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Arthur E. West, for several years vice-president of the Yorkshire Association.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... .. Treble	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 4	†FREDERICK W. WICKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method and on more than five bells. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of Mr. Frederick W. Wicks.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. P. HUMPHREY ... .. Treble	MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 5
*MRS. J. E. DAVIS ... .. 2	*MRS. J. BOTHAM ... .. 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... .. 3	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... .. 7
†MISS GWEN KIPPIN ... .. 4	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by MRS. G. W. FLETCHER

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Guild.

**A VICAR'S MEMORIAL.**

On the occasion of the dedication of a memorial to the late Canon M. C. H. Collet, for 17 years Vicar of Frensham, Surrey, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung before the service on Sunday, May 22nd: E. A. Case 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss D. I. Aslett 3, D. W. Dadson 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. J. Heath 6.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BARNBY DON, NEAR DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Capel, Burton, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL COOK ... .. Treble	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 4
WILLIE GREEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

DINTING VALE, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERIC E. SPEAKE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 4
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 5
JACK BAILEY ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Ten callings. Rung with 4-6-8 behind.

S. THISTLETON ... .. Treble	H. BAILEY ... .. 5
G. AGNEW ... .. 2	L. FRANCIS ... .. 6
E. THISTLETON ... .. 3	F. GODSMARK ... .. 7
J. MANSBRIDGE ... .. 4	B. GORRINGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. GODSMARK.

First peal at this church by a local band, all of whom are service ringers. First peal by all except ringers of the 7th and 4th.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD DOVE ... .. Treble	CLEMENT ROBINSON ... .. 4
HARRY RODMELL ... .. 2	JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Arthur E. West and of Robert Robinson, father of the ringer of the fourth.

DALWOOD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, June 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 4
REV. E. V. COX ... .. 2	HENRY J. ROWE ... .. 5
*REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... .. 3	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

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

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE DETACHED TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being six 120's of Plain Bob, 12 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 240's of Grandsire by Pitman and Morris. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... .. Treble	*HENRY J. HILL ... .. 4
ROLAND LEWIS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
C. WILLIAM NUTT ... .. 3	*EDGAR BISHOP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods of Doubles on the bells.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  
(HADLEIGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

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

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD...	...Treble	HARRY J. MEE	...	...	4
FRANK ROLFE	...	...	2	EDGAR RIVERS	...
CHARLES MEE	...	...	3	JOHN C. G. HAGGER	...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Ipswich on Wednesday, June 8th.

NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

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

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

ALAN R. ANDREWS	...	...Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT	...	4
*MRS. L. WRIGHT	...	...	2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	...
MISS ELEANOR REEVE	...	...	3	LESLIE WRIGHT	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS	...	...Treble	BERNARD ASHFORD	...	4
JOHN BASS	...	...	2	RICHARD INSTOW	...
WILLIAM HODNETT	...	...	3	PERCY RICHARDS	...Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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

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

Being seven extents in 18 methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (2) London Bob, Lytham, Thelwall and Double Oxford; (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Double and Plain Bob; (5) Double and Single Court; (6) College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER	...	...Treble	ALBERT L. DIKEY	...	4
VICTOR MORLEY	...	...	2	ALIC M. GENERY	...
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	...	...	3	RALPH BIRD	...Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

There were 110 changes of method. First peal in 18 methods by all. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Cistercian Abbey Church of St. Mary,

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

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WILLIAM A. KITSON	...	...	3	HORACE D. WRIGHT	...Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

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*JOHN CHALLIS	...	...Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS	...	4
RALPH BIRD	...	...	2	RONALD SUCKLING	...
GEOFFREY EVERETT	...	...	3	VICTOR MORLEY	...Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

\* First peal.

## PEAL NOTES.

### LADIES' PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE.

At last the first peal of London Surprise Major by eight ladies has been accomplished, at Harlow Common on June 18th. The men will heartily congratulate them.

There have been seven attempts in all for a ladies' peal in this method, two at Crayford, one at Ewell, two at Great Baddow, and two at Harlow Common, extending over about six or seven years. Of the original band at Crayford, only two were in the present peal, viz., Mrs. Deal and Mrs. Fletcher.

The band who scored the peal were the same as at Great Baddow, with the exception of Mrs. R. Richardson, who was prevented at the last minute from standing in the first attempt at Harlow Common, and whose place was taken by Miss Kippin.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. Green, of Great Baddow for his kindness in welcoming the band to Great Baddow on two occasions and for entertaining them, and also the Vicar, Mr. Dudley Ward (churchwarden) and the ringers of Harlow Common for their kind hospitality on the last two occasions. Thanks are also due to those members of the Guild who have stood in previous attempts.

A peal of Bob Major, which the ringers wish to associate with the late Mr. Arthur E. West, of Sutton, near Hull, was rung at Escrick, Yorks, on June 4th. We referred last week to the passing of this much respected member of the Yorkshire Association and former vice-president. He was well known for his generous and hospitable nature and will be greatly missed. A half-muffled peal of Minor was rung at Mr. West's own parish church on June 8th.

Mr. William Ayre and Mr. Walter Ayre rang the treble and tenor respectively to the peal at Escrick. Another of the band was Mr. Edward Rickitt, and it was 25 years since he and Mr. Walter Ayre had previously rung a peal together.

At Howden, Yorkshire, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung on June 11th as a token of respect. Mr. West was well known in North Lincolnshire, and some of his friends from across the River Humber took part in the memorial peal.

The first peal on the bells by the Yorkshire Association at Barnby Don, near Doncaster, was rung on Whit Monday in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

### BIRMINGHAM RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung by St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Ruardean, Gloucestershire, on Whit Monday, was arranged at the suggestion of Mr. E. T. Allaway, who was born at Ruardean, and by invitation of the local ringers. The first recorded peal on the original ring of six bells was rung on Whit Monday, 1836, in 3 hours 37 minutes, being 6,480 changes in the Grandsire and Old Double method. The present ring of eight was installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1905. The bells are not unmusical, and 'go' well, but call for skilful handling.

A ninth Birmingham ringer, not unrelated to the tenorman, accompanied the party, and listened to the peal—which, incidentally, was the quickest on the bells—with some of the local band. At the end of the peal he was enthusiastic in his praise—of their home-made wine!

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, had, among other compliments, a peal rung in honour of his 101st birthday at Downham, Norfolk, by members of the Ely Diocesan Association on May 28th.

A birthday peal for Mr. Hector Halliday, rung at Hilgay, Norfolk, by the Ely Association, on June 6th, was Mr. Jack Buckenham's fiftieth peal.

The congratulations of the band were extended to Mr. Harry Dickens, who rang in the peal at Great Budworth on May 28th. It was his first attempt for a peal and he is 67 years of age. Mr. Dickens has been a Sunday service ringer for 52 years. His performance is more praiseworthy because the band he is with ring only 'stone.'

A peal in 18 Minor methods was rung at Pebmarsh, Essex, as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Carter. The ringers were members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, as well as of the Essex Association, and it was the first peal in 18 methods by them all. In the peal the method was changed 110 times and there were 76 bobs and 24 singles.

Mr. Fred Dixon, of Guiseley, Yorks, called a peal of Stedman Triples at Otley on June 11th. It was ten years since he last called a peal of Stedman Triples.

After a peal of Bob Minor at Stockton, Shropshire, the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Inston, sen., and they desire to thank them for the hospitality.

Reginald Reed, one of the young members of the North Stoneham, Hants, band, called his first peal on June 11th, when a peal of Bob Major was rung for the wedding of Miss I. F. M. Young and Mr. J. P. Burnett, who were married at North Stoneham Church just prior to the peal.

Mrs. C. H. Kippin, of Croydon, took part in this peal, while her husband was away peal hunting in the extreme north of England. Although this accomplished lady ringer has rung all sorts of Surprise methods on eight and ten bells, this was her first peal of Bob Major away from the treble—another proof that in these days ringers do not always advance by easy stages, but often have to step back a long way to 'clean up' simple stuff.

Mr. Fred Wicks, of Wimbledon, Surrey, rang his first peal on eight bells to celebrate his fiftieth birthday when he 'covered' a peal of Stedman Triples on June 11th at Twickenham.

(Continued in next column.)



**THREE SUFFOLK RINGERS.**

(Continued from previous column.)

There are some points of more than passing interest in the peal of Minor rung at Sproughton, Suffolk, on June 11th. It was in honour of the visit of the Duke of Kent to Ipswich on June 8th, when, at a gathering of Suffolk societies at which H.R.H. was present, the Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. Charles Mee, Edgar Rivers and Frank Rolfe.

It was in Sproughton tower that Mr. Mee learnt to ring 60 years ago. Mr. Mee, and his brothers, had to pay two members of St. Mary-le-Tower company to teach them one night a week. In 1897, with a new treble added to make six, Mr. Mee taught Edgar Rivers and Frank Rolfe to ring.

Between the years 1900 and 1910 Mr. Mee used to walk to Menley, six miles away, two or three times a week after a day's work to ring peals with others of the band, so it is quite true, as we are reminded, that modern young men and women are not the first to suffer from peal fever.

The peal on Saturday week, by the way, was the first by a local band at this church for about five years.

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wain, of Leicester, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 11th. Mr. Wain is a member of Leicester Cathedral band. In this peal Mr. Colin Harrison's young son, Geoffrey, rang his first Surprise peal 'inside.' He is barely 14 years of age.

In honour of the wedding of their colleague, Mr. James Bennett, jun., the Helmingham, Suffolk, ringers rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at their Parish Church immediately after the ceremony on June 11th.

Mr. Horace H. Smith, secretary of the band at St. James', Husborne Crawley, where Canon A. Rust, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is Vicar and a ringer, has 'completed the circle' in his own tower by ringing the fourth to a peal of Bob Major on June 11th.

Mr. William C. Rumsey, of Debenham, rang his 450th peal on June 11th when he called a peal of Superlative at his home tower, and started on the 'circle' for the thirteenth time. It was Mr. E. F. Poppy's 350th peal and a birthday compliment to Mr. James G. Rumsey, of Leiston, who also took part in the peal.

'Distance no object' can be truly applied to the band who rang the peal of Minor at Dinting Vale Church, Glossop, on Whit Tuesday, for over 200 miles was recorded before the conductor and car reached home again.

It is ten years since a peal was rung on these bells, and thanks are due to Mr. Richardson, the local captain, for having everything in readiness for the visitors. The band also wish to thank the Rev.

J. O. M. Dawson Bowling for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

A peal of Bob Major, rung at Measham, Leicestershire, on St. Barnabas' Day (June 11th) was a birthday compliment to Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

St. Chad's Church, Poulton, Lancashire, where the first peal on the augmented bells was rung on June 11th, is one of the oldest churches in the Fylde. Though there is no authentic record, tradition says it gets its name from the Saxon Bishop of Mercia, whose seat was at Chester in A.D. 669. The first Vicarage was constituted in 1175, the income being ten marks, about £6, and a house. This dropped to £2 in 1322 and rose to £7 in the next century. The valuation included tithes on salt, flax and hemp, manufactured in the district. When Henry VIII. dissolved the monasteries and took possession of the churches, records mention the tower and three bells.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 110 years, a peal of Minor was rung at Nayland, Suffolk, on June 11th. The previous peal (as far as is known) was also Bob Minor, rung on July 12th, 1828, in which two local men, John and William Winney, took part. A more famous member of this family has been among the great figures of London ringing, although advancing years now curtail his activities. Challis Winney, of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, was born at Nayland in 1858.

Slaugham, near the northern border of the county, has one of the newest rings of eight in Sussex and a local band has been built up there. On June 8th they rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind, the first peal by all except two of the band.

Miss Dorothy M. Heath, daughter of Mr. A. W. Heath, was married on June 5th at St. Dyfrig's Church, Cardiff, to Mr. William T. Llewellyn. On the following day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Pentre Rhondda in honour of the event and also to celebrate the birthday of the bride's mother. The bride's father took part in the peal and afterwards the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Heath, when opportunity was taken to extend congratulations and good wishes to the newly-married pair, and 'many happy returns' to Mrs. Heath.

Mr. Ernest Stitch, who called the peal, has now rung each bell in St. Peter's tower, Pentre, to a peal, and Mr. William Roberts, who rang the tenor, scored his first peal for 18 years.

Three clergy took part in a peal of Minor at Dalwood, Devon, on June 9th.

Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, of Sheffield, hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, has rung every one of the ten bells in All Saints' Church, Rotherham, to a peal. He finished the 'circle' with a peal of Little Bob Royal on June 16th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Four ringers, travelling by road from the Midlands to Exeter, on Saturday, pulled up for refreshment at a lonely roadside hotel at Bream Bridge, a few miles from Taunton. Hanging in the bar they noticed, to their surprise, a set of handbells. Naturally interested, they made inquiries. Both 'mine host' and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. C. Knowles) proved to be ringers, although now cut off from any convenient tower. But they are still interested—and produced to the visitors a current copy of 'The Ringing World.'

At the break-up of the gathering after the peal attempt at Exeter, the four travellers returned to spend the night at the Bream Bridge Hotel. Such is the fraternity among ringers.

A well-known Eastern Counties ringer was married at Helmingham on June 11th. Mr. James Bennett, jun., one of the service band at Helmingham and a nephew of Mr. James Bennett, of London, who has been one of the Suffolk ringers who have achieved such wonderful success in ringing new Surprise methods, was married to Miss Florence Kate Manning, also of Helmingham.

Apocryphal paragraph in this column last week concerning the two members of the Central Council who cycled to Leeds, we learn that the lady who 'biked' from Cambridge was more fortunate than the gentleman from London. While, owing to a slight sprain, he had to send his machine back by rail, the lady completed the return trip on two wheels.

The journey from Leeds to Cambridge occupied 15½ hours, two hours on Tuesday evening and 13½ on Wednesday. This enjoyable ride, she says, was a fitting close to an unforgettable week-end in Yorkshire.

The Surrey Association meeting at Bletchingley, arranged for tomorrow, has had to be postponed.

There was an excellent attendance at the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association at Horsham on Saturday, when it was decided to have two collections a year in each district for the Benevolent Fund. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

The friends of Mr. Albert J. Hughes will hear with regret that he is at present in Ward 2 of Bradford Royal Infirmary. Mr. Hughes has been in indifferent health for some time past, and, acting upon medical advice, has entered the Infirmary for treatment. The latest reports are that he is making satisfactory progress.

## THE USE OF CHURCH BELLS.

A SERMONETTE.

By W. H. R. TREWHELLA, VICAR OF ST. PAUL'S, TRURO.

Text, Luke xiv., 18—And they all with one consent began to make excuse.

To-day is St. John the Baptist's day. The ringers of St. Simon, Stylites, desire to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples. Permission to use St. Simon's bells has been obtained from the Vicar, but an excuse must be found for attempting a peal. It is St. John's day! No, we don't attempt a peal on all red letter saints' days, but it is an excuse.

A week later a peal is recorded in 'The Ringing World' by the local band of St. Simon, Stylites: rung in honour of the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and (a happy afterthought) to commemorate the birth of the vice-captain's second daughter. The latter event took place some ten days before.

It is right to ring peals, but why need we 'all with one consent begin to make excuse'?

## PEAL OCCASIONS.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. R. C. Poyntz's letter on peal tributes, I agree that some peals are rung to celebrate events which are mundane, but the art of change ringing is itself mundane, and peals are rung usually to improve that art, no matter what is attached to the peal.

Furthermore, surely a peal in honour of the inventor of shorthand ranks as a national memory, seeing that Sir Isaac's invention has given employment of a national if not a universal character hitherto unknown, and without which the world of to-day would be greatly retarded.

F. E. PITMAN.

Bromley, Kent.

## LADY RINGER'S BEREAVEMENTS.

DEATH OF MR. W. FISHER, ALDERSHOT.

The death occurred at his residence on Friday, June 10th, at the age of 80 years, of Mr. William Fisher, who was for many years captain of the Aldershot company. He was a ringer when there were only three bells in the tower, and in 1913, after this number had been increased to six, Mr. Fisher rang his first and only peal. His two sons and his daughter became ringers, one of the sons, Mr. George Fisher, being killed in the Great War, and the other, Mr. Will Fisher, passing away suddenly in January of this year. Mr. Fisher's wife predeceased him only five weeks ago, and much sympathy is felt with Miss A. Fisher, their daughter, in her sorrow. Miss Fisher is a member of the local company and was for a number of years tower secretary. Her father had taken no active part in the ringing for some years, but he was always greatly interested in the affairs of the local tower.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, June 15th, at Aldershot Cemetery, and in the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss B. Stewart 1, Miss E. Southby 2, Miss H. F. Mills 3, P. L. Eldridge 4, W. Denyer 5, R. J. Whitford 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, R. Jones 8.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—24.****HAROLD J. POOLE.**

Among the most brilliant of the post-war products of the Exercise has been Harold Poole, of Leicester, now an Inspector in the Leicester City Police Force. Born at Lutterworth on October 21st, 1902, he began ringing at St. Martin's, Leicester (now the Cathedral), in December, 1919, under Mr. Fred Dexter, the Ringing Master. No pupil could have had a more able or more exacting tutor, and no tutor a more apt pupil. Harold Poole quickly showed great promise and his progress was almost phenomenal. In six months he rang his first peal, Stedman Triples at Stoney Stanton; twelve months later (on July 9th, 1921) he called his first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major from an 'inside' bell—also at Stoney Stanton. Encouraged by his instructor, he went rapidly ahead. In both tower and handbell ringing he proved himself a brilliant leader.

Mr. Poole joined the Leicester City Police Force in 1925, and his peal ringing opportunities were naturally very much curtailed as a consequence. From 1920 to 1925 he rang no fewer than 214 peals, but from 1926 to 1938 he has taken part in only 119. Of his total, he has rung 279 peals on tower bells and 54 on handbells, of which he has conducted 140 tower bell peals and 42 handbell peals.

Some of the more interesting performances in which he has taken part have been the first peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, Goldsborough Surprise Royal and New Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Midland Counties Association; the 13,440 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 8th, 1922, and 10,400 of 'Real Double' Superlative on the same bells on May 6th, 1922. In addition to these he conducted the first peals of Leicester Surprise Royal, Pudsey Surprise Royal, York Surprise Royal and Melton Surprise Royal for the Midland Counties Association, while Stoney Stanton was the scene of another of his memorable performances when, on April 28th, 1923, he conducted the record length of 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Poole was the first ringer to call peals of Cambridge on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. He has also conducted peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques on handbells from all working pairs, and on each occasion the first peal was the first by all the band.

In August, 1931, on the occasion of the ringers' pilgrimage to the Menin Gate, he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Ostende—the first peal of Caters rung on the Continent. In the same week he conducted the first peal of Caters rung in France (Stedman Caters on handbells at Dunkerque). Of his 333 peals, 193 have been in Surprise methods—three of Minor, 145 Major, 38 Royal and seven Maximus.

Formerly Mr. Poole was hon. secretary of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association. He was one of the founders of the National Guild of Police Ringers and has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild since its inception in 1931. Prior to the dedication of the new peal of twelve bells at Leicester Cathedral for the Coronation, he was elected Ringing Master of the Cathedral band, in succession to his old tutor, and is still in office.

In the police force Mr. Poole's promotion has been rapid, and he holds the rank of Inspector at an unusually early age.

**Next week: Mr. Herbert Knight.**



**MR. HAROLD J. POOLE.**

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GIGGLESWICK.**

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was extremely fortunate in having delightful weather for the summer meeting at St. Akelda's, Giggleswick, on Saturday, June 18th, when about 100 members attended from a very wide area. As Giggleswick is situated on the extreme border of the county and in an area where meetings are not very frequent, it was thought in some quarters to be difficult to obtain an adequate attendance. However, a special effort was made to attract the members, with the result that a record attendance was secured, which only goes to show that interest in change ringing is far from dying, as some would have us to believe. Except for one rather heavy shower, the weather was ideal, and the visitors were able to take advantage of the many beautiful walks in this delightful district. During the afternoon and evening, the Vicar and churchwardens kindly conducted parties through the 'Chapel on the Hill' belonging to the Giggleswick Public School, and this, in itself, was well worth the visit. The chapel, which is built on a foundation of solid rock, is an imposing sight, but when the inside is entered, one is staggered by the amazing beauty of the interior decorations and the lavishness which has been bestowed upon it. The dome, which resembles St. Paul's (although much smaller), cannot fail to arouse admiration, as also does the beautiful stained glass window of the 'Creation.'

A short service was held in the church during the afternoon, at which the Rev. J. G. Forster, M.A., gave a most interesting address. This was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the generosity of the local company, in the Parish Room. It is interesting to note that out of 89 who sat down for tea, over 80 had sent in their names previously. This in itself is worthy of special notice, as on many previous occasions the members have been reprimanded for failing to carry out this small act of courtesy.

A most interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the demonstration by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, of his latest ringing machine. Mr. Woodhouse explained the working of this very complicated instrument and proceeded to ring touches of numerous plain and Surprise methods, concluding with a touch of Spliced Surprise. The members were greatly interested in the wonderful invention, and the president, Canon Marshall, expressed the association's thanks to Mr. Woodhouse for his kindness in bringing and demonstrating his machine.

**A CONTRAST.**

At the business meeting which followed, Canon Marshall (who was in the chair) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells and for their wonderful welcome. He spoke of his early association with Giggleswick, although this was as a footballer and not a ringer. He also expressed his pleasure at the number of members present.

The Vicar, in replying, said how delighted they were at the visit of the association to Giggleswick, and he hoped the members would thoroughly enjoy themselves. He and the wardens thought a great deal of their ringers and of their bells, and he was proud to know they were members of the association.

Mr. Leslie Morris (hon. general secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements, and to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tea tables.—This was seconded by Mr. Helliwell and carried with enthusiasm.—Mr. Silverwood replied for the local company and voiced his appreciation of the wonderful gathering present, remarking that at the previous meeting some ten years ago only about six members turned up. As the meeting had been so successful, he hoped the association would come again in a few years and they could be sure of a hearty welcome.

Six new members were elected as follows: G. E. Turner, of Northorham; Wilfred Stead and Albert Clayden, of Tadcaster; E. A. Goddard, of Gargrave; H. Staniforth, of Skipton; and G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting had been received from Earlsheaton, and it was unanimously decided to accept this, and to make the usual arrangements.

After the meeting members entertained the ladies with touches on the handbells, whilst others adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The bells of St. Akelda are rung from the ground floor, and though there is a rather long draught of rope, the visitors were not inconvenienced and a variety of methods were rung throughout the afternoon and evening, ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative, until finally they were lowered in peal after 9 o'clock. It was noticed that a special pew had been set aside in the church especially for the 'change ringers,' and also that the Church Magazines showed the ringers amongst the officers of the church. This latter, though only a small feature, definitely gives the ringers a 'standing' in the church for which they work.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Armley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, East Ardsley, Gargrave, Giggleswick, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Sedburgh, Silsden and Skipton.

**DEATH OF DARTFORD'S 'CHARTER' MAYOR**

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Dartford on Friday, June 3rd, in memory of the late Alderman A. J. Penney, a respected citizen of Dartford, who was Charter Mayor of the borough in 1933.

In 1917 he had Dartford bells recast and rehung as a memorial to his parents, and it was fitting that they should ring out half-muffled on the evening of the day of his interment. The ringers were J. Wheadon 1, J. R. Lambkin 2, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 3, G. J. Butcher 4, F. F. Walker 5, N. Summerhayes 6, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 7, R. A. Jenkins 8.



## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 395.)

### THE SURPRISE MAJOR BOOK.

#### Associations to be asked for Financial Help.

Mr. G. Lindoff, for the Peal Collection Committee, reported that he had now received all the compositions back from the members of the committee, but not soon enough to enable them to be presented at that meeting. They were now being got into order, and the final scrutiny as to truth, etc., would occupy some time. There was nothing to delay handing them in at the next meeting.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lindoff, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton.

Mr. J. A. Trollope proposed and Mr. S. H. Wood seconded the following report of the Methods Committee: We beg to report that the proofs of the third edition of the Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods have been passed during the past year, and the book should be on sale shortly. We also remind the Council that the manuscript of the book on Surprise Major Methods is ready for publication as soon as financial considerations permit.

The report was adopted.

The President said the Standing Committee would like to obtain the views of the Council as to the possible demand for the Surprise method book. The position was this: The Standing Committee was authorised to print it if they considered that the time was right as regards finances. In order to give them some guidance they would like the views of the Council as to the probable demand. The book was fairly extensive and could not be printed at a cost which would enable it to be published at less than 4s. or 5s.; the amount depended on the number that could be printed, and that, in turn, depended on the demand.

#### SHOULD UNRUNG METHODS BE NAMED?

Mr. W. Ayre said he had seen the manuscript and there was one thing that turned him against the book. He had spoken to the hand with whom he rang new Surprise methods, and the first thing they said was they would not ring the methods in the book if they were already named. If they rang a new method they liked to give it the name they chose. He felt sure the printing of names to the methods would affect the sale.

Mr. J. T. Dyke said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Ayre. It had been his ambition to ring a method and name it, but if those in the book were already named, he would have to go outside to get his method and perhaps get an inferior one in order to gratify his ambition.

Mr. F. W. Perrens said as far as Midland ringers were concerned the same views applied. It was a big book and the expense of publishing it would be great. He doubted very much if there would be a great sale for it. He asked if it would be possible to split it up. Half of the book, or more, was letterpress connected with the history of Surprise ringing and other matters. He also wondered whether, instead of giving the methods in the form of leads, in the established way, it would not be better to give fewer methods, choosing the better ones, and giving them in diagram form only. In any event, 240 methods would make an expensive volume, and he thought the opinion of ringers would be that a fewer number would be sufficient for the time being.

#### 'SEQUESTERING' COUNCIL'S FUNDS.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said if they went to the expense of printing this book it would lead to a sort of 'sequestration' of a considerable part of their funds. They had already decided they should reprint other and more elementary books, and while he had every sympathy with the Surprise ringers—he sometimes even did a little himself—he felt they should consider carefully which was going to be of most use. Surprise ringing was distinctly the job of the specialist in change ringing; the vast majority of ringers were not Surprise ringers. The Council ought to consider the matter from that angle and whether the money could not be more usefully employed. Then there was the question of how they should publish the methods, whether by diagram or the figures. Speaking from his own experience, he thought those who were interested looked to see what combination of music was in the method and how the bells run up, and unless they got some indication of that from the printed figures, the majority of ringers would not be sufficiently interested to take the diagram and work it out. If they were to publish the diagrams and the figures they would add enormously to the cost of production. He was of opinion that the Council should take no further action in regard to the publication of the book for the present.

Mr. F. E. Dawe said this seemed to turn on a matter of expense. He could not help thinking that if it was such a difficult matter to get out of the average ringer the amount of 3d. per week to support a ringing paper, which they could not do without, they could not expect to get a sufficient number to give four or five shillings for a book that would be used by only just a few.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he thought it would be a good thing for future ringers if the book could be published. He suggested that the methods might be grouped in such a way that a diagram and figures for three or four methods could be got on one page. He asked if the committee had any idea of the number that would be required to publish the book at 4s. or 5s.

The Hon. Secretary said it was estimated that 500 copies would cost about £80 or £90.

#### WHAT THE COMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO DO.

Mr. S. H. Wood said that at the Shrewsbury meeting in 1935 the Methods Committee were instructed to prepare a book on the Surprise methods. They were not asked to make a collection of diagrams—they were asked to write a book on Surprise Major methods. It had been a big job. It required great care and a lot of time. He had spent a great many hours upon it, but for every one he had spent, Mr. Trollope had spent a hundred, and the question was whether that work was to be wasted. If the Council did not wish it to be published, why did they ask the Methods Committee to write the book? It had also been suggested that the book should be split so as to reduce the price. That was a matter for the Council to decide, but he would like to say, on behalf of the committee, that they had produced the best book they could and a balanced book. They would not like to see the book split if it could be avoided. It had been written and considered as a whole, and their feeling was certainly that it was the letterpress portion that, to a large extent, sold a book. There was one group of ringers who wanted figures or diagrams of methods, and another group who wanted the reading matter contained in the letterpress, in order to find something interesting about the methods. The committee felt that it was the letterpress portion that would sell the book.

Mr. A. D. Barker said if they were going to discuss the question of names they were going to reopen a question which had caused a lot of wasted time in the past when they had the Minor methods before them. With regard to the cost of publication, he suggested the Council should pay for space in 'The Ringing World' every week and publish a method every week.

#### SUGGESTED APPEAL TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith said he had had the opportunity of examining the manuscript of the book and had no hesitation in saying it was a very valuable production. The cost of printing, however, would be very heavy and would lock up a considerable amount of the Council's limited funds for a long time. To publish the book at an economic price would probably mean that it would take 20 years to run through an edition, and he did not think, in view of its other commitments, that the Council could afford to lock up its funds to this extent. He suggested that the affiliated associations should be asked to put up half the cost of the book, on some proportional basis, such as membership or representation on the Council. There were 51 affiliated associations, and it would mean an average of only £1 each, in return for which they would receive an equivalent value in copies of the book. In this way they might ensure publishing the book at an early date without entirely crippling the Council's funds, and he did not think the associations would object to providing this small amount.

Mr. Johnson supported the idea of doing something on the lines suggested by Mr. Goldsmith, or of ascertaining from the associations the number of copies they would be likely to take. That would be some sort of guarantee, but unless they had it he still felt they stood in great danger of sequestrating a large portion of their funds.

Mr. Wood also supported Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion. The average would only be £1 for an association, in return for which they would get, say, five copies of the book. He thought Mr. Johnson was unduly pessimistic. He could hardly imagine any association that did not contain five members sufficiently interested in Surprise Major ringing to buy a copy of the book.

Mr. G. R. Newton thought Mr. Goldsmith's plan was an admirable one. He felt sure he could commit his association to such a plan and say that Lancashire would be prepared to contribute £1, even if they did not get five copies of the book. It seemed to him a great pity if the labours of the committee, who had worked so hard on the Council's behalf, should be wasted, or at any rate not appreciated to the full, because they would not be appreciated unless the book was published. If the book were held over, its chances of publication would be lessened. He wholeheartedly agreed with Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion.

Mr. Johnson said for the comfort of Mr. Stephen Wood the Yorkshire Association, he thought he could say, would spend £5 (applause).

The Rev. H. Drake said on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, which was, perhaps, the worst off of any, he was prepared to undertake to support the scheme, but he thought, if the cost was 4s. and the published price 5s., the associations should have the benefit of the difference.

Mr. W. Wilson said Mr. Goldsmith's scheme was about the best constructive idea they had had on the publication of the book. He could give a very good reason why they should publish the book, even if they lost a little financially, for he was sure the Exercise as a whole would benefit sufficiently by the publication of a book like that to make up for any loss. He recalled the record of a peal of Triples at Rolvenden, Kent, rung in 1820, the average age of the band, except the tenorman, being only 19 years, the footnote stating that all were residents of the parish, 'who acquired their information on change ringing within twelve months solely by reading a book on that art.' Had such a book as the Surprise methods been available to ringers in those days, there would not have been nearly as many new methods waiting to be named now; they would all have been rung.

#### THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, speaking first on the question of inserting the names of the methods in the book, said the Council had already had



considerable experience in this matter. They had had the experience in connection with the six-bell methods, and as far as the committee was concerned, and as far as the Council, he hoped, was concerned, they did not want to repeat that experiment. The old Methods Committee first adopted the plan of issuing methods without names, with the idea that they were to be named by those who rang them. The result was, it took 20 years or more before half or three-quarters of the names were settled, and during the whole of that time there was confusion. One result was that almost as soon as the book was published it became of no use whatever, except to a small proportion of people who wanted to ring a new method. Mr. Dyke said he had an ambition to ring a new method and name it, and there was a chance that the method he wanted to ring might be in this Surprise book and be already named so that he would not be able to ring that method and gratify his ambition. He did not suppose, however, that Mr. Dyke cared twopence about it (laughter). If they issued this book without the names, in a year or so the book would be of no good whatever to the people who had got it, because, when people rang a method and named it, there would be nothing to connect what they rang with what was in the book. When the Plain Major Methods book was issued they named every one of the methods and said nothing to anybody. From that time to the present quite a number of them had been rung, but there had not been a single complaint about them having been already named by the committee; now they were asked to believe that if they followed the same course with regard to the Surprise methods people were coming to break their front windows (laughter). The book would be valueless without the names and the grievance was not a genuine one. Some people thought they had a grievance, but they hadn't.

When they talked about the sale of the book, continued Mr. Trollope, experience showed that it was not the people who were chiefly interested in and who wanted to ring the highest Surprise methods who were likely to be the only buyers, neither was it the people who were the big ringers who could ring Stedman Cinques on their heads and nothing but Stedman Cinques. It was the young people who wanted to know something about ringing who bought books and it was those they wanted to get hold of. They could judge a book on Surprise ringing not by the number of people who were going to make up a Surprise band and ring peals, but by the number of people who wanted to get general knowledge from it which would help them in their ringing career. If they gave people what they wanted, the book would create its own demand, but they should remember it was not, except from the financial side, necessary to sell the whole edition straight out. It was far better to have a book that would last for 20 years. It would not be out of date in 20 years, and a steady sale over that period was likely to have better results than selling out the whole edition in a few months.

#### DIAGRAMS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

With regard to the suggestion that they should use diagrams, he had made inquiries and the cost was prohibitive and they could rule that out entirely. The book which the committee had prepared was far in advance of any of the other publications of the kind which had been issued by the Council, simply because the others were books consisting entirely of figures, but with a book of this kind, with something else besides figures, they would interest people who did not ring Surprise methods. Mr. Trollope added that he appreciated Mr. Goldsmith's suggestion, because he knew he felt that the financial responsibility on the Council was otherwise rather too great.

Replying to Mr. E. A. Young, who said it might be an advantage if the Council were told what the book contained, Mr. Trollope said there were chapters on proof and course ends, a number of methods, which ran to about 150, with the actual leads and instructions for getting about fifty or sixty more; there were the false course ends, a selection of compositions and, in addition, a complete history of the methods.

Mr. S. H. Wood (a member of the Methods Committee) said they had heard a lot about names; it was just possible some people did not quite understand what was involved. There were about 150 methods shown in the proposed book, and if the Council should decide to publish it the question arose about the naming of those that had not yet been rung. Up to the present, out of the 150, approximately 100 had been rung and the names were known. The point was whether the Methods Committee were going to make their own names for the rest and expect ringers to abide by those names, or whether they should fall in with the old tradition and let the band who first rang a method give it the name of their own choice. He disagreed with Mr. Trollope on this subject and always had done. He felt that the book should be published without the names of the methods which had not yet been rung.

Mr. Goldsmith then formally proposed the following motion: 'That, with a view to publishing the book on Surprise Major Methods at an early date, this Council recommend that all affiliated societies be invited to take up one half of the issue.'

This was seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton and carried with two dissentients.

Mr. Perrens asked if the Council were going to decide with regard to the names. If the associations agreed to the publication on the terms suggested, the Standing Committee would be getting on with his job immediately.

Mr. Trollope said that what was in the book was the responsibility of the authors, in the same way that authors were responsible for any

other book. He asked the Council not to interfere on this point and certainly not to decide anything of the kind until they realised what was involved. If they were going to give an instruction to the committee to issue the book without the names, it would not be worth 4s., or even 2d. 6d. for that matter, in a very few years. He did not say that because he wanted the honour of naming the methods—it was very nice to name one or two, but to name a whole lot was a nuisance—but they had had this matter over before and they knew from the Minor Methods that to publish a book without the names was an utter failure.

Replying to a question by Mr. Perrens, Mr. Trollope said, of course, before the book was published, the names would be revised so that all the methods that had been rung would be given the names chosen by the bands who rang them. It was only the unringed ones that would be named by the committee.

#### COMMITTEE DIVIDED.

Later in the day the President referred again to the position with regard to the publication of the book. He read extracts from the minutes of previous meetings of the Council, showing that the actual publication of the book had been deferred by the Standing Committee with a view to ascertaining what demand there was likely to be for the book. He pointed out that the Council had now decided to approach the associations to invite them to take up one half of the issue, and said this application would be made to the societies, and if the necessary funds were forthcoming, the book, in its present state, would go forward for printing.

Mr. W. G. Wilson said printing would hardly be possible for another twelve months, because they would have to wait for the annual meetings of the associations to give their consent.

Mr. S. H. Wood said he had made it clear that morning that he had never been in agreement with the other members of the committee that the book should be published with names given to methods that had not been rung. He had suggested that as the book was being written for and published by the Council, the Council should be given the chance to decide whether or not those names should be published. As a member of the committee he was in an awkward position, and he could not allow his name to go on that book if it included something of which he did not approve. If the Council decided by a majority that it wanted these names put in and instructed the Methods Committee to put them in, then he would be very willing to co-operate in choosing the most suitable names, but he did not feel he could take the responsibility of putting the names in off his own bat.

Mr. F. Warrington proposed that the unringed methods be numbered in the book so that those who rang them for the first time could name them.

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded.

Mr. Trollope asked the Council not to decide the question at that time in about two minutes, but to study the question, remembering what happened in regard to the six-bell methods.

Mr. A. P. Smith raised a point of order. He said they were going back to an item which had already been dealt with.

The President said he did not think they should have a long discussion, but the instructions to the officers of the Council were not clear.

Mr. Wood said he had understood for the last two years that this book was to be handed round to members of the Standing Committee and any others who were interested, before anything else was done, in order to obtain their views, and that was the reason he had not brought this rather unfortunate matter up before that morning. That morning for the first time they had heard the views of the Council.

#### DECISION DEFERRED.

Mr. Trollope protested against this question being sprung on the Council at the last minute; he considered it was out of order. The book could not in any case be printed before the next meeting, and he suggested that the question of naming or not naming the methods should be left until next year. In the meantime, he asked those people who talked about a grievance to look at the thing from the point of view of the Exercise generally, rather than from that of one or two people who had the idea that they would like to name a method. This book, if printed, should be a standard book for 50 years; all this question of names happened only once. He thought very few people cared what name was given to a new method which they rang as long as the name was a good one.

The President said, in view of the fact that in any case the book could not be printed before next year, he would ask the Council to defer a decision on the question of the names. In the meantime the officers of the Council would get into touch with the associations, with regard to the financial guarantee, so that they would be ready next year.

Mr. J. Hunt said they had all this discussion years ago in connection with the Minor methods, and they decided to leave the naming to the Methods Committee. He thought they should leave the naming of the methods in this book to the committee.

The President said from the rate at which new Surprise methods were being rung it was possible that all the methods in the book would be named by bands who rang them before next year. For the sake of Mr. Dyke and others who would like to name a method, he would like to say he believed there were something like forty-seven thousand other Surprise methods not in the book from which they could select one or two to call after their own name.

The discussion then dropped.

**A PEAL ATTEMPT AT EXETER.****RINGERS TRAVEL OVER 4,000 MILES.**

Twelve ringers travelled well over 4,000 miles between them during last week-end to attempt a peal at Exeter Cathedral. A peal at Exeter is recognised as one of the biggest jobs of its kind and attempts are few and far between. Arrangements for last Saturday's venture were made by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who, as many of our readers know, has had a lifelong ambition to ring a peal at every English cathedral. Exeter is one of the remaining two or three—apart from converted parish churches—in which he has not yet been successful. It was unfortunate, therefore, that the attempt for Stedman Cinques on Saturday should have come to grief, as it did after two and three-quarter hours' ringing. A combination of conditions necessitated Mr. Dawe setting his bell after 25 courses had been rung, by which time he was physically exhausted. It was naturally a great disappointment to all concerned, and especially to Mr. Dawe, who was calling the peal.

The ringers had been welcomed by the president of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) and Mr. T. Laver (the hon. secretary). The latter had given great assistance in making the arrangements, and many thanks are due to him for his help, and also to the Dean and Chapter for permission to make the attempt.

The band had been gathered from many parts of the country, as will be seen by the following names: G. E. Fearn (Birmingham) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, F. W. Perrens (Coventry) 3, J. F. Smallwood (Bath) 4, P. J. Johnson (Leeds) 5, F. E. Dawe (Woking) 6, J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 7, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 8, F. E. Pervin (Coventry) 9, R. Cousins (London) 10, J. Waugh (London) 11, E. P. Duffield (Colchester) and A. Mitchell (Heavitree) 12. The tenor weighs 72½ cwt.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, visited Exeter to listen to the ringing, and his friends were delighted to find him in much restored health.

Mr. Dawe had one previous abortive attempt for a peal on these bells, which was lost after three hours through the exhaustion of the ringer of the eleventh (the late Mr. F. J. Davey, of Exeter).

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****PLEASANT VILLAGE MEETING.**

A successful meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Seale on Saturday, June 11th, when the members received a warm welcome to this picturesque Surrey village, which lies at the side of the famous Hog's Back. During the afternoon Mr. Hasted, District Ringing Master, was in charge of the ringing, which included Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

A short service was held, at which the Rector (Canon R. S. Arrow-smith), who is an honorary member of the Guild, officiated. The Rector gave a brief address of welcome to all present, and thanked the ringers for the voluntary work they did for the Church of God. It was not the first time he had had the privilege of being present at a bellringers' meeting in Seale, and he hoped that they would come again soon for a similar meeting. He could assure all bellringers that they would receive a warm welcome to the village and its church.

An excellent tea had been prepared in the Jubilee Room by Mrs. New and helpers, and a company numbering 35 sat down.

Mr. P. Eldridge (Aldershot), on behalf of the company, thanked the Rector for the welcome extended to them, and said he was sure that everyone present was really having a pleasant time. He also expressed thanks to Mr. Shrimpton (the organist), Mrs. New and her helpers, and others who had helped in the arrangements for the meeting.

At the business meeting which followed the Rector presided.

The district secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) announced that a wreath had been sent from the Farnham District for the funeral of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, wife of the former general secretary of the Guildford Guild. This action was confirmed.

It was also stated that the Guild summer festival was to be held this year at Farnham Parish Church on July 9th, and it was hoped that all who could do so would support the function.

Mr. C. Hazelden (S. Nicolas', Guildford) gave a report of the meeting of the Central Council, held at Leeds on Whit Tuesday, and, on the proposition of Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), he was thanked for his summary of the Council's affairs.

At the close of business, some of the company returned to the belfry, but others preferred to ramble in the lanes and fields, and listen to the music of the bells across the meadows. Among the towers represented were Ash, Farnham, Sandhurst, Basingstoke, Guildford, Aldershot, Bramley (Hants), Chertsey, Cranleigh, Bentley and Worplesdon.

**APARTMENTS.**

**LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.**—Superior Board-Residence or Bed and Breakfast; 2 minutes sea, tennis courts, bowling green and park.—Mrs. Brown, Avonholm, 24, Queen's Road. Telephone 6965.

**NOTICES.**

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances the quarterly meeting at Bletchingley on June 25th has had to be postponed. New arrangements to follow.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Weighton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) will be available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.15. Tea, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting follows tea in Church Hall. Buses from Hull, York and Leeds every hour, and from Selby every two hours.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 25th. Bells: Cathedral 4.20-5 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Hall at 5. Fully paid up members 9d., non-members 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general meeting, Bottesford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Meat tea (2s. per head) at the Rutland Arms Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Lincoln Diocesan Guild friends will be most welcome.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, June 25th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14½ cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea after, 1s. per head, by invitation, in the Vicarage garden, if fine, otherwise in the Parish Hall. Short business meeting to follow. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, Ealing, W.13.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ropley on June 25th. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30 in the Coffee Room. Bells from 2.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Visitors to Blackpool and district heartily welcomed. Train leaves North Station 2 p.m. for Poulton, then bus at Poulton Square at 2.20.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford.—K. Lewis, Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Clewer (6 bells) on Saturday, June 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Stow on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cross Keys Inn.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Preston Branches Joint Meeting.—This meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at a small charge, for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw and A. Blogg, Branch Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tydd St. Giles', on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All are welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY** (Established 1623).—The 315th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each. Will all those attending please notify me?—Leonard E. Pitstow, Hon. Sec., 21, Debden Road.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual summer festival will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 25th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 to 8.30. St. Neots (8) available from 3 to 4.15. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Littleport, near Ely, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please let me know by card you are coming.—F. Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, June 25th, instead of July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting following. It is hoped that all members will take advantage of this meeting, also all ringers and friends will be made welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, near Dursley, June 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. All visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, Branch Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), on Sunday, June 26th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting, Southwark Cathedral, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd.

Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Reading on July 2nd. Will all who intend to attend please note the following revised arrangements?—St. Giles' (8), 3.15-4.30; St. Laurence's (12), 3.15-4.40. Service at St. Laurence 4.45. Tea to follow (5.15) at the Talbot Cafe, Queen Victoria Street, at 1s. per head. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's (8), 7-8, Caversham (8) 7-9. A cordial invitation is extended to all ringers in the district to come and have a pull at this meeting. Kindly notify me of numbers for tea as soon as possible.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Updown on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, June 27th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12) and St. Maurice (6), 1.30 to 3.45, and after meeting; Hursley (8), Twyford (8) and Micheldever (6), 2 to 3.30, and after the meeting. Service in St. Maurice's at 4. Tea, by invitation of the Guild, at 4.45 in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the general meeting. Tea only for those who inform Mr. G. Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester, by Wednesday, June 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.45. Gentlemen heartily invited. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 29th?—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guisborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Creton (5 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. A. Rowley, 120a, Church Street, Stone, Staffs, not later than June 29th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd. Baglan, near Aberavon (6 bells), available from 3 till 5.30. Business meeting in Aberavon Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Bells (8) available afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.



**DUNSTON, NEAR LINCOLN.**—The bells, which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Those who intend to be present for tea please send postcard to Rector (Rev. J. Thompson), Bradford Rectory, Bradford, near Sheffield. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome. Visitors please notify Mr. C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, near Newbury, by Wednesday, June 29th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a card would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, as a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Important.—Please send names for tea to Mr. J. P. Barker, Crosby Villa, Broughton-in-Furness, not later than June 27th, and oblige.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stratford St. Mary on July 9th. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Higham and Langham will also be open for ringing. Bells at all three towers available from 2 p.m. Please send me a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield, on Wednesday, July 6th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Names for tea by Saturday, July 2nd, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify the Rev. L. M. Forse, The Rectory, Tarleton, by Wednesday, July 6th. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea please send their names to me by Wednesday, July 6th? Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Rd., Enfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Aynho (8 bells) will be open for ringers from 6.30 to 7.30. Notice of other towers announced at meeting. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—One hundred or more ringers required to ring at Brasted and Sundridge on Sat., July 9th. Mr. E. H. Lewis invites you to tea on that date. Please do not disappoint him. The gardens of Moorcocks will be open during the afternoon. Bells at Brasted and Sundridge will be available from 2.30 p.m. Private car service between the two towers. Service at Brasted at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.). Tea after service, followed by a short business meeting. Important. Please do not post your card to me of intention to be present later than Monday evening, July 4th. Thank you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, so please do your bit and send in your names to Mr. W. J. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival meeting at Farnham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by July 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lenham (8 bells) on July 9th. Half-travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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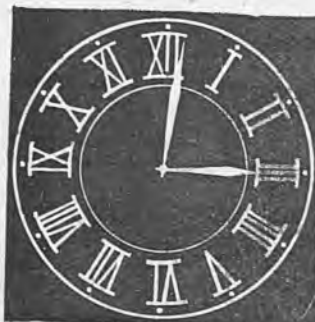
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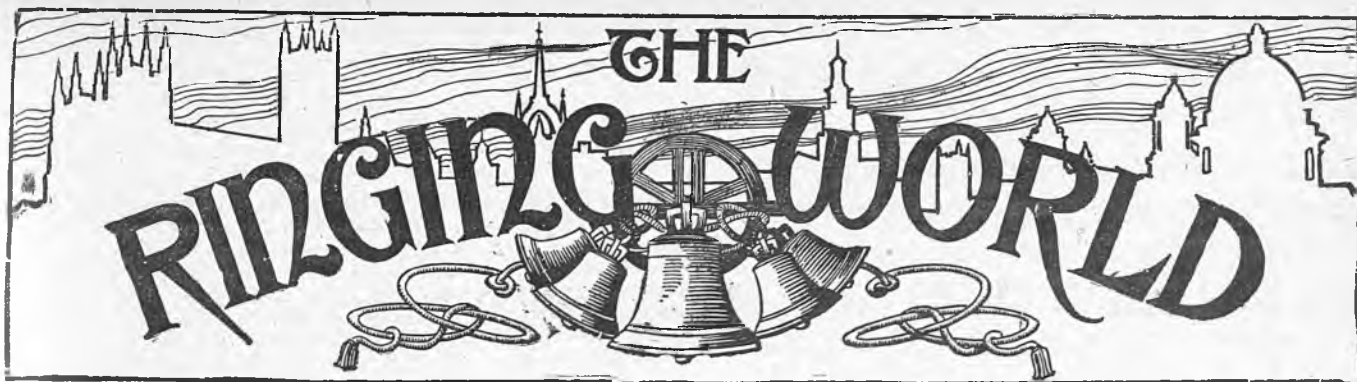
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In presenting the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee to the Central Council, the president called attention to a subject which for some time has been giving the Council cause for concern, that of having upon the various Diocesan Advisory Boards someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing. Unfortunately, the president did not have a very happy report to make. There are still only a small proportion of these bodies upon which ringers are either directly or indirectly represented, and only a few others who even call into consultation someone with expert knowledge when faculties in connection with bells are under consideration. All the diocesan bodies were asked for information; some made no reply, others were frankly unsatisfactory. Out of forty-seven dioceses from only seventeen could it be said that a favourable reply had been received.

The attitude of some of these diocesan committees towards consulting some person with a knowledge of the subject when they are considering bell restorations, is a strange one. The committees are, in a sense, judicial bodies and should welcome all the information they can get before coming to any decision. They seem, apparently, to imagine that a bell expert is biased in his opinions, and they therefore keep him outside their counsels. They do not treat the antiquarians in the same way. They are usually well represented, and when there is no one to contest their views, assuming they are contestable, their opinions are naturally accepted. The result is often a patched-up job that ought not really to have been entertained if the real purpose of the bells was fully considered.

It is, however, not just to push the ringers' views on bell restoration that the Council is anxious that this side of the question should be heard by Advisory Committees. There are occasions when the advice of a competent bell expert, with the opportunity of arguing his case with the diocesan body, could prevent an indifferent job being done to satisfy the whim of an antiquarian, or even an architect (often the same thing), and save the local church folk from wasting money. In any case, one would think an Advisory Board would be glad to hear both sides of a question. Associations ought to take a greater interest in this subject, and in addition to approaching their Bishop to secure expert advice being available and presented to the Advisory Boards, should be ready to offer assistance wherever they hear of contemplated restoration, holding a watching brief where a satisfactory scheme is forthcoming and approaching the local Church authorities wherever their help is likely to be useful and acceptable.

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F. DONALD BORRHAM ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 7
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FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... .. 2	ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 8
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MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	HARRY SMALE ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. HART ... .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Tenor

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†CHRISTOPHER G. HENDRY ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

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

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 6
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NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
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Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

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

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday peal for the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF SOUTHALL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble	*FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* 50th peal together. The first peal in the method. Mr. F. Kirk's 25th Surprise method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. H. E. Southall (a member of the local band) and Miss M. K. Phillips.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ARCHIBALD CLARKE ... Treble	*ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	†ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 7
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4	*THOMAS DOBEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from tenor 'behind.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight on completion of 30 years as secretary of the above society.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED WHEELRIGHT ... Treble	VICTOR C. PREECE ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	*JOHN D. MORRIS ... .. 6
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	†RONALD TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

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WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. Treble	PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 5
EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6
J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 4	WILFRID G. WILSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*WALTER ELSEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 5
*FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	*FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 7
*STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. COLES ... .. Treble	HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 5
†TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 7
*FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 4	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major away from treble.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWARD STEELE ... .. Treble	JOHN CARLIDGE ... .. 5
EDWARD F. MAWBY ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 6
THOMAS HURD ... .. 3	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 7
ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. Alan D. Steel, eight-bell Ringing Master of the Association, and Miss F. Coldrey upon their marriage.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

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

JACK BELCHAM ... .. Treble	REGINALD DARVILL ... .. 5
JOHN FOWLER ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
*WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 4	GORDON BACON ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford 'inside.' Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of William Dudley, a local ringer for 51 years.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Treble	*FREDERICK V. CROSSKEY ... .. 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 3	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 7
*NORMAN T. HEXT ... .. 4	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being four 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. Treble	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 4
RONALD G. BUGG ... .. 2	*WALTER F. DOWNS ... .. 5
*LEONARD E. SHARPE ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Oxford Treble Bob Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

Plain Bob Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

\* First attempt for Oxford. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Thorpe Hall.

BICKER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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

Being an extent each of Plain Bob, Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALBERT FIRTH ... .. Treble	ALBERT FLATTERS ... .. 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 2	†CYRIL WANDER ... .. 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

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

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Monday, June 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

A birthday peal for C. A. Catchpole and rung on the 40th anniversary of his wedding day. Also a wedding peal for J. Bennett, jun., of Helmingham.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

RONALD STOCKALL ... .. Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4
*ARTHUR J. ALLEN ... .. 2	HARRY V. PARROW ... .. 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 3	JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Comprising an extent each of Beverley, Carlisle, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... .. 4
*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Sunday, April 3rd, at St. Stephen's Church for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. G. Jenkins 1, Mrs. M. E. Spice 2, F. G. Brett 3, E. E. Trendell 4, B. J. Luck 5, R. J. Port (first quarter-peal 'inside') 6, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 7, A. W. Elphick (first quarter-peal) 8.

LLANTHANGEL, RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER EVANS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 4
TREVOR JONES ... .. 2	*JACK BUTLER ... .. 5
HAROLD CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3	JOHN THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal.

BABCARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

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

Ten variations of calling and one 240 of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*LESLIE STOKES ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR C. FRY ... .. 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HODGES ... .. 2	*REGINALD W. CROOM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. A. B. Carter to Babcary.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JACK GREEN ... .. Treble	RONALD H. LAWRENCE ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5
†JAMES H. G. HUME ... .. 3	HARRY L. MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A welcome to the new curate, the Rev. John H. H. Griffin.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

Forty-two extents, with ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED JOHN ... .. Treble	CHARLES M. DAVIES ... .. 4
*VICTOR SMITH ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 3	ALBERT E. BACON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*JOHN E. PLANE ... .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER G. HENDRY ... .. 4
†GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... .. 2	†LEWIS W. KILBORN ... .. 5
†ARTHUR H. IDLE ... .. 3	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD J. SADDINGTON.

\* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Tuesday, June 14, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

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

Seven 720's.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 1-2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... .. 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH,  
Umpire—J. Alfred Barratt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**

A NEW MASTER.

The annual general meeting of Oxford University Society was held in Keble College on Tuesday evening, June 14th. The business, which was mainly of a routine nature, included a motion by the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barratt (Jesus) to change the time of the annual meeting to the beginning of the Easter term, instead of holding it at the end as at present. The motion was passed by the meeting, and will come up for confirmation at the next general meeting.

At the election of officers, the Master, Mr. J. E. Taylor (Keble) expressed a wish to retire, as he was expecting to take up residence in St. Stephen's House Theological College next year, and did not think he would be able to carry out the duties of Master. Mr. Taylor said that the committee had discussed the matter, and recommended that Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith (Jesus) be invited to succeed him, and he, therefore, made that proposal.—This was seconded by the president, the Rev. O. Elliot Wigg (Keble), and carried unanimously.

Mr. Smith, in a brief speech, explained that since he was not only a member of Jesus College, but also of Ripon Hall, it was possible that the calls of a Theological College might interfere to some extent with the carrying out of his duties; but he said that if it was the wish of the society that he should become its Master, he would do his best to fulfil that office in a manner worthy of the society.

The other officers were re-elected, the president again being elected to represent the society on the Central Council. A vacant place on the committee was filled by the election of Mr. Bryan (St. Peter's Hall).

The date of the next general meeting was fixed for October 11th. At the close of the business the new Master proposed that the society place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Taylor during his period of office as Master.—This was seconded by the president and carried with acclamation.

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## LADIES' GUILD.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at the Parish Church, Bolton, Lancs, on Saturday, June 18th. Twenty ladies attended, and thanks must be accorded to Mrs. Cotterell and Miss Bowling for bringing other members along in their cars—distance being the biggest problem of the district.

Yorkshire was outnumbered by Lancashire, and odd bell methods predominated in the ringing. While the ladies were thus engaged, members of the Lancashire Association held their committee meeting in the Church Room.

A corporate service was then conducted by the lecturer, Mr. C. A. Chamberlain.

A very dainty tea was afterwards served, there being two sittings. Mr. C. A. Chamberlain was thanked for the use of the bells, and Mr. P. Crook and the Lancashire Association for their support. Another very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who arranged the tea.

Regret was expressed the absence of the Rev. A. Scott (president of the Lancashire Association), who was very disappointed at being unable to be present.

A 'long and energetic' meeting then took place. Two new members were elected. The financial statement showed an income of 14s. 10d. over expenditure for the year.

The vice-president (Miss L. K. Bowling), joint secretaries (Mrs. H. Kelly, Sheffield, and Miss I. B. Thompson, Nottingham) and members of the Central Committee (Miss M. Benton and Miss B. Varley) were re-elected.

Three changes were made on the District Committee, Mrs. Cotterell, Mrs. Fearnley and Miss E. Poulk being elected and Mrs. Wolstencroft re-elected.

Leeds was chosen for the next annual meeting. This being the end of the business (apart from the collection of 18s. in subscriptions), members returned to the belfry. Trinity Church bells were also rung during the evening.

The secretaries would like to take this opportunity of thanking those men of the Lancashire, Nottingham and Yorkshire Associations who have done so much in the interests of the Guild.

## LAVENHAM'S RINGING ANNIVERSARY.

The 127th ringing anniversary of Lavenham Society was held on Saturday, June 18th, when some 40 ringers attended, the following places being represented: Sudbury, Grundisburgh, Ipswich, Groton, Little Waldingfield, Newton (Suffolk), Braintree, Colchester, Coggeshall, Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Little Waltham, Saffron Walden, Springfield, Broomfield, West Bergholt (Essex), Newmarket (Cams), Shipley (Yorks) and Fakenham (Norfolk), as well as, of course, Lavenham itself. Methods rung during the day were Plain, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Superlative and London.

## NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Rhyl on Whit Monday, June 6th. Members attended from Llandudno, Mold, Wrexham, Llangollen and the local band, also several visitors, including Mr. R. Sperring and Mr. P. Swindley (Chester), Mr. E. Bennett (Norbury), Mr. W. Dean (Norton, Stoke-on-Trent), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (Chester), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), Mr. A. Newell (Chester), Mr. H. Martin (Birkenhead), Mr. E. Davies (Droitwich), Mr. H. E. Wills (Croydon), etc. A service was conducted by the Rev. Brynmor Davies.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (the Rev. R. C. Jones) referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of two of its oldest members, Mr. W. T. Pegler and Mr. J. H. Midwinter, of Bangor, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence. Two new officers were elected, the Rev. R. H. Roberts, Rhyl, a vice-president, and Mr. F. Hartman, Mold, instructor for the Wrexham District, vice Mr. F. R. Evans.

The following new members were elected: Mr. G. Lewis (Hope), Mr. E. Rose, Mr. J. Clemmick and Mr. E. Jones (Llangollen), Miss Hilda Blower, Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. G. Bromley (Llandudno).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Gresford. A splendid tea was partaken of by the members and their wives, kindly provided by the local ringers, for which they were accorded a vote of thanks.

Prior to and following the meeting the visitors rang several good touches in different methods on the bells, a feature of which was the excellent striking of Mr. G. Bromley, who is totally blind.

## PEAL NOTES.

## NEARLY A MASONIC PEAL OF CINQUES.

The peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, which we record this week, was to have been another Masonic 'first' peal. Mr. Stafford Green had organised the party, some of whom, like Mr. G. R. Newton, from Liverpool, and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart from Wimborne, Dorset, had come long distances.

It was a gruelling day for Bow, but, despite a mixed band, a good peal resulted. And when it was all over—it was discovered that one of the company was not a Mason! Everyone, however, took it in good part, and, while the Kent Association reaps the reward, the Masons have got to do the job again.

No one regrets the bit of faulty 'staff work' more than the organiser, who much appreciated the support of all the band. The peal was composed and conducted by Mr. G. R. Newton, who called the composition that was rung at Melbourne, Australia, on Armistice Day, 1934.

A peal in seven Minor methods at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on June 13th, was rung on the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Catchpole, of Ipswich, and for Mr. Catchpole's birthday. It was also a wedding peal for Mr. James Bennett, jun., of Helmingham.

## SHEFFIELD RINGER'S JUBILEE.

Mr. John Holman, whose ringing career has been largely spent in Yorkshire, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal, which he rang at Colerne, in Wiltshire, on June 10th, 1888. Mr. Holman is a native of Lincoln, and it was fitting that his jubilee peal should be rung at Lincoln Cathedral.

Queen Mary's recent visit to Thorpe Hall, Essex, was celebrated by a peal of Minor at Thorpe-le-Soken. There were four extents of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by E. E. Davey, and three 720's of Plain Bob, conducted by Urban Wildney.

This kind of performance has its merits and may be amusing, but neither of the conductors can say he called the peal.

The peal rung at Nayland, Suffolk, on June 11th, and recorded last week, was specially arranged in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to John Constable's country. Mr. L. Wright, of Dedham, was responsible for the arrangements, and it was Mrs. Wright's first attempt for a peal 'inside.'

A 'wedding' peal was rung at Broughton, Staffordshire, on June 18th, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Alan D. Steel, Eight-bell Ringing Master of the North Staffordshire Association, and Miss F. Coldrey, the bridegroom taking part in the peal. The method was Kent Treble Bob Major, and it was the fiftieth peal that Mr. C. H. Page has called for the association.

## ONE BELL PRACTICE.

The peal of Grandsire Cateters rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Cardiff, on June 23rd, was to honour Mr. and Mrs. W. Austin. Mr. Austin is verger at St. James' Church, a daughter church of St. John's. He is also a ringer, but unfortunately has not a ring of bells at his church. There is, however, one bell there properly hung for ringing, on which he gets plenty of bell practice. At the conclusion of the peal Mr. and Mrs. Austin met the ringers at the church and tendered their best thanks, and afterwards hospitably entertained the band.

The composition of Stedman Cinques called at Southwark Cathedral on June 18th contains 24 courses in the tittums position, with the sixth 18 times in 6th's, and all the 5-6's. The 14 courses in the handstroke position contain all the six 6-5's. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. J. Lock.

A peal of Bob Major at Eynsford, Kent, on June 23rd, was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lyddiard, who have just celebrated the twelfth anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Lyddiard, who is leader of the band at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, took part in the peal, and Mrs. Lyddiard also deserves her share in the compliment, as she sat in the churchyard and listened to the peal.

It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Derek Sharp and the conductor, Mr. P. A. Corby. Owing to the elusiveness of the key to the electric light main switch box, the peal had to be rung by candlelight. This difficulty made the performance of the ringers of the 4th and 5th, whose only previous peal was Bob Minor at Penge, the more creditable.

Miss Doris Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, scored her 25th peal and her first of Surprise when she took part in a peal of Cambridge at Selling, Kent, on June 12th.

The birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross, the former being Master of the society, was honoured by a peal of Cambridge Surprise rung by Royal Cumberland Youths at Dartford on June 13th. The peal also commemorated the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey and was a birthday compliment to the latter.

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**TWO MORE NEW SURPRISE METHODS.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Cranbourne Surprise Major, rung at Egham on June 16th for the first time (and without any previous practice) is a 'half-brother' to Painswick. Constructionally, it is the latter method with 7th's place omitted when the treble is behind, but the ringing of it, of course, is very different.

For three of the band who rang the peal, Cranbourne was the 25th Surprise method. Mr. Alan Pink has called a peal in every one of the 25 he has rung, while Messrs. Len Stilwell and Bill Welling's 25 have been a sort of joint affair. They have taken part together in exactly the same collection of methods. Mr. Pink's list varies from theirs in two respects.

It was fitting that a peal should have been rung at Egham at that time, for it coincided with the celebrations of the 723rd anniversary of the signing of Magna Charta. Runnymede, where King John conceded to the demands of the barons, is in Egham parish, and last Sunday copies of the banners of the guarantor peers were unveiled.

Curiously, another Surprise method was rung for the first time the same week, and another ringer rang his 25th Surprise method. It was rung for the Hertford County Association at Bushey without previous practice, and the method was named Southall.

The occasion was the marriage of Mr. F. H. E. Southall (a member of the local band) and Miss M. K. Phillips, so that the happy pair were doubly honoured.

It was Mr. Francis Kirk's 25th Surprise method, and his 50th peal with Mr. Maurice Hibbert.

In a peal in seven Minor methods at Bicker, Lincs, on June 11th, Cyril Wander rang his first 720's in four of the methods. He stood in the peal at the last moment, as the band arrived one short.

The 'stars' for first peal in the 5,040 Grandsire Doubles at Bokesbourne, Kent, on June 6th, should have been printed against the names of the ringers of treble and tenor.

The peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Crayford, Kent, on June 17th, was arranged and rung as a 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. Phil Corby, one of the enthusiastic young men, of whom there seem, happily, to be a growing number round London. The composition, by another talented youth, Edwin A. Barnett, has five pairs of bells reversed in 5-6 at course-ends and was rung for the first time.

The peal was also rung on the 79th birthday of Mr. William Martin, of Beckenham, formerly of Swanscombe. In spite of advancing years and failing health, Mr. Martin is still a model of regularity and punctuality on Sundays and practice nights at Beckenham—and he lives a threepenny bus ride from the church.

On the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells at Harston, Cambridgeshire, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in which four of the

local ringers took part, three of them having learnt change ringing since the bells were augmented and rehung last year. The band in the peal was completed by Miss Kitty Willers (hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association) and Mr. C. W. Cook, of Cambridge.

Mr. Barnabas G. Key, Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, celebrated his birthday by calling a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Rushall, Staffs, on June 13th, four of the band being Sunday service ringers at the church.

Mr. Herbert Knight has just completed 30 years as hon. (lay) secretary of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society, and on June 18th Mr. Key called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Pattingham for the event.

A peal of Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on June 20th, was a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. John H. H. Griffin, who came to the parish on June 6th from Gwynfryn, Talierin, Machynlleth. It is hoped Mr. Griffin may be induced to take up ringing. His father was Rector of Henstead, Suffolk, from 1925 to 1935.

Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association, wishes to acknowledge the birthday compliment paid to him by the peal in Yorkshire on Whit Monday. As he does not know who was responsible, he cannot write to them personally.

The time of the peal at Speldhurst on June 6th was 2 hours 50 minutes, and not 2 hours 45 minutes as published.

L. Foster (and not W. Foster) was the ringer of the third in the peal of Bob Major at Fressingfield on May 21st.

The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal at Twickenham on June 11th was E. Ralph Mackrill and not F. D. Bishop.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Stebbing and was attended by ringers from Stebbing, Dunmow, Bocking, Braintree, Halstead, Earls Colne, Springfield, Coggeshall, Melbourn and Maldon. Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. French (priest-in-charge), who had travelled from Streatham for the purpose. General Henderson (Vicar's warden) was present, and both attended tea, served in the Church Hall, Mrs. Barnard, wife of the people's warden, and the wives of the local ringers for the catering.

A business meeting followed, the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) presiding, supported by the district secretary (Miss Hilda Snowden).

Mr. John Challis, of Bocking, was elected a member of the association, and it was agreed that the next meeting on September 17th should take place at Dunmow.

The District Master extended thanks to the Rev. French, and to General Henderson for his interest. He also thanked Mrs. Barnard and her helpers and the local ringers for so kindly providing tea.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor to London Surprise Minor were rung on the bells.

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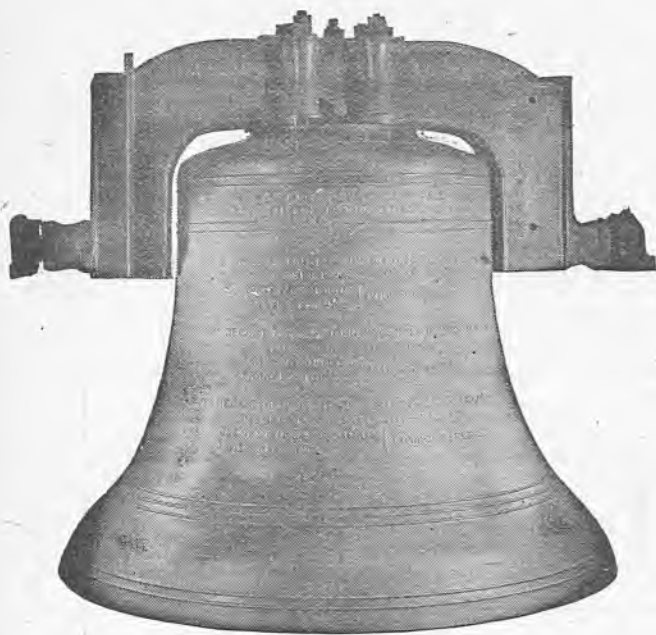
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations to Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, on being elected divisional secretary to the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association. This, at 19 years of age, is a great tribute to his abilities for the work of a great association.

Who was the ringer who attended the Barnsley meeting and could not find the new Rectory Room, whereby he missed his tea, the business meeting, and nearly missed the church? The early bird catches 'all' the worms.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, is, we hear, resigning office as Eastern District secretary of the Hertford County Association, a post which he has filled with enthusiasm and success for 34 years. Ill-health is compelling him to take this step, and while his many friends will hear this with regret, they will wish him a speedy recovery.

The bells of Guildford Cathedral will be heard on the air on Sunday evening as a preliminary to the customary broadcast service.

A new peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, are to be dedicated this evening at Liss, Hants.

The time for ringing at Winchester Cathedral to-morrow, in connection with the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has been changed. The bells will be open before the service only from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.

## SURPRISE METHOD NAMES.

### A SUGGESTION.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am a very unimportant member of the ringing fraternity and am never likely to ring another peal, let alone a Surprise one. I can, therefore, look at the matter with an unbiassed mind and see both sides of the question.

Here is a suggestion which may be worth considering, based, to some extent, on the naming of foxhounds and sometimes horses.

Let the committee name the methods as Mr. Trollope suggests; then these are the names for all time. Let the first ringers add to it the name of the tower in which it was rung, or, if they prefer, the name of their association. This would become the official title as published in the records, and, for all time, the method would be associated with their name, and this without confounding the issue as regards the book. For example, imagine a method to be named by the committee 'Queen's'; let this be rung for the first time at a place called 'Godington' and publish it in 'The Ringing World' as 'Godington Queen's'.

As there is only one 'Queen's' in the book there is no confusion, and the ringers still have the honour and pleasure of giving their own name. It would seem, on the face of it, that this or some such method would appeal to both sides of the argument unless they were very bigoted.

'NEMO.'

## A LONDON RESTORATION.

### THE BELLS OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

On Trinity Sunday, the bells of the East London Church of St. George-in-the-East were rededicated by the Bishop of London.

The restoration has been carried out as a memorial to the late Rector, the Rev. C. J. Beresford, M.A., whose ambition it was to see the bells rehung before his resignation. Unfortunately, he died before anything had been done. His successor, the Rev. R. Bruce-Eadie, A.K.C., initiated the scheme which has now come to fruition.

For many years the bells had been in very bad condition, and about six years ago ringing was stopped owing to the dangerous state of some of the bearings. In tone, the bells were a very mediocre ring.

The present restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who installed the ring in 1751 A.D. The work has entailed the recasting of the sixth and the retuning of the other seven. Iron headstocks and ball bearings have been fitted, and the massive wooden frame has been tie-bolted and strengthened. That a first-class engineering job would be done was a foregone conclusion, but the point of doubt was, could the 'old tanks' be made into a musical ring? Any doubts that existed were completely swept away when the retuned bells were heard for the first time. A glorious ring with a 28 cwt. tenor was the result of the restoration. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on another very fine achievement.

The bells have actually been in use since Easter Sunday, and the new band which has been started has made such progress that the ringing for the rededication was done without outside assistance. The band has been formed into the St. George-in-the-East Guild of Ringers, with the Rector as president. Mr. J. G. A. Prior, Northern District secretary of the London County Association, who learnt to ring at St. George's, was elected Ringing Master, and his brother, Mr. Sidney A. Prior, secretary. The Guild is about 18 strong, mainly young men and boys, and it is hoped that the same progress will be made at St. George's as has been made at the mother church of St. Dunstan, Stepney.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will remember the appeal which appeared in these columns for financial assistance towards the restoration. There is still a large sum required before the appeal closes, and any further donations will be gratefully received. They should be sent to one of the following: Mr. J. A. Waugh, 8, Fullers Road, Woodford, E.18, or Mr. J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—25.****HERBERT KNIGHT.**

For nearly 50 years Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, has given loyal and ungrudging service to the cause of change ringing, and for just 30 years has been the hon. lay secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which he has represented on the Central Council since 1915.

Born at Gittisham, near Honiton, Devon, on December 3rd, 1872, Mr. Knight was taught to pull a bell in 1889 at Highbridge, Somerset, where there were then five bells, and, with others, managed to learn Grandsire Doubles. St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, has, however, been his real ringing 'home.' It was there that his capacity as a ringer was developed, where he rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Caters on December 1st, 1894. It was not until March 9th, 1901, that he rang his first peal as conductor, and then he called Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples in the same tower. In the meantime, however, he had taken part in two notable peals of Grandsire Caters, both at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, 7,019 in 1897 and 11,563 in 1899.

Mr. Knight was the first to call a peal blindfolded. On October 12th, 1907, he conducted Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Luke's Church, Wolverhampton, with his eyes bandaged—a feat which has very seldom been emulated.

Since 1908 Mr. Knight has been captain of St. Peter's company, and among the interesting performances in which he has taken part have been the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Royal, rung at Wednesbury on January 2nd, 1909, the first peal of Erin Cinques, rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on September 23rd, 1911, and a strictly non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans' four-part) at Brewood, Staffs, in 1930. Mr. Knight has conducted peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. He has also taken part in Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and on November 25th, 1933, called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tettenhall, with the rest of the band made up of past and present ringing masters, to commemorate the jubilee of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society. Among Mr. Knight's handbell peals was the first in the city of Hereford, rung in 1898.

Altogether he has rung 492 peals, of which he has conducted 144. His services to ringing are not, however, to be measured by this, but by the time and interest he devotes to further the work in his own tower and society.

**Next week: Mr. Frederick W. Rogers.**

**DEATH OF AN OLD GUILDFORD RINGER.****FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY OF WINCHESTER GUILD.**

The death took place at Guildford on Saturday after a short illness of Mr. Edward Raddon, who for some years prior to the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the end of 1927 was hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Raddon, who were married at Potterne, Wiltshire, in 1885, moved to Guildford in 1898, and Mr. Raddon joined S. Nicolas' company, of which he remained a member up to the time of his death except for a short period when he lived in the neighbouring village of Merrow and assisted the local band.

Failing health had prevented Mr. Raddon from taking much active part in ringing recently, for it is a long climb up to S. Nicolas' belfry, but he maintained his interest in the society.

Mr. Raddon, who was 76 years of age, leaves a widow, one son and three daughters in bereavement.

The funeral took place at Merrow on Wednesday, when the church bells were rung half-muffled and handbells were rung, as a parting tribute, over the grave.

**VETERAN'S DEATH AT PRITTLEWELL.**

Mr. William Dudley, of Prittlewell, Essex, one of the first to take up change ringing in that tower, passed away on June 16th. He had been a member of Prittlewell band for 51 years and had rung 100 peals, 52 of which were in his own belfry.

Only in July last year Mr. Dudley was honoured in recognition of his 50 years of service to his church, when he was presented with a suitably inscribed gold bell pendant.

On June 20th, a muffled peal in his memory was rung at Prittlewell.



MR. HERBERT KNIGHT.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE BENEVOLENT FUND.****Divisional Collections to be Made.**

Horsham was the place selected for the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association, held on Saturday, June 18th. The bells of the Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and those of Warnham in the afternoon. Among the visitors were the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and from Sussex the following towers were represented: Arundel, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Nicholas), St. Peter's and the Good Shepherd, Bolney, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Warnham, Lower Beeding, Lymminster, Billingshurst, Eastbourne, Shoreham, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Hartfield, Crawley, West Grinstead, Twineham, Kirdford, Lewes and Horsham, those present numbering 75.

Service took place in Horsham Parish Church, the organist (Mr. S. Sutton) being supported by a large choir of men and boys. The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. D. Lee, M.A., preached an interesting sermon, taking as his theme united service to the Church by those whose 'hearts were touched.'

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, presided, and apologies were read from the Bishop of Chichester, Mr. J. T. Rickman and Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the latter being past masters of the association. The secretary reported the invitation from the Bishop to Mr. Keith Hart to serve on the Advisory Committee on Faculties.

Three new members were elected, Miss Oakshett and Mr. B. Oakshett, of Hayes, Kent, and Mr. C. Bassett, of Portsmouth.

The Master presented the balance sheet, and pointed out that although the general account was slightly on the debit side, there having been unexpected expenses, no claims had been made on the Benevolent Fund in the past year, and, on the whole, the balance of £263 16s. 11d. was slightly above that of 1936.

The subscriptions from affiliated towers amounted to £63 19s., from unaffiliated members 16s., non-resident members £3 15s., hon. members £2 5s. The total receipts were £74 9s. 10d. The expenses amounted to £78 6s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected, the president, the Bishop; Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Stone; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; hon. peal secretary, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. C. Hart and J. T. Toms; hon. trustees, Messrs. F. Dallaway, H. R. Butcher and F. B. Tompkins.

The peal secretary's report made mention of the 66 peals which had been rung in the year, which included the first of Rutland Surprise in Sussex. The total was five more than 1936.

Mr. F. Dallaway, a representative to the Central Council meeting at Leeds, gave a short account of the proceedings, and made mention of the hospitable manner in which the Yorkshire Association had welcomed the members.

Mr. Sippetts made a proposal regarding members who left the county after having paid five consecutive annual subscriptions, recommending that they should, on application remain members without further payment while residing out of the county.—This was carried.

**EARLIER ANNUAL MEETING.**

A motion to affect the date of the annual general meeting was also put forward by Mr. Sippetts, and it was agreed that in future it should be held not later than April. Thus it will always be possible to instruct the Central Council delegates of the association's wishes before the Council meeting.

The general secretary made a proposition regarding dates of administrative business made necessary by the advancement of the annual meeting, and Mr. Pankhurst's amendment to this motion was carried.

Two places were proposed for the next meeting, Eastbourne receiving 20 votes and Brighton 21. In consequence, the 1939 meeting will be held at Brighton.

Mr. Pankhurst pointed out the lack of a definite rule with regard to collections for the Benevolent Fund, drawing attention to the fact that last year the Benevolent Fund was not supported at all from two of the divisions. The custom had been to leave the collections to the discretion of the divisional secretaries; the result was the present anomaly. He suggested that each division should have at least two collections during the year for this purpose, and the suggestion was accepted with a view to making a definite rule at the first opportunity.

During this discussion the Master was obliged to leave in order to catch his train, and on his invitation the chair was taken by Mr. W. C. Hart.

A particularly pleasant note was struck by the unanimous and enthusiastic decision to elect Mr. Walter Charman as an honorary life member, in recognition of his valued services to the association for 50 years. Mr. Charman has been connected throughout this time with Warnham tower, and is a member of a well-known ringing family at that place. He has rendered particularly valuable help to the association by his organisation of the monthly practice meetings at Horsham, which has become a regular institution during the winter months with ringers present from quite distant parts.

Mr. W. C. Hart closed the meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to all those who had assisted with the arrangements at the service, and to the Vicars of Warnham and Horsham for the use of the bells.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 411.)

### TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

#### Warning Against Neglect.

The report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on May 6th, was presented by Mrs. Fletcher, who corrected one slight mistake, in which the Lancashire Association was stated to have rung 101 peals, whereas it was the Lincoln Diocesan Guild that reached this number.

#### CORONATION PEALS.

The report was adopted, and the President then called attention to the fact that 259 peals were rung in celebration of the Coronation of their Majesties, the King and Queen. He suggested that the officers of the Council approach the Home Secretary, either direct or through Lord Shaftesbury (who is an honorary member of the Council), and find out whether the King would accept a list of those 259 peals, which list would, presumably, ultimately find its way into the library at Windsor Castle. He did not mean that the details of the peals should be given, but just a list of the places and what was rung.

Mr. S. F. Palmer seconded and the proposition was at once carried. Replying to a question, the President said the list was not merely of peals rung on Coronation Day, but of all the peals rung for the Coronation.

#### THE USE OF 'SILENCERS.'

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was presented by the president. It stated: Since the last Council meeting the members of the committee have been consulted in 27 cases, and have given advice, in most cases after inspection of the towers concerned. In 22 of these towers the question was one of rehanging or the provision of additional bells. In the other five towers advice was given in the matter of sound modification. Where the committee's advice has been followed, the reduction of sound in the neighbourhood of the church has given great satisfaction.

During the year the 'silencers' belonging to the Council have been lent for experiment to one tower, with the result that a set is being purchased for that tower. The introduction of 'silencers' at several churches has been brought to the notice of the committee. One warning is needed with regard to the use of the 'silencers.' If before their use the volume of sound in the ringing room is not excessive, it will be found difficult to hear the bells when the 'silencers' are in use. To get over this difficulty a hinged trap door should be made in the ceiling which can be easily opened when 'silencers' are in use, and closed at other times. If this provision be not made there will be a risk of bad striking.

The attention of the committee has been drawn to the desirability of handrails being provided for belfry staircases, and when the 'Preservation of bells' pamphlet is next reprinted this point can be dealt with.

Some information is available as to the members of Diocesan Advisory Committees. So far, replies have been received from 24 dioceses out of 47. In 16 of these there is a member who either has good knowledge of bells or is sufficiently interested to see that expert advice is obtained. In the other eight the position is said to be unsatisfactory. The committee would be glad to have further information with a view to taking some action in the matter.

The President, in presenting the report, said he had received a letter from Major Hesse giving the list of towers he had visited. Referring to the question of unprotected steel girders, the President said that an architect friend of his had been down, for the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, to a church in Surrey, where the bells were rehung in the early part of this century in an iron frame on mild steel girders. It had remained unpainted and it was now possible to push a finger through the web of the girders. That had come about in a matter of 31 or 32 years. The girders had completely perished. The architects had something on their side when they objected to steel frames, unless they were painted. In this case the steel was to be replaced by cast iron girders. The cast iron frame was all right; it was the mild steel that had gone. Unless they could be sure that it was going to be painted or covered with concrete there was a danger, and those who recommended oak had something in their favour, for oak was fool-proof, except for the beetle. Concrete casing for girders in small towers restricted the space and added to the difficulty of getting the ropes down in a good circle.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to a tower which he visited where the death-watch beetle had got into the frame very badly. The architect applied a liquid for discouraging the beetle, and he applied it in a certain way. As a result the bell frame had drunk more than 60 gallons of the liquid (laughter). Small holes had been bored into the timber, and the foreman went round filling them up, through funnels, eight times a day. There were traces that the liquid had got to the ends of the frame and they were having quite good hunting and had bagged quite a number of beetles (laughter).

#### MOVEMENT OF TOWERS.

Proceeding, the President said 'The Times' newspaper, on Coronation Day, gave a little paragraph about the Imperial Institute and the ringing that was going to take place there, and the correspondent said that the tower swayed a foot out of the perpendicular when the bells were rung (laughter). That meant that it would move 2ft., one each way. He had looked to see if the Office of Works took up the

matter, but they did not appear to do so. He had looked up some measurements he made some years ago at towers where the movement was quite noticeable. In one case the movement was only one-twentieth of an inch out of the vertical each way. That was quite noticeable to the ringers. In another one—he thought it was Northaw, before the bells were rehung in 1914—the light bracket used to sway, the handbells on the wall started to ring and the rafters and wall-plate could be heard rubbing together. The movement was measured and found to be two millimetres out of perpendicular. As there were 25 millimetres to the inch, the movement was about one-fifth of an inch, and that was very noticeable indeed. The reference to the Imperial Institute tower was just the sort of thing they got in newspapers, even newspapers like 'The Times.'

With regard to the information about the diocesan authorities, said Mr. Lewis, Winchester, Bristol, Chester, Ely, Exeter, Leicester, Portsmouth, Rochester, Chichester and Lincoln had a ringer on the Diocesan Advisory Board; in the case of Lichfield, Norwich, Oxford, Truro, Worcester and Blackburn there were members who knew quite a bit about bells, although not actually ringers themselves. In the case of certain other dioceses he had no information, and asked the Council to let him have information if possible later in the day.

The Rev. E. S. Powell said he was on the Peterborough Diocesan Board.

The President said there was no one on the Salisbury Board, but Mr. H. B. Walters was consulted. Nothing was known about Southwark; Ripon would in most cases consult someone; in St. Albans no one was called in; in Southwell there was a vacancy; Sheffield had no representative at present. Mr. Lewis added that the committee would try and take some steps to get someone appointed to each committee or have arrangements made so that someone with a knowledge of bells should be consulted when a question arose concerning bells.

#### DANGEROUS BELFRY STAIRS.

On the question of the desirability of having a handrail round the belfry staircase, the President said the matter had been raised in a letter from Mr. J. Jaggar, who said the point had been worrying him a good deal. He (the president) had heard of several cases of people being damaged through slipping on the stairs and Mr. Paddon Smith had told him of the case of a man being killed through falling down the staircase at the Bull Ring, Birmingham, about two years ago; so it was an important point.

Mr. E. A. Young, in moving the adoption of the report, said this question of dangerous staircases had been in his mind for some years. Some stairs were very narrow, perhaps only 2ft. wide, and very steep in order to get the head room. Therefore, the treads at the outside were sometimes only two or three inches wide. Some old towers had a rope running down the newel, and he thought the Council should advocate this on narrow stairs where there was no room for a handrail. For a descent there was nothing so reassuring as a rope running through the hand at head level, ready to take the pull if one slipped.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in seconding, said with advancing age, he had come to know the necessity of a rope on narrow stairs.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said a rope did not take the place of a proper iron handrail where there was room for it. Holding a rope brought a man to the narrow edge of the steps. It was better to have hold of a rail on the outside; then, if his feet slipped, he was automatically brought to the wide side of the steps. Wherever there was room they should have a handrail; where there was not room, perhaps a rope round the newel was the next best thing.

Mr. Young said a handrail on a narrow stairway was liable to catch on the hip or waist in going up or down.

The President said one member of the Council the other day was unable to get up the stairway into a tower, although there was no handrail. The stairs were too narrow (laughter).

Mr. Young: He could only get up sideways, I suppose.

The President: No, he could not even get up sideways (laughter).

Mr. Smith said when the great Samuel Lawrence went on one occasion to ring at Dudley he could not get into the tower. They, therefore, hoisted him up by a derrick and got him in through the window; so Mr. Richardson's experience was not new (laughter).

The President said the committee would see that the Council's recommendation was included in the revised handbook on the Preservation of Bells.

The report was then adopted.

#### THE PRESS AND BELLS.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee was as follows: Two events of the past twelve months have brought bells and ringers into quite exceptional prominence in the public Press. One is the College Youths' tercentenary, the other the controversy over 'canned bells.'

The tercentenary received an outstanding degree of publicity; daily and weekly journals published full accounts of the celebration both before and after the event, as well as on the actual day, with copious illustrations, featuring in some cases well-known members of the Ancient Society. The memorial tribute to Sir Henry Tuile was recorded at length. An incident in connection with a broadcast given by the Master of the College Youths was magnified by an imaginative journalist into a 'Row at the B.B.C.,' involving Miss Dorothy Sayers. The natural effect was to give enhanced publicity to the occasion and to draw attention to the broadcast by association with the name of the famous novelist.



It may here be mentioned as a link with contemporary literature that on a subsequent date Miss Sayers visited the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral and attended the College Youths' meeting at the Coffee Pot, where she was presented with a gift in recognition of the widespread interest in change ringing aroused by her renowned work of fiction, 'The Nine Tailors.'

The occasional use of gramophone records in towers instead of actual bells has been noted in the Press from time to time, but the subject leapt into sudden prominence when the installation of a record in a steeple at Weymouth led to a long discussion at a meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and a resolution deprecating the use of such mechanical devices was passed and forwarded to the Bishop. Journalists evidently found 'good copy' in the protest of ringers against this menace to their national art: even in America the matter was taken up in the public Press.

#### 'CANNED MUSIC.'

A leader in the 'Daily Mirror' under the heading 'Ding Dong Bell!' had the right ring about it; 'In an unsentimental age we sometimes hear protesting voices against church bells. The tinny and one-noted bell may annoy the ears, but any person who objects to a beautifully rung peal should consult a doctor about it. We sympathise with the . . . ringers in their revolt against "canned music" and loud-speakers in churches. Keep the old bells ringing! Let us be rung to church as our forefathers were.'

'Discs in the Belfry' was the heading of a whole column in a recent issue of the 'Church Times.' The following extract, from the pen of the gifted writer signing himself 'Urbanus,' may well provide food for reflection: 'There is a great deal to be said in favour of the discs. Foremost, I fancy, is the woeful fact that many bells are silent, or, at best, ill-rung. I have heard many a country parson bewail his inability to get a team of ringers together. . . . Nor is it enough that the bells should ring out in the evening. They should call the people to morning worship. But, alas! ringers, when found at all, frequently have no leisure or inclination for morning church, let alone for pulling their weight in the bell-chamber. Still,' he continues, 'I should fight against the intrusion of the gramophone into a tower where true bells hang.'

Among general references to bellringing in the London Press we find records of long service in the belfry, notably to the band of ringers at Marnhull, Dorset, who had completed 40 years of united service to the church, before the passing of Mr. A. Drew at the age of 76 created the first breach in their number, and to the ringers of Pillongley, who during the last 50 years have rung together at three Royal Jubilees and three Coronations. Amongst individual records have appeared those of Mr. Brundle, of Ipswich, Mr. Hewlett, of Puddletown, and the late Mr. W. T. Cockerill, while the Kentish newspapers gave due prominence to the one hundredth birthday celebration of Mr. C. Slingsby. By way of contrast, the Northfleet ringers have figured in the Press as the youngest band, with an average age of 13 years.

Whether by chance or by design, two articles of outstanding merit appeared in two Birmingham papers on the same date; one in the 'Post' headed 'The Ringing Isle—England's Pleasantest Epithet'; the other in the 'Mail' on 'The Art and Practice of Change Ringing.' 'The Listener' has included an interesting article on bells by Garry Hogg. In a paragraph entitled 'Skyward Music,' a London journal has called attention to the improvement effected by blocking up the louvers and throwing the sound upwards. Among many local reports of dedications of bells, those of augmentation at Poole and recasting at Bournemouth, both in the Coronation year, would appeal to a wide public. A full account of the peal rung to celebrate Alderman Pritchett's golden wedding appeared in the Birmingham Press, with a photograph of the ringers.

The publication of Mr. J. A. Trollope's work, 'The College Youths,' in the society's tercentenary year, was a literary event of great interest to the Exercise at large. The author's diligent research into obscure sources of information has brought to light many facts of historical value, while his gift of imagination and vivid style bring past ages to new life in the pages of this fascinating book, which incidentally received enthusiastic commendation from the Dean of St. Paul's at the College Youths' dinner. A new edition at a more popular price of Nicholl's 'Bells Through the Ages' and Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' both reviewed at length in the 'Church Times,' is indicative of increasing interest in the subject.

#### BROADCASTING.

The outstanding event of 1937 was Mr. E. H. Lewis' broadcast on the tercentenary of the College Youths, with both tower bell and hand-bell illustrations of change ringing. Transmission and reception were perfect. Other broadcasts of bells have been almost entirely introductory to religious services. Last summer two or three of these performances were far from creditable, but during the past nine months or so a very fair standard has on the average been maintained, though there is still need for much improvement. A Somerset village won well-merited praise for a really good broadcast of Stedman Doubles. On the other hand, a Dorset village with six fine-toned bells let the Exercise down by an incompetent attempt at chiming. One village band, realising that an elementary attempt at change ringing was not coming up to the mark for broadcasting, had the good sense to revert to rounds, which in their way produced a thoroughly musical effect. The monthly touch of Caters from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields continues to be rung and the reception very good, as also that from Croydon on Sunday mornings. Since the removal of Bishop Woods to

Lichfield, the bells of Lichfield Cathedral have likewise been broadcast. On Coronation Day, 1937, very brief records were transmitted of the ringing at Westminster Abbey and the Imperial Institute. The announcer was misinformed in his statement that the bells of the Institute are rung 'only' on royal anniversaries.

The president of the Council has had the opportunity of personal conferences with officials of the B.B.C. which should be productive of good results.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who moved the reception of the report, said the Exercise had had a very good Press during the year, not only in the sense that bellringing had been brought into considerable prominence, but also, the art of change ringing had received very favourable notice. Writers had shown intelligence and interest in the art of ringing. With regard to the reference to Mr. Charles Slingsby, who had now reached his 101st birthday, it had been suggested that the Council might send him a message of congratulation. He moved that the report be adopted and a congratulatory message sent to this grand old man of Kent.

Mr. A. P. Smith seconded and suggested that with the letter of congratulation they should also enclose a pound note. He was sure that was a kind of message that the old man would not regret receiving (applause). Mr. Smith added with regard to the two articles which appeared in Birmingham papers, that the two papers were both owned by a well-known Birmingham churchman, Sir Charles Hyde. Not only had he allowed a column in each of his very expensive papers to be devoted to the cause of bells and bellringing, but was generous enough to give £1,000 towards the cost of recasting and rehanging the bells of Birmingham Cathedral, so that the work might be done in time for the Coronation (applause).

A collection for Mr. Slingsby resulted in a sum of £2 being received.  
(To be continued.)

#### DEATH OF MR. W. G. MANN.

##### LAST FOUNDER-MEMBER OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

There has recently died at Liverpool the last surviving founder-member of the Lancashire Association, Mr. W. G. Mann. He, with the late John Aspinwall and John R. Pritchard, was responsible for forming the association and held their first meeting in the year 1876 in a room in Wood Street, quite close to St. Luke's Church, Liverpool. In the same year the first important meeting of the association was held at Chorley. The first secretary was Mr. J. R. Pritchard, and Messrs. Mann and Aspinwall were elected to the committee.

At the time of his death Mr. Mann was in his 86th year and for some years had not taken any active part in ringing. In his younger days he had rung in several peals of Grandsire Triples and also a 6,048 Bob Major at Halewood. He was buried at Smithdown Road Cemetery quite near to his former old colleague, the late John Aspinwall. He leaves a daughter in bereavement, and to her sincere sympathy is extended.

#### LATE NOTICES.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meetings for July:—Service ringing, July 3rd, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, July 4th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; 18th at 7.30 p.m., also St. Mary, Lambeth, August 2nd, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranfield on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. First meeting held here for many years. Bells recently rehung. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton (6) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at Village Hall at 5 p.m.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec.

#### APARTMENTS.

**LLANDUDNO, NORTH WALES.**—Superior Board-Residence or Bed and Breakfast; 2 minutes sea, tennis courts, bowling green and park.—Mrs. Brown, Avonholm, 24, Queen's Road. Telephone 6965.

**SCARBOROUGH.**—The Jedburgh private hotel, Givendale Road, North Bay. Terms moderate; every convenience; and close to the sea.—Write for tariff to residential proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean.

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**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.30 to 3.45, St. Maurice (6), 1.30 to 3.45, and after meeting; Hursley (8), Twyford (8) and Micheldever (6), 2 to 3.30, and after the meeting. Service in St. Maurice's at 4. Tea, by invitation of the Guild, at 4.45 in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by the general meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The summer meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 2nd. Ringing during the afternoon at St. Giles' (8) 3.15-4.30, St. Laurence's (12) 3.15-4.40. Service at St. Laurence's 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Talbot Cafe, Queen Victoria Street, at 1s. per head, 5.15. Ringing after tea at St. Mary's (heavy eight) 7-8, and Caversham (8) 7-9. Fast trains run from Paddington at 1.55, 2.45, 3.15, 4.15 and 5.8 p.m. Journey takes about 40 minutes. Return any time up to 10.25 p.m. Every ringer will be welcomed at this meeting.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.30. St. Cuthbert's, 3 to 4.30 and after the meeting. Service (St. Cuthbert's) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Other towers could be open on short notice.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, as a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Angmering on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Vestry Hall 1/- per head. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) 4.45. Gentlemen heartily invited.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 2nd. Baglan, near Aberavon (6 bells), available from 3 till 5.30. Business meeting in Aberavon Schoolroom at 6 o'clock. Bells (8) available afterwards.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield Church (6 bells) on Saturday, July 2nd. Those who intend to be present for tea please send postcard to Rector (Rev. J. Thompson), Bradford Rectory, Bradford, near Sheffield. Buses at Malin Bridge tram terminus. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Up-  
lowman on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Sil-  
verton, near Exeter.

**DUNSTON, NEAR LINCOLN.**—The bells, which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 2nd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Gressenhall on Saturday, July 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Practices for July—all at 7.30 p.m.:—\*5th, St. Mary-le-Bow; 7th, St. Magnus; 12th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; \*19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 21st, St. Magnus; 26th, Southwark Cathedral. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**FLIXTON, ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MANCHESTER.**—The ring of eight bells, which has been restored by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on Tuesday, July 5th, at 7.30 a.m. Preacher, the Rev. Canon Woolnough, M.A.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Harpenden on Tuesday, July 5th. Bells (5) available 7.45-9 p.m. A good attendance will be welcomed.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stratford St. Mary on July 9th. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Higham and Langham will also be open for ringing. Bells at all three towers available from 2 p.m. Please send me a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify the Rev. L. M. Forse, The Rectory, Tarleton, by Wednesday, July 6th. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Aynho (8 bells) will be open for ringers from 6.30 to 7.30. Notice of other towers announced at meeting. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lenham (8 bells) on July 9th. Half-travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Will all requiring tea please send their names to me by Wednesday, July 6th? Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Rd., Enfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—One hundred or more ringers required to ring at Brasted and Sundridge on Sat., July 9th. Mr. E. H. Lewis invites you to tea on that date. Please do not disappoint him. The gardens of Moorcocks will be open during the afternoon. Bells at Brasted and Sundridge will be available from 2.30 p.m. Private car service between the two towers. Service at Brasted at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.). Tea after service, followed by a short business meeting. Important. Please do not post your card to me of intention to be present later than Monday evening, July 4th. Thank you.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, so please do your bit and send in your names to Mr. W. J. Fairbeard, 31, Mayville Road, St. Peter's, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival meeting at Farnham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, at 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by July 5th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. For tea, please notify E. J. Morton, 11, Watereaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and St. Ignatius' will be available. Members meet at St. Michael's at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, to those who notify me by Wednesday morning, the 6th inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Misson, near Bawtry, will be revisited on July 9th. The peal of six available 2.30 to 8.30. Buses run from Bawtry. Please send me a card for tea before July 6th.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual shield contest will be held at Horbury on Saturday, July 9th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, near Wakefield, not later than Wednesday, July 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newnham-on-Severn on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, July 6th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at six o'clock. Please let me know not later than July 6th if you intend to be present.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30, and the usual business meeting. The charge for tea will be 1s. Please advise me by Tuesday, July 5th, how many of your band will be present.—G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Special Notice: The Hawkhurst Guild cordially invite all East Grinstead Guild members to Brightling on Saturday, July 30th. Please see Hawkhurst Guild notice in these columns later on.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridge-wood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Macclesfield and Stockport Branches will be held at Bollington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea not later than July 6th to Mr. J. T. Moss, sen., Ingledean, Ingersley Road, Bollington.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Secretary, Macclesfield Branch.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All very welcome, but please send numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 6th.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton Blewitt on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. There will be a short service conducted by the Rector, followed by tea at the Rectory at 5 p.m., for which the usual moderate charge will be made. All welcome. Cards for tea to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**COMBINED MEETING.**—Ladies' Guild (Southern District) annual meeting, and Guildford Diocesan Guild (Guildford District) quarterly meeting, at Pirbright on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright, by July 13th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Rd., Aldershot.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horsham St. Faith's on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Please Note.—Tea will be provided free to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th. No names can be entertained after this date.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk, Branch Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 12th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 13th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on July 16th. Service, tea and meeting will be as usual. Kindly send a card if you are coming as catering facilities are not easy here. All ringing friends welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—Reopening of the bells, restored in a new frame and rehung, through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, on July 16th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, not later than Tuesday, July 12th. Good train service to Bentley and back in the evening.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., N.E. Division, Essex Association.

**EWHURST, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday, July 17th, at 3.15 p.m. The former ring of six restored, augmented to eight and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate two new bells at Ewhurst (present peal of six) on July 17th at 3.15 p.m. The Rector of Ewhurst kindly invites district ringers to the ceremony and afterwards to tea at the Rectory. Those requiring tea must notify me without fail not later than July 13th. Please note change of address.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Guildford.

**KIRTLINGTON, OXON.**—At 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21st, the Rev. Canon Batchelor, D.C.L., will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Owing to renumbering, the address of Mr. R. A. Post is now 43, Old Road, Headington, Oxford, instead of 21.

#### BIRTH.

**BAXTER.**—On Sunday, June 26th, at 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baxter, twins, Wendy and Robin.

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Although many reforms have been introduced into the belfries of this country in the last fifty years, among them a greater cleanliness and a more fitting furnishing of the ringing chambers, there is yet one thing in very many churches that seems to have been neglected—the safety of the way to the bells. Not merely are there still in constant use narrow and dangerous stairways, potential death traps for the unwary, but perpendicular and often rickety ladders have to be climbed to reach either the ringing room or the bells above. The risks which ringers take, sometimes three or four times a week, ought not to be imposed upon them. Even in numerous cases, where reasonable access to the ringing chamber is provided, there is very often only the most primitive means of reaching the bells.

Two examples have come under our notice within the past week. In one, an old tower, the only means of reaching the bells from the ringing room is a ladder placed upon a form; in the other, a magnificent new tower, a straight iron ladder against a wall provides an unbroken climb of some twenty-five feet from the ringing floor to a trapdoor in the ceiling. In either case a slip on the part of the climber must mean, at least, serious injury. It is strange how in the first case such a clumsy method is ever permitted, and in the second, how an architect, with unlimited scope, should have left the tower without any proper stairway to the summit. It is not only the ringers who should have consideration in reaching the scenes of their activities, but church authorities should be held responsible for seeing that men do not have to risk their necks each time they have to give necessary attention to the bells themselves.

The faulty stairways so common in old towers have often been commented on and the subject was ventilated at the last meeting of the Central Council. Narrow, steep and worn steps, often in semi or total darkness, should not be tolerated by those who have to use them, without proper safeguards. The first essential is light, and the second, some kind of grip which a man may use against a slip of the foot. The least that the authorities should provide is efficient illumination and a properly adjusted rope round the newel; while, wherever it is possible, there should be a handrail. Ringers, in their own interests, should not hesitate to bring these matters before their Church Councils. We imagine that the authorities would readily recognise their responsibilities—moral if not legal—and see to it that the stairways are made as safe as circumstances allow. The Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council are to

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emphasise this important matter in the revised handbook which will be issued, but the ringers in these ill equipped towers owe it to themselves and their visitors to get an improvement effected. Indeed, associations, who are ready enough to advocate and further bell restorations, might very well give their attention to this, in many cases, pressing subject.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPPR ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRID WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 2	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 3	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 10
DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 6	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First attempt for a twelve-bell peal.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RONALD W. J. PANKHURST Treble	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
HAROLD S. HODDEN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 8
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 9
NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 5	†LOUIS W. FAULKNER... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on ten bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 4½ cwt.

CHARLES COLES ... .. Treble	*EDWARD J. B. MORTON ... 5
RICHARD A. POST... .. 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... 3	GEORGE AYRES ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	GEORGE HORWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal.



## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM

This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses. One hundredth peal as conductor.

## SANDHURST, GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. Treble	HARRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS WORRALL ... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	*CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal of Triples.

## GRESTFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	*HARRY PYE ... .. 7
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method. Especially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, of Chester (mother of the ringer of the treble).

## GLODWINCK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

OGDEN MOORES ... .. Treble	ERNEST MOORES ... .. 5
*JAMES ALBISON ... .. 2	VERNON SYKES ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... .. 3	IVAN KAY ... .. 7
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... .. 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on the bells since their restoration in 1937.

## CLAYBROOK PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY WAIN ... .. Treble	SIDNEY CHENEY ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6
†FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

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

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary for Confirmation service on July 3rd, 1,088 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Parfremment 1, F. A. Salter 2, A. Hutchinson 3, T. Clarke 4, F. Bradley 5, G. W. Greasey 6, R. Narborough 7, R. St. J. Smith (conductor) 8. Longest length of Cambridge Major on the bells. The tenor is 37 cwt.

## SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

A 21st birthday compliment to Doris G. Dobbie, and an 80th birthday and diamond wedding compliment to Mr. S. Hazelden, formerly secretary of Maidstone District.

## STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5
JOSEPH GRAY ... .. 2	ALFRED MORGAN ... .. 6
THOMAS GROUNDS ... .. 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7
*THOMAS MELLING ... .. 4	ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. W. S. Mellor, M.A.).

## WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH HILL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John Ravenscroft, a ringer at this church for 50 years. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN

## BEXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor

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SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 5
*MISS ELSIE LAKEN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 6
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
*NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELVAN,

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

Holt's ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.	
JOHN EMM ... .. Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 5
JOHN DARCH ... .. 2	ALFRED SCRIBBINS ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE KERLEY ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	BERT SHELLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.	
CECIL RADDON ... .. Treble	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 5
FREDERICK HANCOCK ... .. 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. PARKER.  
Rung as a compliment to Thomas W. Mather on his retirement after 46 years as the Master of the Runcorn ringers.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
CHARLES WHITING ... .. Treble	JACK FORD ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. BUNN ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.  
Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector of St. Margaret's (the Rev. A. H. N. Waller) and Miss K. R. Eborall at Frinton-on-Sea the same day.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

*NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	*HARRY WAIN ... .. 6
†HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 7
PERCY GREEN ... .. 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.  
\* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

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On Sunday, June 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

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

Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*LEWIS J. LAST ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Capt. Sutton Smith, late R.N., churchwarden, who died on June 3rd.

NAZEING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.	
S. FROST ... .. Treble	W. P. SAMS ... .. 3
G. BLAKE ... .. 2	C. W. SAMS ... .. 4
B. G. BURTON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. P. SAMS.

First peal as conductor.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER ... .. Treble	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4
*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4
*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Double and Single Court, and 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
ALFRED BACON ... .. 2	WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... Treble	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... 4
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal of Minor.

## LONGPARISH, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents of Grandsire, 10 callings, and 10 extents of Plain Bob, four callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN ... .. Treble	FRANK TONGE ... .. 4
*JOHN HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	†JAMES HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
LESLIE TRICKEY ... .. 3	FRANK SULLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE TRICKEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal in more than one method by all.

## IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Friday, June 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and three extents of Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

*FREDERICK S. FOWKES ... Treble	†A. RAYMOND TONKS ... 4
†CECIL VEREY ... .. 2	†J. WILLIAM ATKINS ... 5
†WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. John William Hopkins, an old and respected member of the local company, on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

## MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 4
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
*SYDNEY W. ARBON ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal in five methods.

## YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburgha,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH PRENTICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. TAYLOR ... .. 4
†CONRAD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	JOHN LINDON ... .. 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3	WILLIAM SCRIVENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. TAYLOR.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a 51st birthday compliment to John Lindon, also to Miss Violet M. Scrivens, daughter of A. Scrivens, Ringing Master at this church.

## SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE T. BELL ... .. Treble	EDWARD HOWES ... .. 4
*CHARLES A. FARROW ... 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
*HENRY E. WOODHOUSE ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

\* First peal in three methods.

## GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
EDWARD GREENACRE ... 2	*CHARLES F. TOVELL ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in five methods. A welcome to the new Rector of Grimston, the Rev. E. C. Corke.

## UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED NORMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4
H. ERNEST COX ... .. 2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 5
*CECIL R. COX ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Minor.

## STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN NEXLEY ... .. Treble	†HENRY WEAVER ... .. 4
*FREDERICK ALLFREY ... 2	*ERNEST TREAGUS ... 5
*HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## BERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of London, four of Plain Bob, six of Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Reverse Canterbury, three 240's of Pitman's, four of Lindoff's and five of Morris' arrangements of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 3
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells and rung for evening service.

## LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. LEONARD AND JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Double Oxford; (2) Norwich Surprise; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) Oxford Bob and St. Clement's; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
*LEWIS BUSH ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in 14 methods. First 14-method peal on the bells and by the association.

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## KEYSOE, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ALBERT STAPLETON ... .. Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... .. 3
ERNEST ASQUE ... .. 2	GEORGE SETH ... .. 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

## UPCHURCH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. Treble	†JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*MRS. BERNARD PANKHURST Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	*JOHN MEDHURST ... .. 5
*BERNARD PANKHURST ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to John Medhurst, also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Hazelden, of East Farleigh.

## BLAYDON, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert Stella,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH CHEESEMAN ... .. 4
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

## TUXFORD, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOE READER ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... .. 3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

## HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 extents of St. Simon's, 11 of Stedman, 11 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY THORPE ... .. Treble	*CYRIL B. MARTIN ... .. 3
*MISS MAUD FAULKNER ... .. 2	*W. ERIC ROYS ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM G. THORPE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## GOOSNARGH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent, and four of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

KENNETH HALL ... .. Treble	HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... .. 4
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... .. 2	ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. BLACKLEDGE.

Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Clarkson, of the local company.

## SWINDON, WILTS.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Rodbourne Cheney,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings) with six changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR C. HOLLICK ... .. Treble	HAROLD E. BROWN ... .. 4
CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... .. 2	†WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY ... .. 5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... .. 3	*EDWARD J. PALMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung to mark the christening of Sherard Henry, son and heir of the Rev. S. F. Allison (Vicar) and Mrs. Allison.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## BURREINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At Yew Tree Villa,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 1-2	*RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

## BURREINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At Yew Tree Villa,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 1-2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

*JAMES TRAINER ... .. 1-2	ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH ... .. 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

\* First peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

## BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At Restormel, Janes Lane.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	*JACK HOBDEN ... .. 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3-4	*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.

Witness—ARTHUR BROWN.

\* First peal 'in hand.'

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).



## PEAL NOTES.

### A DOUBLE EVENT.

Mr. S. Hazelden, of East Farleigh, formerly secretary of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association, has celebrated his 80th birthday and his diamond wedding. On June 25th a peal of Double Norwich Major in honour of the double event, and also of the 'coming of age' of Miss Doris Dobbie, was rung at Sittingbourne. The peal had a narrow escape. One of the ropes 'stranded' and unravelled up through the sally. For some time before the end it was doubtful if it would last out, but the ringer and the rope 'stuck it,' so all's well that ends well.

A similar compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden was also paid to them at East Peckham, where a peal of Bob Minor was rung on Sunday, June 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden were married on June 23rd, 1878.

The East Peckham peal was, in addition, a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Medhurst.

The band at Longparish, Hants, who began their peal ringing last year with a peal in one method (Grandsire Doubles) with two conductors, have now rung a peal in two methods (Grandsire and Plain Bob) with one conductor. The peal, rung on June 23rd, is a real achievement for this country band.

The first peal on the bells at Glodwick, Lancashire, since they were rehung in April, 1937, was rung on June 25th. Two of the ringers (Messrs. J. Allison, who rang his first peal on an 'inside' bell, and E. Moores) were elected members of the Lancashire Association before starting the peal.

'Good striking throughout' is the comment on a peal of Bob Major rung at Standish, Lancs, by the Sunday service ringers at St. Wilfrid's Church, as a welcome to their new Rector, the Rev. W. S. Mellor, after morning service on Sunday, June 26th.

Another Rector welcomed to his new parish by a peal was the Rev. E. C. Corke, of Grimston, Norfolk. He was inducted on May 25th, and a peal in five Minor methods was rung on June 25th. It was Mr. Sydney Flint's fiftieth peal.

A peal of Double Norwich Major at Gresford, Denbighshire, on June 25th, was especially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher, of Chester, mother of Mr. William E. Fletcher, who rang the treble. Mrs. Fletcher was born at Gresford on June 25th, 1866, and was baptised in the Church of All Saints, where the peal was rung. She desires to express her thanks to all who took part in the peal.

### A VETERAN RETIRES.

Mr. Thomas W. Mather has retired, after 46 years, from the Mastership of the Runcorn, Cheshire, ringers. Eight of his friends rang a peal in his honour at Runcorn Church on July 2nd.

The first peal of Bob Major on the bells of Wem, Shropshire, was rung half-muffled in memory of John Ravenscroft, who was a ringer at this church for 50 years. The peal was rung on June 26th.

The first peal in 14 methods by the Ely Diocesan Association was rung on Sunday, June 26th, at Leverington, Cambs.

Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham, rang his one hundredth peal on June 29th, when he called a peal of Bob Minor on handbells.

On the tiny little bells of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, where the tenor is only 4½ cwt., Mr. George Harwood, one of the local band, has twice completed the circle.

The first peal of Surprise Major to be rung for over 18 years by members all belonging to the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was successfully accomplished at Boreham on July 2nd. The band hope that this is a step towards raising a higher standard of ringing in this division. It was a 22nd birthday compliment to Miss Lily Green, sister of Mr. Percy Green, the conductor.

The peal in three Minor methods at Istock on Friday, June 24th, was rung in honour of the 84th birthday of John William Hopkins, the 'G.O.M.' of the local company, who has been ringing for more than 60 years, and, who, despite his 84 years, will still stand in to make up the band when required.

All the band who took part in the peal are service ringers at the church, and this is the first time a local company has rung a peal on the bells. One first peal, three first of Minor, and one first of Minor 'inside,' shows the advance that has been made since the conductor, Mr. A. E. Rowley, came to live in the village, as, up to that time, Grandsire Doubles was the limit obtained, but willingness to learn on the part of the old hands has made this progress possible.

The peal of Doubles at Harlaxton, Lincolnshire, on July 2nd, was the first peal on the bells and was rung by five members of the band at St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, on the invitation of the Rector of Harlaxton, the Rev. A. S. Hope, who is a ringer and wishes to encourage method ringing at his church. It also gave a start to the three first pealers, who had learned the four methods on handbells.

'The ringers have really no excuse to offer for ringing this peal,' says a note attached to the report of a peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Claybrook Parva, Leicestershire. It is just as well to admit it; no one will think the worse of them for it. They evidently appreciate the Rev. W. H. R. Trewella's 'Sermonette.'

After the peal the ringers were very kindly met by the Vicar and invited to the Vicarage to partake of refreshments. The day was hot and so were the ringers, and the Vicar's kindly thought was much appreciated. Handbells were produced and quite a pleasant time was spent.

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## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### JOINT PRACTICES TO BE HELD.

The monthly meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Marsden on Saturday, June 25th, when there was a moderate attendance of members from Lindley, Longwood, Almondbury, Sowerby, Heptonstall, Rippenden, Elland, Huddersfield, Lightcliffe and Marsden. This was the third invitation from Marsden. On the other occasions the first had to be transferred to Almondbury and the second had to be cancelled, owing to the death of the Bishop of the diocese.

On Saturday, however, the local ringers had ensured that everything should be done to make the meeting a huge success, and, despite the fact that the attendance was not up to the required standard, the meeting went with a swing, and the magnificent peal of bells was kept going in a variety of methods, with some remarkably good striking.

After a splendid tea, served by the ladies of the church, the ringers attended evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar, and they then returned to the belfry for the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. F. Rhodes.

Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Lindley, made a proposition that a tower should be chosen in each district for a weekly joint practice, so that the members could gather regularly and practise a method, in order that at the general monthly meeting it could be rung by all, with a greater amount of efficiency and with consequently better striking.—This proposition was seconded by Mr. H. Smith, of Sowerby, and was passed without dissent.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Heptonstall, upon the invitation of the ringers, and it is hoped that everyone will turn up to enjoy this glorious peal; indeed, an invitation is extended to everyone, who can be assured of a hearty welcome and a really good time.

The towers chosen for practice were Marsden Parish Church and All Souls' Church, Halifax. The practice nights are Wednesdays and the method Kent Treble Bob.

One new member was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, the ladies who made tea and to the ringers was proposed by Mr. W. Dransfield, of Almondbury, who spoke of the very able manner in which the local ringers made the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the members, and commented on the very high quality of the ringing throughout the day.

Mr. G. Briggs, of Sowerby, seconded, and Mr. S. Whitehead, of Marsden, replied. He said it had been a great pleasure to entertain the association, especially as it was the first meeting that had ever been held at Marsden. He hoped that it would not be the last.

The meeting closed and further good ringing was indulged in for the rest of the evening.

## HANDBELL PEALS IN SUSSEX.

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Sussex ringers have seldom been keen on handbell ringing. There have been a few peals rung in Brighton, but usually with outside help, and one recalls that excellent band built up at Henfield (40 years ago, was it?) that rang Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques—the only peal of Cinques ever rung for the Sussex Association, which has no twelve-bell tower in its area. But for the most part little handbell ringing has been done.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs, who used to do a great deal of handbell ringing in London, and who are now living at Burgess Hill, are making an effort to get handbell ringing going in their part of the county. The first result is a peal of Bob Major rung on July 1st.

Mr. Tom Myers, of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, a member of a well-known Devon ringing family, rang his first peal on twelve bells on Saturday, when, with other visitors, he took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus at Croydon. Previously he had never heard a blow struck in Maximus.

In the report of the peal of Minor at Barnby Don, rung on June 6th, only six methods were mentioned. Sandal Treble Bob was also included.

The peal in seven Minor methods rung at Tuxford, Notts, in 2 hours 42 minutes, on July 2nd, was the quickest peal on the bells.

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung since March 15th, 1930, was accomplished at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on July 2nd. A recent attempt was lost after 3 hours 40 minutes' ringing.

Mr. William Clarkson, a ringer at Goosnargh, Lancashire, reached the fine old age of 86 years on Sunday, July 3rd. On the previous day a peal of Treble Bob Minor was rung in his honour.

At Erith, on June 25th, Mr. F. J. Cullum, the well-known North Kent ringer, rang his 100th peal as conductor—a peal in four Spliced Surprise Major methods. When Mr. Cullum began his ringing career it was difficult to ring even Grandsire Doubles either at Erith or Crayford.

All the peals which he has conducted have been on eight bells with the exception of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Rochester, when a band unfortunately met one short for a 'Frederick' peal of Treble Ten. Out of Mr. Cullum's 'century,' 65 peals have been called on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, where Mr. Cullum has been a regular Sunday service ringer since 1915, with the exception of a year in H.M. Forces and 4½ years at sea.

## WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. RECTOR ADMONISHES NON-CHURCHGOERS.

### The Rayner Tomb.

Over a hundred ringers gathered in Winchester on Saturday for the annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Service took place in St. Maurice's Church, the Rector (the Rev. S. M. Watson) officiating. The Rector divided his address into three parts, the first of welcome, the second of admonition and the third of praise. If the first part was wholehearted, so was the second, for in speaking of the importance of prayer in our lives and the importance of it coming from the soul and not being a mere matter of words, he admonished very soundly the non-churchgoing ringer. He spoke, he said, as a man to men, and he left the cap to be worn by those whom it fitted. It was another of those attacks from the pulpit which ringers, who regularly attend meetings and the services held in connection with them, so frequently hear made upon them, but in this case the breezy manner of delivery relieved the tedium of repetition. The ringers were grateful for the meed of praise which came at the end.

Tea was served in St. Maurice's Hall, where the business meeting was held, over which the Master, Mr. G. Williams, presided, supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) and the Rev. F. S. Marle and Major J. Stilwell, district secretaries.

The Master extended a cordial welcome to the visitors and a vote of sympathy with Mr. H. J. Smith, of Wickham, in his illness and wishing him a speedy recovery was passed.

### INCREASING FUNDS.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. Andrews moved the adoption of the accounts, which, he said, showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. They were gradually accumulating funds and each district also showed a perfectly sound position.

The accounts were adopted. The treasurer's balance sheet showed that £54 3s. 2d. had been received from the districts, and, after transferring £20 to the general purposes fund, £95 17s. 3d. was left in hand, compared with £103 18s. 6d. at the beginning of the year. The general purposes fund had received £1 1s. 9d. in interest, £4 4s. from life members' subscriptions and £20 from the current account. Four grants, each of five guineas, had been made to bell restorations and £10 2s. 1d. had been expended in connection with the dedication of Winchester Cathedral bells. The balance in the fund was £41 18s. 2d. The aggregate balances of the districts had been increased from £87 16s. 7d. to £98 0s. 9d.

The Central Council representatives presented their reports on the meeting at Leeds, the Master referring to the great welcome and hospitality extended by the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. G. Pullinger briefly reviewed the business transacted at the meeting, and in regard to the proposal that the associations should put up half the cost of publishing the new Surprise Major book in return for the equivalent number of copies, suggested that the Guild should subscribe £2. With regard to promoting the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Pullinger said there was considerable discussion, but no one had any very practical suggestions to make. The fact was the matter rested in the hands of the ringers themselves.

In supporting Mr. Pullinger's proposal that the Guild should contribute £2 towards the publication of the Surprise Major Methods book, Mr. Rogers said he would undertake to be responsible for a pound's worth of the books.

The suggestion was adopted, and Mr. Pullinger was thanked for his report.

### A NEW TREASURER.

Mr. George Williams was re-elected Master and Mr. F. W. Rogers hon. secretary. The Rev. Evan Jones wrote resigning the office of hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. Barton, of Ventnor, was unanimously elected to succeed him.

Mr. R. A. Reed was re-elected recorder of peals, and Mr. G. Smith hon. auditor.

On the election of Central Council representatives, Mr. Pullinger said this was an honour that ought to go round, so that others might get the experience. He fully appreciated representing the Guild, but as one of the junior members he would be prepared to stand down.

The meeting, however, decided, without putting forward any other names, to re-elect the retiring representatives: Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton, F. W. Rogers and G. Pullinger.

Mr. G. Pullinger proposed an amendment to Rule 3, to give the Central Council representatives a seat, ex-officio, on the Executive Committee, and to provide for only one district secretary from each district having a seat on the committee. The matter had arisen, he said, through the election of an assistant secretary in one district, who attended the committee meeting in addition to the district secretary, thus giving that district more than its share of representation. He wanted to limit the number of secretaries who could represent a district on the committee.—Mr. R. Brown seconded.

Mr. Andrews deprecated altering the rule for unlikely or remote contingencies, and in this the Master said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Andrews.

After further discussion Mr. Pullinger's motion was carried by 28 votes to 19.

In deciding upon the place for the next annual meeting, it was pointed out that the Guild was founded at Basingstoke in 1879 and

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## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SATISFACTORY RECOVERY.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Saltburn on Saturday, June 25th. There was a good attendance, which represented the majority of towers in the very wide and scattered area of the organisation. Tea was held in the Parochial Hall, presided over by the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard), supported by the Vicar of Saltburn (Canon F. B. Knight).

At the business meeting which followed, the president welcomed the Vicar to the meeting and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him and to the churchwardens for the use of the bells and the Parochial Hall.

In reply, Canon Knight said it was a great pleasure to him to grant the ringers the use of the bells and to be present with them at tea. He extended a welcome to the association to what they, in Saltburn, considered to be the finest church and peal of bells in the North Riding of Yorkshire. He always had a great respect for bellringers, he said, except those who called others to worship, but never attended themselves. He hoped there was not any of that type present.

The secretary, in his report, noted an improvement during the year, but urged all members to make a greater effort still, as there was room for further improvement, especially in Sunday service ringing. He was pleased to say that almost all towers made a definite effort to get the bells rung for Sunday services, as this was the real object for which the bells were hung. He wished everyone success in their difficult task. He was very pleased to see such a good attendance at the first annual meeting to be held at Saltburn, and thanked them all for the way they had all sent notifications for tea. This was, indeed, very satisfactory, and he hoped they would keep it up.

The accounts showed a balance of £27 6s. 11d., which was £1 3s. less than a year ago, but it was, nevertheless, considered very satisfactory.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted unanimously, as was also the president's report on the Central Council meeting at Leeds.

All the officers were re-elected.

In proposing a vote of thanks to them for their services, Mr. W. N. Park said that they owed a lot to their officers. The association had certainly shown good judgment in their selection. Great thanks were due, he thought, to the secretary (Mr. J. Reed) for his report and the work he had done since taking office. His report showed that he had given much thought and time to the work, and, whilst he was not too optimistic, he struck a cheerful note. That they should have such a successful meeting only two years after it was thought the Cleveland Association had passed out of existence was largely due to the efforts of their officers. The motion was carried with acclamation, and, in replying, Mr. Lancaster said as it was work in which they, as ringers, were all interested, it was a pleasure to do it.

Meetings were arranged to be held during the coming year as follows: September, Bedale; January, 1939, Middlesbrough; April, Carlton; annual meeting, 1939, Whitby.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR EX-TREASURER.

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would thus celebrate its diamond jubilee next year. Basingstoke was, therefore, proposed for the next meeting. So also were Southampton, Ryde (Isle of Wight) and Bournemouth.

The Master reminded the members of the tacit understanding that the annual meetings should be held alternately in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, and by a considerable majority, Ryde was chosen.

On behalf of Mr. H. P. James (Isle of Wight district secretary, who had had to leave), Mr. Pullinger told the meeting that in 1925 the Guild restored the tomb of William Rayner, a famous old Isle of Wight ringer, who died in 1823 and was buried at Arreton. The tomb now required cleaning and the lettering recutting. There was a good deal of inscription on the tomb relating to other members of the family, and to recut the whole of it would cost a prohibitive sum. Mr. Pullinger suggested that the tomb should be cleaned and the recutting limited to the inscription relating to William Rayner. He proposed the appointment of a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. H. P. James, H. Barton and W. Upton, to go into the matter and report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.—Mr. Andrews seconded and this was agreed to.

The Master referred to the retirement of the Rev. Evan Jones from the treasurership, which he had occupied for the last ten years. Previous to that he was hon. secretary of the Basingstoke District. The Master said he thought, in recognition of Mr. Jones' services, they should make him an honorary life member of the Guild.

Mr. Pullinger, who seconded, said Mr. Jones had worked really hard in the interests of the Guild and they should send him their best thanks for his services.—The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Pullinger gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would move an alteration to Rule 14, to limit the 'out of pocket expenses' paid by the Guild to their representatives on the Central Council to third class 'monthly' return fare and 10s. 'subsistence' allowance.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Maurice's, the organist and choir, on the motion of the Rev. F. S. Marle. Thanks to the Master and hon. secretary and to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral were accorded, on the motion of Mr. Pullinger.

Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral and at St. Maurice's Church.

**NO HELP FOR BELL 'CANNERS'****LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY'S REFUSAL.**

The June meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at the tower of St. Matthias', Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 25th. Houses are built very close on all four sides of this church, and so the society had its first experience of bell silencers. These are a Burley patent, made by one of the local ringers, and one must admire the charming result. A wedding, however, delayed the start of ringing.

The attendance was rather below the usual standard, but the members present were able to try out various methods, which they were not used to ringing. More ringers arrived after tea, and further touches were brought round until the business meeting was held in the tower.

Owing to the president's absence, the chair was occupied by Mr. S. H. Barron (vice-president). Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hunslet, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Shipley, Sherburn and the local company.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Barron and seconded by Mr. Dixon, Mr. Drake replying for the local company.

A letter from Sound Amplifiers, Ltd., with regard to making records for churches without bells, was read, and, after consideration, it was resolved to abide by the Central Council's decision, and to inform the writers that the society did not agree with this type of broadcasting.

The place of the next meeting should have been Drighlington, but as Drighlington could not accept the proposal date and the secretary had not been able to rearrange the July meeting, it was resolved to hold the meeting on July 23rd at Hunslet Parish Church, where a band of learners require all the assistance that can be given to them.

The society had been requested to change the date of the September meeting to September 17th in order to help solve a slight difficulty. This was agreed to and members are asked to bear this in mind.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****CENTRAL BRANCH'S FIRST COURSE OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.**

A pleasant and successful meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Littleport on June 20th. Between 20 and 30 members and friends attended, but most of them came after tea. For the first time since the formation of this branch, consisting mostly of six-bell ringers, a course of Stedman Triples was rung by members. Not much, perhaps, to 'brass hats,' but to those in attendance it was a course in the right direction.

The Rev. H. N. Shelton kindly gave permission for ringing, and Mr. J. Atkins and friend welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Littleport company. A very happy afternoon and evening was spent.

**HATFIELD BELLS****HERTFORDSHIRE RING OF TEN RESTORED.**

The bells of St. Ethelreda's Church, Hatfield, Herts, have recently been thoroughly overhauled, restored, tuned and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Hatfield has now one of the finest ten-bell peals in the country.

A service of rededication was held on Thursday, June 16th. The Rector, the Rev. M. P. G. Leonard (perhaps better known as 'Pat' Leonard) officiated and a large congregation attended. The lessons were read by two members of the Hatfield College Youths, Messrs. D. Ellingham and A. Lawrence.

During the singing of a hymn, a procession, consisting of the clergy, churchwardens, Mr. P. Taylor (member of bell founders' firm) and the local band of ringers, passed up the nave, through the choir vestry, climbed up the many tower steps leading to the bell chamber and finally came to a rather precarious perch on the frame where the bells hung, whilst the Rector said a few suitable prayers, which were relayed to the congregation in the church below by means of a loud speaker.

The procession then safely returned to their more comfortable seats in the church.

The Archdeacon of Bedford (the Ven. W. A. Robins) gave an interesting address. He mentioned the fact that the art of change ringing was born in England many generations since, and was still practically confined to English-speaking people. The ringers in the past, however, had sometimes acted as though their work was solely confined to the belfry, and did not feel that the tower was an integral part of the church. We now realised that music, whether in the belfry or nave, was part of the human act of worship of God, and there should always be seats for bellringers in church, just as much as for members of the choir.

After the service the bells were first rung in rounds by the junior members of the Hatfield Guild of College Youths.

A fair number of ringers (including some of the gentler sex) had gathered from various parts of the county, such as Bushey, Hertford, Leverstock Green, Little Munden, North Mymms and St. Albans, and afterwards took part in Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

**GIRL CONDUCTS QUARTER-PEAL.**

Miss C. Ditton, at the age of 15 years, conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Andrew's Church, Hertford: Mrs. G. Gray (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. Ladley 2, Miss C. Ditton (first as conductor) 3, R. Dore 4, G. Gray 5, C. Skidmore (first quarter-peal of Triples) 6, G. Freestone 7, G. Ditton 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild, which was to have been held at Appleby on July 23rd, has been transferred to Elsham.

Mr. Malcolm Taylor sailed from England on Tuesday on his return to Hobart, Tasmania. When he arrived here about three years ago Mr. Taylor took up ringing in earnest in the Crayford district, where he was temporarily settled, but afterwards his business took him to many parts of the country and he was unable to follow it up.

He rang one peal and the knowledge which he gained should be of considerable help to the Hobart ringers when he gets back to Tasmania.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, added another to his 'collection' of towers last Friday, when he was present at the opening of the new peal of eight bells at Liss, Hants. He cycled the 20 miles from Winchester, and back—and had to go home without measuring the tenor! His bag is, we believe, now somewhere in the region of 3,000 towers.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Coventry, 'looked in' at Winchester on Saturday on the occasion of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's annual festival. Unfortunately, he was too late for ringing and too early for tea, as he had to leave to rejoin his works party at Southsea. But his friends were glad to see him, if only for a few minutes.

## CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

The following Lancashire towers have subscribed to the Canon Elsee Memorial: Blackburn Cathedral, Manchester Cathedral, Bolton Parish, Bolton Holy Trinity, Deane, Leigh, Walkden, Ambleside, Barrow, Kendal, Blackpool (St. John's), Woolton, Liverpool (St. Nicholas'), Garston, Mossley, Gorton, Worsley, Ashton Parish, Whittle-le-Woods, Hoghton, Middleton, Oldham (Parish), Todmorden (Unitarian), Helmsdale, Poolstock and Standish Churches.

The committee wish to remind the other towers they would like to close the fund on July 31st.

## THE 'FIVE MINUTE' BELL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At our tower we have an entirely new ring of bells, the only ones in the neighbourhood, consequently there is in their use no such thing as custom or precedent. The treble is used as five-minute bell after ringing ceases. I advocate ringing her at a usual pace or lowering and chiming her; the majority of the band, however, like to hear her 'rung fast,' i.e., they lower her to where she can just be touched at the hand-stroke and keep her at that point. I find this a little irritating. It may not be an important point, but perhaps a reader would express an opinion on the matter.

R. ALSOF.

Ebbw Vale, Mon.

## LONG SERVICE AS RINGER AND VERGER.

On Thursday, June 30th, at All Saints' Church, Lindfield, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a compliment to Mr. Edmund Patching on his 68th birthday. He has been a ringer at Lindfield for 41 years and vergers for 39 years. All the ringers taking part are Sunday service ringers, and four of them scored their first quarter-peal. Moreover, it was their first attempt at Lindfield with all Lindfield ringers: \*C. A. Wood 1, A. Tomsett (conductor) 2, A. Drew 3, E. Patching 4, E. Baines 5, \*A. B. Drew 6, \*A. Fulluck 7, \*A. Hobden 8. \*First quarter-peal. Rung with 7.6.8 behind.

## A BACHELOR BAND.

It must be unusual to find a band of ten bachelors, all attached to one tower, capable of ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but it is possible at Aston.

The bachelors, all of whom belong to Aston's Sunday band, rang their quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on Sunday morning, June 26th: Leslie Pettigrew 1, Fred Price (conductor) 2, William Best 3, Ronald Shepherd 4, Alfred Allen 5, William Pettigrew 6, Geoffrey Pratt 7, Arthur Rainey 8, Percy R. Rainey 9, Albert Pettigrew 10.

A Stedman Cinques company, mostly from new material, has been raised at this tower, so that it is now possible to get Stedman Cinques for service ringing at two towers in Birmingham.

## RINGS OF TWELVE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Armiger Trollope's letter on the subject of rings of twelve bells, I agree that St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is a musical peal, and, when heard from the Quarry or beyond the Severn in Kingsland, sound superb. The bells, however, are not so pleasant in the ringing chamber, especially when ringing has been in progress for some time.

In my opinion, the peal at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, is most pleasant to hear inside, but not so in the street, probably on account of the position of the church.

Southwark Cathedral twelve has a good claim to the premier position, I think.

A. PENDRAGON.

Small Heath.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—26.****FREDERICK W. ROGERS.**

Among the men whom sheer ability has brought to the front rank as a conductor is Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, of Portsmouth. Attached to the tower of St. Mary's, Portsea, he has been largely instrumental in building up one of the most successful Surprise ringing centres in the South of England, and he has rendered, meanwhile, yeoman service to the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

He began his ringing career about the end of the Great War, and scored his first peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at St. Thomas' (now the Cathedral), Portsmouth, on June 14th, 1919, but it was nearly six years, namely, on February 28th, 1925, before he conducted a peal, calling Superlative Surprise at Soberton, Hants. It was not, however, until 1928 that he took conducting seriously, and he only called that one peal in his first hundred. Then opportunities arose, through the encouragement and facilities offered by Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton, where Mr. Rogers was a frequent visitor, and he has gone on to no mean achievements since.

The total number of his peals is 443, of which he has conducted 153 on all numbers from six to twelve. They have been rung in 165 towers in 25 counties and for 22 associations. No fewer than 303 of his peals have been in Surprise methods, and of these he has conducted 112. He rang in the first peal on the old twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral, and his first peal of Maximus was Cambridge Surprise on the same bells in 1929. He conducted the first peals of Yorkshire, New Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey Surprise Major by the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; also the first of Cambridge Minor for the Guild, and the first of Cambridge Major in the Isle of Wight.

He has taken part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, and he called the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Ancient Society of College Youths. There are few ten-bell towers in Hampshire, and most of his conducting on ten has been done at St. Peter's, Brighton, nearly 50 miles from his home, where he has rung no fewer than 56 peals. For the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and the former Winchester Diocesan Guild he has rung 204 peals.

But he has served his parent society loyally in other ways. He was formerly Portsmouth District secretary and recorder of peals, and is now the general secretary. He has also represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1933.

**Next week: Mr. George Martin.**

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

Circumstances arose which prevented the tea and business meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association being held at Baglan on Saturday last as had been arranged. Nevertheless, the fine ring of six bells by Taylor were available during the afternoon until, at five o'clock, a case of illness close to the church prevented any further ringing. A move was then made for Aberavon, where a bountiful tea was found in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers' wives.

At the business meeting which followed in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Vicar of Aberavon (the Rev. W. Herbert Jones), a cordial welcome was extended to the ringers.

Instructors' reports and the report of the representative to the Central Council meeting on Whitsun Tuesday were submitted.

Places for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting were proposed, and by a majority it was decided to visit Merthyr. The next Monmouth quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool.

A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to all the churchworkers at Aberavon for their kindness. The eight fine bells were afterwards rung in various methods.



**MR. FREDERICK W. ROGERS.**

**A NEW PEAL FOR HAMPSHIRE.****DEDICATION OF BELLS AT LISS.**

A new peal of eight bells, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp, has been placed in St. Mary's Church, Liss, Hants, where a massive tower was completed a few years ago. The Bishop of Portsmouth dedicated the bells on Friday in the presence of a congregation that more than filled the seating accommodation.

The tower was designed by Mr. E. F. Maufe, the architect of Guildford's new Cathedral, and is of stone externally and brick internally. It is 20ft. square inside, and the bells, installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, hang in an English oak frame, with plenty of room all round it. The tower is at the western end of the church, and the ringing is done from a gallery. The bell frame is so arranged that all the ropes drop plumb from the wheels in an excellent circle, without any 'drawing.' There is no middle chamber, which would have obstructed the tall west windows, and in consequence there is a rather long draught of rope.

The oak belfry floor and the ceiling below are independent of any of the bell frame timbers or beams, thus giving a free air current all round the timbers, and between them is a lining of cabot quilting. The bells hang well below the louvres and the sound both inside and out is perfectly adjusted. Indeed, the whole arrangements, with one exception—a straight iron ladder from the ringing floor to the trap door leading to the bells—are a model of what a tower should be. Even in the lighting, every thought has been given to the convenience of the ringers, and in the ringing room there is a tell-tale red lamp to indicate when the light is on aloft.

The bells are a delightful peal, with 'full blooded' trebles. They are hung on cast iron headstocks with ball bearings, and there are ball bearing pulleys, and lubricators to the clapper joints. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon having provided Liss with a highly satisfying peal of bells. They were the gift of an anonymous donor.

The dedication took place during evensong and created great interest in the village, to which ringers flocked from many neighbouring towers and from places as far away as Winchester and Swindon on the one hand to Guildford in Surrey and Crawley in Sussex on the other.

After the Bishop had dedicated the bells the Archdeacon of Manchester gave an address in which he referred to the occasion as a great and memorable event in the history of the parish. In these days, he said, there was some tendency to use the modern methods of science to imitate the ringing of bells. They were thankful that they had shared that day in the dedication of yet another peal of bells in England.

During the past three or four weeks a local band has been trained, and these young men rang rounds immediately after the dedication. After the service an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and subsequently a variety of touches, up to Spliced Surprise Major, was rung. Some of the visitors did not find the light going, combined with the long draught, entirely to their liking.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****LIVERSEDGE WIN SIX-BELL CONTEST.**

The annual meeting and six-bell prize contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Low Moor on Saturday, June 25th.

Four teams entered the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. They rang in the following order: 1 Liversedge, 2 Meltham, 3 New Mill, 4 Friezeland. Friezeland rang Woodbine and the other teams rang Oxford.

Tea was served in the school, to which about 30 sat down. The meeting was also held in the school, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

The usual business was disposed of, and the balance sheet, which showed a small profit for the year, was presented.

Mr. W. Idle, of Earlsheaton, who had acted as judge, gave his decision as follows:—

Liversedge: 83 faults, 0 penalties, total 83.  
Meltham: 130 faults, 0 penalties, total 130.  
New Mill: 177 faults, 10 penalties, total 183.  
Friezeland: 243 faults, 10 penalties, total 253.

Liversedge were, therefore, declared winners, and, in addition to the cup, each of the ringers was presented with an ornament of an Alsatian dog by Mrs. Boyes, who kindly presented the prizes in the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present.

**DEVON BAND'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

The only six-bell band in Devon that is ringing Cambridge Minor is at Brampford Speke, where the president of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) is Vicar. For evensong on Sunday, July 4th, in the octave of the patronal festival, they rang 720 in the method: W. H. Key 1, W. J. Andrews 2, W. J. Baker 3, H. J. Corry 4, H. J. Rowe 5, the Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6. This is the first time the extent has been rung on the bells by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular members of the congregation.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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### THE USE OF GRAMOPHONE RECORDS.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice of resolutions, arising out of the report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee. At the suggestion of the Standing Committee, he accepted some verbal amendments and accordingly moved that 'the Council adopt the following statement on the subject of gramophone records of bells and issue it in a suitable form to every Diocesan Bishop, Archdeacon and Chancellor':—

1. The ringing of church bells before divine service has never been considered a mere mechanical device, similar or in addition to a clock. It is an act of worship by a certain number of churchworkers, solemnly preparatory to further worship, and proportionate in value to the skill and care employed. It may be compared to the voluntary on the organ, and more than the latter requires thorough practice, at least once a week.

2. Records of change ringing are useful for instruction, or for broadcasting. But as they do not fulfil any of the conditions of personal ringing, they ought not to be used to commence a service of divine worship. Furthermore, they publish to the world a pretence that eight men or more are in that church, making an act of worship. Also they lend themselves to the production of effects, which to those who know something of ringing (and they are many) sound absurdly impossible. To prevent a church making itself ridiculous, records should only be manipulated by a person with a knowledge of change ringing, but if a man is really skilful enough to know what is possible, he will be wanting to ring a real bell elsewhere.

3. These objections do not apply to records of carillon music. Moreover, a musician sufficiently experienced to handle such records satisfactorily can often be found. Therefore, when permission is given for instruments using records to be installed, it should be stipulated that records of change ringing should never be heard from a church.

Mr. C. Mee seconded.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed the omission of paragraph 3. He said he thought it would be a great mistake to put into the heads of Chancellors or Bishops or anyone else the very thought of installing carillon music in towers (hear, hear).

### RINGING AS PART OF THE SERVICE.

The Rev. H. Drake said he thought they should draw the attention of the authorities of the Church to the position of ringing as an art which was part of the worship of the Church. Ringing of bells was considered by most clergy to be just some mechanical thing like the striking of a clock at the beginning of the service, but ringers and clergy who were ringers did not consider it in that way at all. They felt that they took an integral part in the service of the church when they rang before the service. Most people considered the organ voluntary as an integral part of the service, and ringers thought the same of ringing the bells before the service began. When they heard anyone preach to ringers, nine times out of ten they heard something about ringing the bells and going away from the service. He had thought this matter over very considerably and he could not agree with that position. When he was a boy the organist used to play for the first service, and, when that was over, close the organ and go. If there was a service after morning prayer, no one expected him to stop. If he did he would go and sit in another part of the church and be a member of the congregation. They all expected ringers to come to church, but not necessarily for the service for which they rang. It should not be a compulsory thing, whether it was convenient or not.

With regard to the third paragraph, Mr. Drake said they were told they were a Council concerned only with change ringing, and, therefore, ought not to interfere with carillon ringing or give any advice to the authorities of the Church about carillons. He was not a member of the Council at the beginning, so he had nothing to do with choosing the name of the Council. But they were not in name a Central Council of Change Ringers, but a Central Council of Church Bellringers. He had always thought they ought not to be called bellringers but change ringers, but as long as that was not in their name they could not exclude carillons from consideration. They were the only authority on carillon ringing; they might not know very much about it, but who else did? He thought they should tell the authorities of the Church about carillon music, but he was in a difficulty because since that resolution was sent in, in fact on the previous day, he was at the opening and blessing of the new Shrine in Walsingham. Many thousands of people came to the service. When they started from the old Parish Church they heard the bells ringing in the old way. When they came to the Shrine a carillon of bells was being rung and they heard the contrast. His colleague did not agree with him about the carillon business—neither did he agree with the architect and builder in regard to the tall slender campanile—but to him (the speaker) it was a thing of beauty. There being that beauty in it, they, as ringers, although they did not take any part in carillon music themselves, ought to allow carillons to be in the churches and look forward to the time when there would be a large tower with bells hung for ringing and a small slender tower with a carillon in the same church.

The President said they were a Central Council of Church Bellringers and that entirely barred out carillons, which were played or chimed, and not rung. He thought that difference was fundamental. He was not in the least against carillon music; it was very fine in its place, but he did not think the Council had anything to do with it.

Mr. T. Clark thought the Council would do better by trying to get existing bells put in order where it was necessary. If they could do that it would provide the bellfounders with enough work for years to come. The Council could not force the ecclesiastical authorities to take their views and they could assert no authority. Where there were towers which were not fit to carry or capable of carrying bells they could not get a parson to say, because he could not have real bells, he should have none of these other things.

Mr. S. H. Wood said in as far as Mr. Drake's proposal applied to churches where there was a choice between bells and a gramophone, he was entirely in agreement with him, but in other cases where there was no question of having a peal of bells and never would be, the Council would be going much too far to pass that resolution. If they did so, saying in effect that if they could not have bells, they would not have bell effects produced by gramophone records of good change ringing, it would be a mistake. There were four of these gramophones in Bristol and he had to admit that he was partly instrumental in getting one of them installed and he had no regrets about it. They were not in churches which had peals of bells. Neither of the churches had towers or any hope of having towers, and he thought it was all to the good that the inhabitants of this district should hear good Grandshire Caters before the services.

Mr. Trollope said he objected to the wording of the sentence that the ringing of church bells before divine service had never been considered a mere mechanical device. That was not true. Ringing for service was entirely a modern thing. Fifty or sixty years ago people, like Ellacombe and Wigram and the editor of 'Church Bells,' were using all their influence to stop what they considered the undesirable innovation of ringing before service. In the middle ages, before the Reformation, there was ringing before High Mass. After about 1540, until almost in the lifetime of some of those present, ringing, as they knew it, had, strictly speaking, nothing whatever to do with the services of the Church. It was used partly for social purposes and partly for parochial and national occasions. Prior to services only a single bell or two were used, to tell people exactly what service was to be held and when it was to be held. He thought they should consider their modern ringing before service in the same light as the organ voluntary. That was to be encouraged, but they should not go before the Church authorities and say that what had always been done.

### MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Canon Marshall said it seemed to him that these resolutions were far too intricate and involved to be of use, and the speeches seemed to bear that out. He felt inclined to move that the matter be referred back to the Standing Committee for further and more careful consideration. He did not feel inclined to vote for the resolutions as they were, although he was in full sympathy with what he believed was behind them.

Mr. J. Hunt seconded Canon Marshall's suggestion.

Mr. J. C. Pollard said the Council in passing these resolutions would be telling the Church authorities what to do, and most of them knew that Church authorities would resent interference. Mr. Pollard instanced a case in his own district where there was a church with a small tower and no room for a peal of bells and the parish had only a tiny population. The Vicar wanted bells. They were up against the position whether they should advise the Vicar to have no bells or a carillon. He (Mr. Pollard) advised a carillon; it had been put in and was a wonderful success.

It was suggested that the Standing Committee be given power to act, and the Rev. H. Drake thereupon withdrew his motion on the understanding that the matter was not delayed until the next meeting.

### ANCIENT PEAL BOARDS.

In their report, the Peal Boards Committee said: A great deal has been said and written about the loss sustained by the Exercise by the death on December 29th, 1937, of William Henry Hollier, and in this report we therefore mention only the work which Mr. Hollier did for our committee. He was our convener, but he was more than that. It was he who, at Shrewsbury in 1935, proposed that a record should be made of all peal records contained on tablets and boards in the church towers of the country prior to 1825 and that a committee be appointed to undertake the work.

The suggestion met with the full approval of the Council, and Mr. Hollier was placed in charge of the committee which was appointed. During the two and a half years since that date he spent much time and money in starting the collection of records. His health did not allow him to obtain details of peal boards personally, as he would have liked, but he took infinite trouble writing to members of the Exercise for details from their own towers.

We feel that we owe a duty to his memory to see that the work he initiated is continued until it is as complete as it is possible to make it.

An interval of some months elapsed before we were able to obtain all the committee papers that were in Mr. Hollier's possession, and this has somewhat delayed the progress of the work of copying and filing the records. We hope to be able to deal more fully in our report next year with the actual work done by the committee and with steps for completing that work as soon as possible. At present, however, copies of some 200 peal boards have been received and about half of them have been typewritten and filed.

We ask all members of the Exercise in general and of this Council in particular to assist us by sending us full details of all peal boards they know of which are dated not later than 1825.

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## FURTHER WORK FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

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Mr. W. G. Wilson, who moved the adoption of the report, said how deeply the committee regretted that Mr. Hollier was not there to perform the task. They missed him very much. They referred in the report to their loss and the desire that the work which Mr. Hollier started should be completed satisfactorily. But they could only do that if every member of the Exercise would help them, and in this it was up to every member of the Council to examine the remaining records and send copies to the committee.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, who seconded, said it had been discovered that some of the records sent in had not been strictly accurate and did not contain all the particulars. He stressed that the committee wanted the precise wording on the boards. Another object of the committee was to have a record of the actual condition of each board, so that, if necessary, they could take steps to have them preserved.

The report was adopted.

## BIOGRAPHIES.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith moved the adoption of the following report of the Biographies Committee: The compilation of the biographies of past members is proceeding, but there are still many forms, sent out two years ago, that have not been returned. Forms have been circulated to the present members of the Council and are being slowly returned. The object of these forms is to obtain first-hand information for future use, when a representative ceases to be a member of the Council. The committee hope it will be easier to get this material before members leave the Council than it has proved to obtain particulars concerning past members. They, therefore, request that all members will complete the forms sent to them and return them without delay to the committee. It is particularly desired that photographs will be sent with the information. These, as far as they have been received, make an exceedingly interesting feature of the biographical collection.

Mr. Goldsmith emphasised the desire of the committee for photographs as well as the biographical details, and mentioned that one member, being without any photograph of himself, had sent his fingerprints, while another had sent a self-portrait, the outstanding features of which were a bald head, a large pipe and an empty tankard (laughter).

Mr. W. A. Cave seconded the report, which was adopted.

## CIRCULATION OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The question of what steps could be taken to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World' had been before the Council on several occasions and the officers of the Council presented another interim report. This consisted of extracts from some 17 letters which had been received from members in response to a request for suggestions. In submitting the report, the President said the bulk of the letters went over old ground, which had been thoroughly discussed before. A number of them seemed to assume that 'The Ringing World' was in extremis. That, however, was not the case. One point that had been made in some of the earlier letters was that some people had been considering what would happen if, for any reason, Mr. Goldsmith found it necessary to give up 'The Ringing World,' and the suggestion had been made that the Central Council should take it over. He thought the members should know that if the Council were to take it over, it would be necessary to appoint an editor and to pay him, and that would probably cost not less than £150 a year. That was just by the way, to let the Council know what sort of proposition they might be up against. As far as the officers of the Council were concerned they really did not consider that there was very much that was helpful in the letters, but there was a possibility in one of them by which something useful might be done; that was a suggestion that ringers might be approached through the Church authorities, and the officers would like to have the Council's views upon it.

The suggestion made in this letter was to endeavour to reach every incumbent who has bells and ringers through a letter to each Archdeacon worded somewhat in the following manner: 'You will probably know that church bellringers to-day are a more active body of churchworkers than ever before. The Central Council, to which all diocesan guilds are affiliated, is very anxious indeed that interest in the art should be further increased. This is being achieved to a great extent by the circulation of a weekly publication called "The Ringing World," the Editor of which is a widely known ringer, but unfortunately the circulation is not large enough to keep the paper running in the way it is desired. A much larger circulation is urgently needed, and the members of the Council are much concerned as to how to effect the desired result. The matter has been under discussion at the last two meetings, but without any satisfactory solution.

'We should like to solicit the influence of every incumbent who has bells and ringers, but this would be too big a task for us, and we are, therefore, wondering whether we should be asking too much in asking each Archdeacon to help the cause by commending it to every incumbent in his Archdeaconry when opportunity occurs. If every incumbent would interest himself by putting the matter of "The Ringing World" to his ringers, it would be the greatest possible help, and we feel that a vast benefit would be created to the ringing Exercise, as a body of active churchworkers, by the increased circulation of "The Ringing World."

Several of the suggestions in the other letters, added the officers in their report, may be useful in the future, but for immediate needs they invite serious consideration to those shown in this letter, and

would be glad to have the Council's views as to whether action on the lines indicated should be taken.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded the adoption of the report, and a lengthy discussion followed.

Mr. A. D. Barker said Mr. Goldsmith was with them to-day, but he might not be with them to-morrow (laughter). All this talk got them nowhere; the Council ought to do something. They were going to appeal to the associations to take up the Surprise Methods book, what about doing the same thing for 'The Ringing World,' which was much more important to them?

Mr. J. A. Trollope said they ought to realise there was a line they ought to draw. They ought to realise that 'The Ringing World,' which was of great importance to them, was, after all, the property of an individual. He did not think they ought to have a commission to inquire into the status and running of 'The Ringing World' unless they first found out whether Mr. Goldsmith wanted anything done. They ought to encourage the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' but they ought to do it as buyers of the paper and not as owners of the paper, which they were not and probably never would be.

## A POOR REWARD.

The Hon. Secretary said the object before the Council was to work up the circulation, so that if Mr. Goldsmith had to give up, the paper would be a sufficiently good commercial proposition for someone to take over and continue it. The present circulation was a poor reward for the work that was put into 'The Ringing World,' when they remembered that there were 22,000 ringers affiliated through associations to the Council. He did not think there was any member of the Council who would honestly say the Council should take the paper over with its present circulation; it would be an enormous financial burden.

Mr. C. D. Potter said they could not expect all ringers to take the paper. Many of them in his part of the country could not even afford to pay their subscription to their associations.

Mr. J. Hunt said Mr. Goldsmith ought to be fully recompensed for the work he did, and few ringers probably realised how much work he put into it. 'The Ringing World' did not provide a fair return for that work. If the paper did not pay, the price should be raised. No doubt if this were done the circulation would drop; but better that than having no paper at all.

The Hon. Secretary said they were getting away from the subject in talking of finance and subsidies. The points in last year's interim report should be borne in mind: 'The Ringing World' is a privately owned venture and the Council has no control over it; the Editor is anxious for the continuance of the paper; at the present circulation it is improbable that anyone coming after would undertake the financial responsibility; the Editor regrets he is compelled to charge 3d. per copy, but is prepared to give the Exercise the first benefit which arises from an increased circulation, either by increasing the size of the paper or reducing the cost. The position, as far as he (the hon. secretary) saw it, was that if they could increase the circulation sufficiently they would get either a larger paper or the price would be put down to 2d.; thus by getting a larger circulation they would be helping themselves, but either course was out of the question at the present time. Mr. Goldsmith was not grumbling at what he got out of it, what was required was an effort that would secure the future of the paper after he had given up.

## RINGERS' LACK OF INTEREST.

Mr. A. H. Pulling doubted if they could tell Mr. Goldsmith anything that he did not already know about increasing the circulation, seeing that he had been in the business all his life. He wondered what some of the other people in that Council would think if a lot of amateurs attempted to teach them their business. Mr. Pulling thought the circulation was more or less as high as they could expect it to reach. The majority of ringers were just Sunday service ringers, and the doings of others outside their own tower made little appeal to them. They were not sufficiently interested to want to read about it. They had no interest in the scientific side of ringing. Peal ringing was purely a hobby and peal ringers took 'The Ringing World' for the sake of their hobby.

Mr. Harris said he was not in favour of subsidies from associations, some would perhaps willingly agree, but others had not the funds. He suggested that something might be done by taking up shares, if later on it was necessary to provide financial help. Mr. Harris urged those who bought the paper not to hand it round to others, but let them buy it themselves. They would be in a sorry position in the Exercise without 'The Ringing World' and every man should buy his own copy. In his own twelve-bell tower they took 18 copies. He did not claim that as a record, but it was an example for all, and, by gum,' concluded Mr. Harris, 'some of them want some examples' (laughter).

Mr. S. F. Palmer said it was their duty to get 'The Ringing World' into the hands of every ringer, and his suggestion, this year as last, was that the Council should take it up with the affiliated associations and guilds and ask them to circularise their towers and ascertain what guarantee would be given for increased sale if the price of the paper was reduced. Ringers admitted that the paper was helpful to the Exercise, but there were a great many of the poorer ringers who would not pay 3d. per week. He thought an appeal on the lines he suggested would do good.

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**OLD RINGERS APATHETIC.**

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Mr. L. J. Williams said in Lancashire people had a different outlook. They had done their best to improve the circulation of the paper in that county, but he was afraid there was so little interest among many of the members that even if they gave them the paper they would not trouble to read it. He had brought the matter up at meetings and discussed it; and there were the two old suggestions of increasing the size and reducing the price. People wanted their cake and their penny too. The associations would be the losers if the paper was not carried on; it was a great help to them and they should finance it. What they should do was to create a new interest and get enthusiastic young ringers and get them to take it. The old ringers were too apathetic.

**TRYING TO REACH RINGERS.**

Mr. P. J. Johnson did not think either raising or reducing the price would have much effect on the circulation, while as for the suggestion that associations should finance the paper, did they think associations were the Bank of England? As to reaching ringers through tower secretaries, he said secretaries were only too painfully aware of the difficulty of getting their own subscriptions. The suggestion in the letter before the Council had not yet been tried, and it might be tried. They certainly would not lose anything, and it might be the means of stirring up some interest. He felt the deepest sympathy with Mr. Goldsmith in these discussions. He must feel every year in the position of having an operation performed on him (laughter).

Mr. S. H. Wood said it had been rather assumed that if the price of the paper were reduced to 2d. there would be an enormous increase in the circulation. He did not believe there would be any significant increase, neither did he believe if the price were increased to 4d. there would be any big drop. There were only a certain number of people sufficiently interested to buy the paper. At the same time that was no reason why they should not take every step in their power to increase the circulation as far as they could. He proposed that the suggestion contained in the letter be put into effect.

Mr. T. Clark seconded.

Mr. J. W. Jones said in his area he had pressed the importance of increasing the sale of 'The Ringing World' at every meeting held during the last year and had appealed to members to give it their support. The result, he was sorry to say, was that they were very much in the same position and the sale had increased very little. He agreed with what Mr. Pulling said that it was only those who were absolutely interested in ringing who took the paper. He knew the secretary of an association represented there that day who had the sauce to send up pearls for publication and did not even buy a copy of the paper himself ('Shame').

The report was adopted, and the motion, proposed by Mr. Wood, was carried.

The President said when those of the members who were secretaries went to a branch meeting they might ask those who took 'The Ringing World' to put up their hands. They would find it was rather illuminating.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****HANDBELLS AT RINGERS' SERVICE.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Market Weighton, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. Graham-Evans) and the local ringers, on Saturday, June 25th.

Evensong, fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, who gave the address, and after the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells,' had been sung, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. H. Fox, F. W. Dale, D. Meadley and J. W. Hobson.

Tea was most generously provided by the local ringers, about 40 sitting down to an excellent meal.

The business meeting followed in the Church Hall, under the chairmanship of the Vicar. The secretary spoke of the lamentable death of Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, a former vice-president of the association and a member of the General Committee up to the time of his death. The company stood in silence to his memory.

Five new members were elected: Mrs. C. Hill, of Goole, Messrs. J. F. Kneeshaw and H. T. Musk, of Market Weighton, F. Wilkinson, of Nunburnholme, and E. Brittain, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Sutton-on-Hull was extended to the association by Mr. L. Rodmell, on behalf of the Vicar of Sutton, and the offer was unanimously accepted.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and choir was proposed by Mr. H. S. Morley and seconded by Mr. A. H. Fox. The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Market Weighton and hoped another visit would be paid there soon.

A vote of thanks to the local company was responded to by Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw.

A collection for the fund for the restoration of Market Weighton bells realised £1 6s.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

As a last tribute to an old member, Mr. Edward Raddon, S. Nicolas' Society, Guildford, rang a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) on June 29th after the funeral: E. G. Heath 1, H. Mason 2, S. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, F. Radford 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Breeze 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Elton (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

**FOUR SOCIETIES MEET AT BARNSELY.****YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW DIVISIONAL SECRETARY.**

By the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Rector of Barnsley, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held, in conjunction with the Barnsley, Sheffield and Doncaster Societies, at Barnsley on Saturday, June 18th, when members were present from Sheffield Cathedral, St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Cawthorne, Felkirk, Arksey, Wath-on-Deane, Sandal, Earlsheaton, Doncaster, Wortley, Rawmarsh and the local company.

Touches in plain and various Surprise methods were indulged in, and a short service was held, conducted by the curate of Barnsley, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector.

Tea was served in the new Rectory Room, at which Mrs. Wilkinson and other ladies kindly administered to the creature comforts of those assembled.

The business meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place in the same room immediately after tea, at which the Rector, who had by this time been able to join the assembly, presided.

Before the business actually commenced, Mr. George Lewis (vice-president) paid a tribute of respect to the memories of Mr. F. Clark, of Doncaster, late divisional secretary of the Southern Division, and Mr. Sam Hemingfield, of Ecclesfield, both of whom had passed away since the last meeting, and the members stood in silence to express their sympathy.

By the death of Mr. Clark, the Yorkshire Association had lost one of its staunchest members, whose devotion to duty, together with an earnestness of purpose in all that he did during the past 17 years as divisional secretary, earned for him the deepest respect from all the members.

Mr. Sam Hemingfield was one of the oldest members of the association, having joined in 1885. He was one of the 'old school,' in which the number of methods rung was not the principal object, but good striking was the real purpose. Unfortunately, Mr. Hemingfield had been infirm and totally blind for a number of years.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Frank Vallance, Arksey; Lewis Steel, Wath; Allan Harding, Adwick-le-Street; Benjamin Birkett, Arksey; and Thomas Cullingworth, R.A.F., Manston, Ramsgate (out county member).

Two nominations were received for the vacant office of divisional secretary, namely, Messrs. John J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, and W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, and on a show of hands, by consent, Mr. Gilbert was declared elected to that office.

As Mr. Gilbert already held a seat on the General Committee, Mr. Daniel Smith, of Felkirk, was duly elected to fill that vacancy.

By the kind invitation of the Rawmarsh company, the next meeting will take place there in September.

In responding to a hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Lewis to the Rector for presiding, for the use of the bells and the Rectory Room, Canon Wilkinson said how pleased he was to welcome that joint meeting for the first time since he had been appointed Rector of Barnsley. He greatly appreciated all that ringers were doing for the service of the church, and expressed a wish that he would soon have the honour of a 'repeat' visit.

Further votes of thanks to the ladies for their kindness at the tea table, the curate for his excellent address, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, brought the business to a close.

Owing to the enforced absence of Mr. C. D. Potter, the 'G.O.M.' of Barnsley, who was sojourning at St. Anne's-on-Sea by order of his medical attendant to try to enable him to make good headway into his second period of 'three score years and ten,' the local arrangements were carried out with much credit by Mr. D. Smith, to whom all are indebted for the success of the meeting.

Although Mr. Potter was absent in the flesh, he was very much in evidence in the 'spirit,' and all wished him a speedy return in the best of health. S. F. P.

**WELCOME TO IRELAND'S NEW PRIMATE.**

On Sunday, June 26th, at St. George's Church, Dublin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to welcome the new Primate of All Ireland, Dr. Day, who was installed on the 24th inst., and who preached for evening service: \*H. W. Jones 1, William Farrell 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, T. McMorran 4, F. E. Dukes 5, G. Lindoff (conductor) 6, \*O. H. Jones 7, \*W. Hall 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at Denbigh Arms at a moderate charge, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.



**ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.****BISHOP'S WELCOME AT LICHFIELD.**

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on June 25th in very favourable weather and about 80 were present. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and those at the Cathedral for one hour in the evening.

A splendid tea was served in St. Mary's Parish Hall, and while this was in progress the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Woods) and Mrs. Woods arrived. His lordship made some encouraging remarks and said how delighted he was to hear the sound of bells. Before his departure he expressed the hope that the company would spend a happy evening.

When tea was finished, the general meeting took place, with the president, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodson, in the chair. The report and balance sheet were read and confirmed and ordered to be printed.

The committee, in their report, reviewed the meetings held during the year, and said that as a result of a practice meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, it was hoped several new members would soon be enrolled from that tower. At the practice at Penkridge there were 16 present, but it was disappointing that none of the local band attended, especially as these meetings were primarily arranged for missionary work. During the year twelve new ringing members and five life members were elected. The number of peals rung during the year was 30—three more than last year—the conducting of which was shared by 14 members. Peals in Surprise methods were conspicuous by their absence. Regret was expressed at the loss, through death, of the following members: Mr. Fred H. Troth, of Christ Church, West Bromwich; Mr. John Evans, of Beckbury; Mr. Charles Draper, of Duffield; and Mr. G. Walker, of Birmingham.

The accounts showed a deficit of 15s. on the year's working.

The hon. clerical secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th.; hon. lay secretary, Mr. H. Knight; Ringing Master, Mr. B. G. Key; hon. auditor, Mr. W. H. Evans; the committee (elected according to Rule 6), Messrs. W. W. Worthington and R. Pickering; and the Central Council representatives, Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight, were all re-elected.

The places chosen for the forthcoming meetings were Shenstone, September; Bilston, January; Cannock, April; and Lichfield for the annual meeting in June.

Messrs. B. Horton and H. Knight gave a brief outline of the business transacted at the Central Council meeting at Leeds.

A design of the projected memorial to the late Mr. George Hughes was produced. It is to be in the form of a bronze tablet, with lettering in enamel, and placed in the belfry at Wednesbury, where the deceased had rung for so many years. The unveiling ceremony will take place in October, after the belfry has been redecorated. More than sufficient money has been subscribed for this purpose, and it was agreed that the balance should be put towards the cost of a peal board recording a half-muffled peal rung to his memory.

A welcome was given by the chairman to Mr. William Treadgold, one of the original members of the society, who produced a card of membership dated June 30th, 1883. Mr. Treadgold, who until recently had been out of the district for a number of years, in reply, gave some interesting details of the origin of the society and of its founders.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Archdeacon to Mrs. Cresswell for catering, to Mr. W. H. Evans for auditing the accounts, and lastly—amidst laughter—to himself for conducting the business of the meeting. This was received with a good round of applause.

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**NOTICES.**

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stratford St. Mary on July 9th. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5.15 at 1s. each. Higham and Langham will also be open for ringing. Bells at all three towers available from 2 p.m. Please send me a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lenham (8 bells) on July 9th. Half-travelling expenses will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsore, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Trains from Baker Street (Tube) to Kilburn Park.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—One hundred or more ringers required to ring at Brasted and Sundridge on Sat., July 9th. Mr. E. H. Lewis invites you to tea on that date. Please do not disappoint him. The gardens of Moorcocks will be open during the afternoon. Bells at Brasted and Sundridge will be available from 2.30 p.m. Private car service between the two towers. Service at Brasted at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.). Tea after service, followed by a short business meeting. Important.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting. Tea is by kind invitation. Half-fares will be paid to members attending this meeting (maximum 2s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chew Magna on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. For tea, please notify E. J. Morton, 11, Watereaton Road, Summertown, Oxford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and St. Ignatius' will be available. Members meet at St. Michael's at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, —Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Summer festival meeting at Farnham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells of Parish Church from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, at 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cranfield on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. First meeting held here for many years. Bells recently rehung. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton (6) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at Village Hall at 5 p.m.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Misson, near Bawtry, will be revisited on July 9th. The peal of six available 2.30 to 8.30. Buses run from Bawtry. — R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at six o'clock.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas à Becket, Northaw, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5, followed by tea at 5.30, and the usual business meeting. The charge for tea will be rs.—G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Special Notice. The Hawkhurst Guild cordially invite all East Grinstead Guild members to Brightling on Saturday, July 30th. Please see Hawkhurst Guild notice in these columns later on.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridge-wood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Macclesfield and Stockport Branches will be held at Bollington on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Sec., Macclesfield Branch.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 9th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. There will be a short service conducted by the Rector, followed by tea at the Rectory at 5 p.m., for which the usual moderate charge will be made. All welcome. Cards for tea to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Preston Candover on Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland on July 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hinton Blewitt on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A special evening meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bristol, on Monday, July 11th. Business 7 o'clock. Ringing from 7.30. It is hoped that all members will try to attend.—N. C. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Practices for July—all at 7.30 p.m.:—12th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 14th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; \*19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 21st, St. Magnus; 26th, Southwark Cathedral. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—An evening's ring at STEWKLEY (8 bells) on Thursday, July 14th, from 6.30 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 13th, after which date the business will be in the hands of the caterers.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Will all members and friends note the Tideswell bells are available Saturday, July 16th, from 2.30 p.m.? Those expecting to be present, please let me have a card not later than Tuesday, July 12th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

**COMBINED MEETING.**—Ladies' Guild (Southern District) annual meeting, and Guildford Diocesan Guild (Guildford District) quarterly meeting, at Pirbright on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright, by July 13th.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Rd., Aldershot.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 12th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horsam St. Faith's on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Please Note.—Tea will be provided free to all who notify me not later than Wednesday, July 13th. No names can be entertained after this date.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, July 13th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on July 16th. Service, tea and meeting will be as usual. Kindly send a card if you are coming as catering facilities are not easy here. All ringing friends welcomed. Buses from Hertford Car Park to Dane End 10 minutes to every hour; nine minutes later from Ware level crossing.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—Reopening of the bells, restored in a new frame and rehung, through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, on July 16th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, not later than Tuesday, July 12th. Good train service to Bentley and back in the evening.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., N.E. Division, Essex Association.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Goathurst on Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hambledon on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the New Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, July 13th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Corby (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by Tuesday if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting at Wilton (the Carpet Town) on Saturday, July 16th. Strange but magnificent church, with 110 ft. campanile. Ringing on 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Direct bus service every ten minutes from Salisbury Market (return fare 5d.). Visitors requiring tea, please notify Mr. F. Romaine, 41, Greencroft Street, Salisbury, before next Wednesday.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Birstwith, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A short business meeting will be held immediately after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, not later than Wednesday, July 13th.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Hough-on-the-Hill. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea and business meeting at the School. Names for tea by Wednesday previous, please, to Mr. H. Squires, Gelston Grange, Hough, Grantham.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beaminster on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8), recently rehung by Taylors, available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec., Malmaison, Bridport.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea at The Windmill 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by July 12th.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at Flixton on July 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Price of tea 1s. 3d. Names to be sent to Mr. H. Collier, 320, Flixton Road, Flixton, by July 14th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church, Clowne, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 16th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Open ringing after contest. For tea please notify Mr. W. Kennan, c/o Mr. Cleavis, 13, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—An extra meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Branston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tea will be served at a very moderate charge to those who send names to Mr. E. Lintin, Branston, by Wednesday, July 13th.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Eling on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5. Diben bells after tea. Names for tea by July 14th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Colerne on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) open from 3.15. Service 4.45. Tea and business follow. Transport from Chippenham can be arranged if notice received by July 13th.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Condover, Saturday, July 16th. Nice ring of 8. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SPECIAL SUMMER ATTRACTION.**—The Loughborough district of the Midland Counties Association will be holding a meeting at Copt Oak on July 16th, and would welcome visitors from all parts. See the beauties of the glorious Charnwood Forest, and brush up your Minor methods at the same time. Tea on Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't forget p.c. for tea to H. O. Over, Huglescote.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—Mid-quarterly meeting at Peatling Parva, July 16th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., for those who notify me by July 14th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Preston Capes (6 bells) on July 16th. First visit to this tower. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Trowell on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged close to church. Plenty of buses. Subscriptions are now overdue. Will members kindly oblige? Come and try this little peal of six where the president of the Central Council spent his early days in ringing, also the district secretary. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**EWHURST, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday, July 17th, at 3.15 p.m. The former ring of six restored, augmented to eight and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate two new bells at Ewhurst (present peal of six) on July 17th at 3.15 p.m. The Rector of Ewhurst kindly invites district ringers to the ceremony and afterwards to tea at the Rectory. Those requiring tea must notify me without fail not later than July 13th. Please note change of address.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Guildford.

**KIRTLINGTON, OXON.**—At 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21st, the Rev. Canon Batchelor, D.C.L., will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).**—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (N. and E. District).**—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to B. Spencer, Churchyard Cottage, N. Mimms, Hatfield. —Harold V. Frost and Gilbert R. Goodship, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexley, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (recently augmented to 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, July 19th. Half-fares, maximum 2s., will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Association will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Elveden. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome to this beauty spot.—R. Sharpe and A. Harrison, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Permission to walk round Castle Grounds. Make up your mind and send me a card re tea. —Arthur Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.). Will members intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting. —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual Festival, July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon W. J. Thomas, Vicar of Gorseinon. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify number for tea to L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Acton. Parish Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room, free, at the invitation of the Rector, but guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by July 21st. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., and at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) after tea. Please advise numbers for tea, Parish Hall, 9d. each.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival at Wisbech on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. —Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**WINWICK, HUNTS.**—The dedication of the restored peal of five bells on Wednesday, July 27th, at 7.45 p.m., by the Right Rev. H. Crotty, D.D. All ringers welcome.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Ely Diocesan Association.

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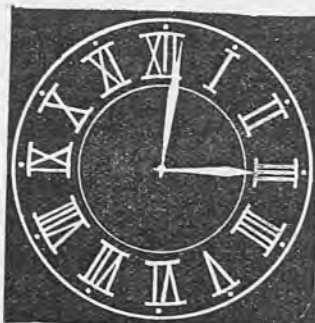
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The diversity of opinion as to the correct way of muffling bells, which came into prominence in ringing circles on the occasion of the death of King George V., led to the Central Council being asked to give some guidance on this subject. The question was referred to the officers of the Council, who have since been seeking information as to local customs. They have been supplied with details of existing practice in many places, and their final report is now to be drafted with a view to submitting it to Church authorities, so that, when the occasion next arises for the general muffling of bells those responsible may have something authoritative to which to turn. The real point at issue has been between half-muffling and full muffling, and, in a measure, the use of an open back stroke on the tenor when both sides of the other bells are muffled.

For ordinary occasions half-muffled bells seem to be the most usual way of signalling a death, but for the higher dignitaries of the Church and for a member of the royal family, as also, in some cases, for a humble ringer, the bells at some churches are fully muffled when rung on any occasion before the funeral. Without knowing exactly what the report to be issued to Church authorities will contain, the consensus of opinion in the Council is unquestionably that the most effective form of ringing on occasions of mourning is with the bells half-muffled at back stroke. There is good reason for not ringing fully muffled. To the public, the only effect is that the sound of the bells has been entirely reduced in volume, without the significance of the change being brought home to them. As well merely block up the louvres. If fully muffled ringing is employed immediately before a funeral service, the open back stroke of the tenor may give the necessary emphasis of mourning. Not only, however, from the ringers' standpoint, but out of consideration of the public, the monotony of this form of ringing ought never to be employed in a peal.

There are, in some places, interesting local customs that will and ought to be preserved, although it should not be forgotten that muffled ringing is a comparatively modern introduction and, in its origin, was only used upon the death of a ringer. The age-long custom for notifying death, whether of king, peer or commoner, was the tolling of a bell, and that, of course, is still observed. Muffled ringing has not displaced the traditional 'knell,' it merely supplements it; but it has become a form of expressing national or local sorrow which is now accepted throughout the country as widely as is the pealing of bells on occasions of joy and celebration.

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There is one point which should not be overlooked. In many places, especially in connection with the death of a ringer, it is the practice to ring the bells half-muffled for the services on the Sunday following. This custom, however well intentioned, is one that should not be encouraged. Sunday service ringing is purely associated with the activities of the Church; Sunday is a festival, and half-muffled bells are out of place, except before or after a funeral or memorial service. We think that, even on the score of 'local custom,' muffled ringing for Sunday services cannot be justified.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM G. GRACE ... .. 2	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 6
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 3	SIDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 4	JACK DAFTERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Spice and Mr. I. Emery, secretary and captain respectively of the local band, also to Mrs. E. Pitman, mother of the ringer of the fourth.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY BUNCE ... .. Treble	†ALEC GAMMON ... .. 5
GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 2	§JOHN H. GARDINER ... .. 6
†KENNETH WALKER ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
GEORGE AYRES ... .. 4	†JOHN S. WYNNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. § First peal of Grandsire and first away from tenor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... .. Treble	*HENRY DANIELS ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6
*WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 7
*GEORGE KILMINSTER ... .. 4	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung for the Founders' Day celebrations.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Friday, July 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WATKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5
MISS L. KELLY ... .. 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 6
RONALD BIRCH ... .. 3	TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 7
HERBERT CHADDOCK ... .. 4	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. HAYWOOD.

Rung with bells half-muffled in commemoration of the 22nd anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.



ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Enoder,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN REED ... .. Treble	EDWARD SANDERS ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... .. 6
†VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7
CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight 'inside.'

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. 5
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 6
*THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM PELKINGTON ... .. 7
GEORGE JACKSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PELKINGTON.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5
LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

A birthday compliment to the Rev. F. Bonner.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

EDGAR C. STACEY ... .. Treble	ARTHUR STAVELY ... .. 5
GEORGE CLARK ... .. 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... .. 6
ERNEST COOPER ... .. 3	FORD P. NEWTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM FAY ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

\* First peal in the method.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Cathedral Campanile,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute.

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

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	HARRY PENDRY ... .. 5
PERCY E. JONES ... .. 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... .. 6
*MISS A. M. LOOK ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. 7
THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 4	*SIDNEY SMITH ... .. Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED BRISTOL, LONDON, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

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HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Cross, mother of the ringer of the 2nd.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ROBERT D. GUNTON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... .. 6
CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First in the method by all the band. First in method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY C. JONES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 6
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 3	*WALTER LEE ... .. 7
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,  
5088 CHANCES;**

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

GORDON A. BACON ... .. Treble	REGINALD W. DARVILL ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 6
HENRY S. WILSON ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

A birthday compliment to Henry S. Wilson.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GRAHAM EVANS ... .. Treble	BRIAN ELSMORE ... .. 4
THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 5
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3	*JAMES A. BRIDGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS,

\* First peal.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,

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

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

GORDON A. BACON ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 4
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 5
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal on six in more than one method. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. A. Corby (brother of the conductor) and Miss N. French, which took place at the neighbouring Church of St. Nicholas, Landon, earlier in the day.

HAMPTON-BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM HARRISON ... .. Treble	AUSTIN WINGATE ... .. 4
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5
HARRY JOHNSON ... .. 3	ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by AUSTIN WINGATE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Williams and Mrs. H. L. Adams.

CHILD OKEFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Ten callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM DAMEN ... .. Treble	*RONALD DOUCH ... .. 4
*GEORGE EAGLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
W. JAMES JACKSON ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Canon Bower (Rector of Child Okeford for 30 years) on his retirement from the ministry. First peal on the bells.

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**STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, July 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

*BRIAN ELSMORE ... .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
*THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 2	TREVOR JONES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM PREECE ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a 22nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Monday, July 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

FRANK BORLEY ... .. Treble	A. ROY WOODARD ... .. 4
R. JOHN STREED ... .. 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 5
CLEM W. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	FRANK W. J. ROPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. J. ROPER.

Rung in honour of the baptism of the conductor's son.

**WIVENHOE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*ALBERT C. HALES ... .. Treble	VIOLET A. FROST ... .. 4
*JAMES E. GOULD ... .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 5
GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

**FINE RINGING IN SHIELD CONTEST.**

The annual shield contest was held at Horbury on Saturday, July 9th, when nine bands competed. The 'test piece' was 600 changes in an 'w' method. Mr. A. Nash, of Rotherham, and Mr. W. Idle, of Earlsheaton, were the judges. The order of ringing and the result was as follows:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
1. Shelly ... ..	79	10	89
2. Friezland ... ..	52	0	52
3. Holmfirth ... ..	43	5	48
4. Sandal ... ..	31	0	31
5. Liversedge ... ..	29	0	29
6. Wath ... ..	56	10	66
7. New Mill ... ..	47	0	47
8. Penistone ... ..	74	10	84
9. Cawthorne ... ..	57	0	57

A very high standard of ringing was reached, and Liversedge, with only 29 faults, were the winners, and Sandal, two points behind, second.

Mr. Rowley, chairman of the Urban District Council, presented the shield and six salad bowls to Liversedge team, and six cases of fruit servers to Sandal. Liversedge rang Killamarsh, Wath rang Burton, Cawthorne rang Kent and the remainder rang Oxford. It was an extremely good contest, and it was very pleasing that all the bands rang through.

Wragby was chosen for the next meeting on August 14th. After the usual business, Mr. C. D. Potter moved the best thanks to all for such a successful gathering, to which Mr. R. Thickett and Mr. H. Pickles replied. This brought to a close a very happy day.

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**PEAL NOTES.**

**AN OLD GLOUCESTER SOCIETY.**

The Founders' Day celebrations at St. Mary de Crypt Church, Gloucester, were marked by a peal of Stedman Triples, rung on June 30th by members of the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths.

The Crypt Youths were a flourishing society in Gloucester in the early part of last century, and tablets in the tower record a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1810, peals of Bob Major in 1815, of New Treble Bob Major (i.e., Kent Treble Bob) in 1828 and 1829, and of other peals of Grandsire Triples in 1856. James Ingram and Thomas Handy, who rang in the 1815 peals, also took part in peals of Grandsire in 1856.

In the ringing room at St. Mary de Crypt Church is a chandelier inscribed 'God preserve the Crypt Youths.'

One more of the plain Major methods in the Central Council's collection was rung for the first time to a peal on July 6th at St. Mary's, Staines. It was Ashbourne College Bob—and no one objected to the name, which had been given to the method by the Methods Committee when they published the book.

The method has a series of three fifth's places made in the middle of the lead, and Bob Major is rung when the treble is at the other end. One wit said the diagram, when turned on its side, looked like the roof of a house with a lot of chimney pots, some with crows on.

For the 22nd birthday of Mr. E. F. Salmons, a Hereford Diocesan Guild peal of Bob Minor was rung at Staunton-on-Arrow on July 3rd.

A peal of Bob Major at Tickhill, Yorkshire, on July 2nd, was specially rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery from serious illness of Mrs. Wagstaff, wife of Mr. Harold Wagstaff, one of the ringers.

A peal of Superlative Surprise rung at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on July 2nd, was the one hundredth peal which Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. Ernest Turner had rung together.

A week later Mr. Turner rang his fiftieth peal with Mr. George Kilby, when he called a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in the four methods Bristol, London, Superlative and Cambridge. The composition, by Mr. J. Topp, is the first to be rung in these four methods containing more Bristol than London. Of the 5,056 changes, 2,016 were Bristol and only 1,920 London. Here are the figures, which, in their extent, run to 5,440.

23456	M	W	R	Methods
42356	3	3	—	L B B C B B L
26354	—	—	2	B B C L B
36452	—	—	3	L C L B B
24653	—	—	—	L C L
65243	3	—	—	L B B C L
32546	—	3	—	L C B B L
64523	—	—	—	L C B B

Four times repeated. C=Cambridge or Superlative.

The peal is reduced to 5,056 by omitting three bobs and two leads of Bristol six times.

Mr. H. J. Tucker, who rang in the peal of London Surprise at Chichester Cathedral on July 6th, will be 80 years of age in August. He joined the College Youths 60 years ago, having been made a member in 1878.

Canon Bower, who has been Rector of Child Okeford, Dorset, for 30 years, has just retired from the ministry. As a farewell to him, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on July 2nd—the first peal on the bells of the church he served so long and so faithfully.

Not many peals of Double Oxford Bob Major are rung, but a band of the Norwich Diocesan Association scored one—the first by all the company—at Alburgh, Norfolk, on July 9th.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Pinner, Middlesex, on July 9th, was a 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. F. Bedford, a ringer at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

Another 'birthday' peal of Stedman, on the same day, was that at Bexley, Kent. It was a compliment to Mrs. M. Cross, mother of Mr. G. H. Cross, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Donald Boreham, of High Wycombe, has 'completed the circle' in peals at Hughenden, Bucks. He rounded off the performance with a peal of Double Norwich Major on the fourth bell on July 9th.

The brothers John and William Buckenham, of Marsham, have now rung 50 peals together. They reached this total with a peal of Double Norwich Major at Swaffham, Norfolk, on July 7th.

Six of the Sunday service ringers at St. Giles', Oxford, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on June 30th. Two rang their first peal, two their first of Grandsire and one his first of Triples. It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells.

The 22nd anniversary of the Battle of the Somme was commemorated at Handsworth, Yorkshire, by a half-muffled peal of Bob Major on July 1st.

Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, spending a holiday in Cornwall, called a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Enoder on July 1st.

The Rev. Frank Bonner's birthday was celebrated at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on July 2nd, by a peal of London Surprise. After the peal, in which he took part, he kindly provided refreshments for the ringers.

## RINGING COMPETITIONS.

### DEVON GUILD'S ATTITUDE.

#### Question of Union With Rival Organisation.

Ringers in Devonshire have long been divided into two rival organisations. The Devon Guild has always been strongly opposed to competitive ringing, while the Devonshire Association (equally well supported by the clergy and churchpeople) has encouraged it. The president of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) made a reference to this at the annual meeting at Whitsun, and expressed the hope that the Guild and the association might unite by eliminating the rule which at present formed a barrier to the amalgamation. This rule says that no member of the Devon Guild shall take part in any competitive ringing.

Presiding at a quarterly meeting of the North-East Branch of the Devon Guild at Upplowman on July 2nd, the Rev. F. Carter (chairman of the district) referred to the president's remarks. He asked the members to consider it as regards the question of encouraging good ringing and at the same time retaining the standard of good striking. The question was one which had to be borne in mind by members at their quarterly meetings.

The meeting was attended by about 50 members. The towers represented were Upplowman, Huntsham, Burliscombe, Calverley, Tiverton (St. Peter's), Washfield, Silvertown and Stoodleigh. Visitors included the Rev. J. M. Turner (Washfield), Messrs. A. W. Searle (Exeter), C. Lilley and J. E. Lilley (Newton Abbot) and F. V. Voysey (Washfield). Service was conducted by the Rev. F. Carter, in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Law) through illness. An inspiring address was based upon the Guild's Belfry Prayer.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. F. Carter proposed the usual comprehensive vote of thanks, and extended the sympathy of the members to the Rector, with their hope for his speedy recovery.

The chairman welcomed two new members to the Guild, Misses E. M. Dean and M. A. Lutley, from Ingleside School. They were also presented with certificates of proficiency.

The Rev. J. M. Turner was elected an honorary member.

The Chairman read a detailed account from Mr. T. Laver (general secretary of the Guild) on the meeting of the Central Council at Leeds.

A number of girl ringers from Ingleside School were present, and, in addition to showing a high degree of skill on the church bells, rang handbell tunes after the meeting.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BOTTESFORD.

Situated amid glorious scenery of the Belvoir country, on the borders of Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, Bottesford was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association. Famous for its many monuments to past Dukes of Rutland, the magnificent Parish Church, whose chancel is like a miniature Westminster Abbey, has a fine ring of eight bells which go well and are rung from a light and airy belfry. Good use was made of the opportunity to ring here, by friends and visitors from each district of the association, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, as well as several out-county members from further afield. Various touches from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung.

The committee met and carried out their usual routine work, and it was announced that two complete sets of the association's annual reports from 1882 to 1937 were now bound in volumes, also that the association handbells were now provided with a leather carrying bag and were available for use at that meeting. Grants were made from the association funds towards the memorials to the late Canon Elsee and the late Mr. J. J. Parker.

Between 30 and 40 members and friends sat down to a meat tea, following which the general business was carried through. The vice-president (Mr. John Oldham) took the chair, and was supported by Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general secretary). The Chairman said how pleased he was to see such a good number of ringers and friends present at that somewhat out of the way village, and remarked it was specially delightful to see the celebrated 'Sergeant-Major' from Leicester—an unexpected pleasure at a quarterly meeting! He stated that he felt highly honoured to be chosen for the position of vice-president of the association and assured the members of his wholehearted interest in their work. One incident of the past quarter he regretted, and that was the passing of Mr. W. Smith, a stalwart of the Burton-on-Trent band, and a long-standing member of the association. He called upon those present to stand in silence for a moment to his memory.

A number of new members, ringing, honorary and life, were duly elected. A resolution rescinding a previous minute was passed, that the association handbells should in future be held in the general hon. secretary's keeping, and brought to every general meeting of the association. They could be loaned out by the secretary to any responsible person for use when desired.

Mr. A. J. Harris and Mr. J. H. Swinfield both gave their impressions of the Central Council meeting at Leeds on Whit Tuesday, and they were sincerely thanked by the members present. Members and friends then adjourned to the church for further tower-bell ringing, while a few stayed behind to ring handbells.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wirksworth in September.

## GUILDFORD GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL.

### VISIT TO FARNHAM.

#### Blind Ringer Turns Tenor In To Cambridge.

The summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday attracted nearly a hundred ringers and their friends to the ancient town of Farnham, which for 800 years was the home of successive Bishops of Winchester. The weather was not too kindly, it was cold, with some rain, and anything but summery. Nevertheless, the event was entirely successful. There was a very hearty welcome, a variety of ringing of sorts, a stirring service with a practical address by the Vicar (Canon E. M. Girling), and after tea a 'conducted' tour to Farnham Castle, as the Bishop's home, with its Norman keep, is called. Part of it is now the official residence of the Bishop of Guildford, part is a Retreat House and the rest of the commanding pile is used for other diocesan purposes. Canon Girling was the guide, and even those who had made previous visits learned a good deal more about the history of the ancient building.

Both in the afternoon and evening the spacious belfry of Farnham Parish Church was filled with ringers, and the ringing, good, had and indifferent, ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

Among those who took part were Mr. Sheppard Walwyn, of Oxford University Society. Despite the handicap of complete blindness, Mr. Sheppard Walwyn learned to ring while at Oxford, and on Saturday he took part in a number of touches. He actually rang the tenor to an attempt for Cambridge Major, and it was not his fault that the course was not completed. He rings, of course, entirely by ear and counting his places, and his remarkable achievement is a triumph over one of life's most staggering misfortunes. Farnham tenor is a man's job anyway. The bell is over a ton and sluggish, while it is rung from a narrow platform against a wall, but while the rest kept going Mr. Sheppard Walwyn seemed to have no difficulty in putting the bell in its place.

## THE PROBLEM OF BLOXHAM'S BELLS.

### OXFORD GUILD REVIVES INTEREST.

The annual meetings of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild always serve as an encouragement to those whose task it is to further the branch's work, and last Saturday's annual meeting at Deddington was no exception, even though the weather was inclement. The peal of six, tenor 17 cwt., was in good demand before service. For the latter, a revised form was used, and many favourable comments were made on the singing and chanting of this village choir. It was pleasing to see so many clergy present, especially in view of the many demands on their time in these days. The Rural Dean, who is president of the branch, shared in conducting the service with the Vicar of Deddington, and the preacher was the Rev. B. R. Buchanan, Vicar of Bloxham.

After a very ample tea, the business meeting was held, with the president in the chair, and once again the secretary's report and statement of accounts showed a favourable position, both financially and as regards progress in ringing.

The officers were all re-elected with acclamation and without hesitation, always a sure sign of the confidence placed in them. Several new members were elected, including two from Deddington, who are quite the youngest of the branch, being two out of a number of choir-boy ringers who will, it is hoped, all be elected as their progress warrants it.

The routine business having been disposed of, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild, spoke of his pleasure at being present, and referred to the J. J. Parker Memorial Fund. Towards this a grant of two guineas was made.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary, had also a word of encouragement, and then raised a matter which is often in the minds of branch members, namely, the question of Bloxham bells. Bloxham has a tall, slender spire of great architectural interest, and a noble ring of eight bells, with a tenor of between 25 and 30 cwt. Of recent years, only the front six have been rung, and these very seldom, on account of feared damage to the spire and the incorrect hanging of the two tenors. Mr. Hibbert expressed the hope that a move would one day be made to get this job done. He realised it was a big task, but, he said, Englishmen had done big tasks in the past.

In reply, Mr. Buchanan stated that he had been told the cost would be about £1,000, and he did not feel he could saddle his parishioners with the responsibility of finding such a sum.

Mr. Hibbert was quick to point out that the work could be well carried out for under half this sum, and Mr. Buchanan promised that the matter should be raised. This was encouraging, for there are only two rings of eight in the branch, and the reopening of Bloxham would be a fine addition.

Following the usual vote of thanks, the members adjourned for more ringing at Deddington, while others went on to Aynho and King's Sutton, two musical eighties in the extreme corner of the Peterborough Diocese. The methods rung during the day did not advance beyond Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob up to Major, but there were some well-struck touches. Many branch towers were represented, and there were a large number of visitors, including old friends and new, to all of whom the members extend a hearty invitation to come again.



**CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT READING.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING.**

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a very successful summer meeting at Reading on July 2nd, about 50 members and friends turning up to take part in ringing during the afternoon on the eight (tenor 15 cwt.) at St. Giles' and the twelve (tenor 24 cwt.) at St. Laurence's. Methods were rung to suit all shades of taste and ability, including 'two' leads of Treble Bob at St. Giles'.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Arthur Keeble in St. Laurence's Church, and tea followed at the Talbot Cafe, Queen Victoria Street.

Following tea a business meeting was held, the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) taking the chair. The secretary (Mr. N. Summerhayes) read a letter of welcome to Reading received from the hon. secretary of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The letter expressed regret that both the chairman and the writer would be on holiday on the day of the meeting, but the branch hoped that arrangements made would prove satisfactory and that the society would have such a good time that they would want to come again.

The ratification of membership of L.-Cpl. P. H. Tocock prior to a peal of Bob Major at Burnham on April 8th was agreed to, and the following new members were elected: Mrs. F. W. Housden (London), Mr. Wilfred Gowing (Farnham Royal) and Mr. Leslie Samuels (Burnham).

Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had assisted in making the arrangements, thanking particularly the Rev. Arthur Keeble for his welcome to the society and for conducting their service.—This was seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford), who made reference to the fact that they had the pleasure of the company of two members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and R. Fowler, both of whom, together with the Rev. Keeble, made suitable response.

Further ringing took place during the evening on the superb eight (tenor 28 cwt.) at St. Mary's, and on the eight (tenor 15 cwt.) at Caversham, a thoroughly enjoyable meeting being brought to a close at 9 o'clock.

**CONDUCTOR AT FOURTEEN.**

At Anstey, Leicestershire, on Sunday, July 3rd, on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary, for morning service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. B. Bowley (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, T. Isom 2, A. Disney 3, J. E. Adams 4, G. E. Bowler 5, R. F. Elkington 6, J. T. Smith (conductor) 7, R. S. W. Smith 8. It was the conductor's first attempt to call a quarter-peal. He is just 14 years of age.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT BROMSGROVE.**

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association held its summer meeting at Bromsgrove on June 18th, when about 45 members and friends attended. The drop in attendance was probably due to a very heavy storm which occurred at midday.

During the afternoon and evening some useful practice was put in on the ring of ten bells in the Parish Church, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, with courses of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The bells are a peal of ten with tenor 18 cwt. in E flat. They are, however, rather a mixed lot in tone as well as age. The treble and second were cast in 1816 with the seventh by Mears, the fifth in 1701 by A. Rudhall, and the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th and tenor in 1773 by T. Rudhall.

The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar of Bromsgrove, when the association's special form of service was used. The Vicar of Inkberrow, who has recently been made Rural Dean of Feckenham, gave a helpful address, in which he avoided the pitfall into which preachers at ringers' meetings usually fall—lectures on bells and bellringers' habits. He deplored the present tendency of the countries of the world towards Godless dictatorships, and urged a recall to religion as being the only way to save civilisation.

The branch was entertained to tea by the Vicar of Bromsgrove, who afterwards presided over the business meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Harborne, as an invitation had been received from that tower. Mr. Harold Martin undertook to make arrangements for the quarterly peal, which would be rung at Bromsgrove, subject to a pinnacle of the tower, which had just been restored, being considered safe enough to stand three hours' ringing.

The belfry elections of two life members were ratified, Messrs. Richard Instone and Donald Marsh, this being quite a contrast with the January meeting, when about 20 new members were elected.

At the close of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the meeting possible, and the Vicar, in replying, hoped that the association would visit Bromsgrove again on future occasions. He recalled how the association had helped him when the Bromsgrove Guild of Change Ringers was re-formed about 17 years ago, and spoke of his early days at Kidderminster, when he made the acquaintance of old Worcestershire Association ringers, mentioning particularly James Bennett and John Woodberry.

Following the recently adopted practice, the collection for the belfry repairs fund was taken after tea, and it eventually realised 22s. 6d.

The branch secretary gave notice that he would not be offering himself for re-election in September and hoped that someone would be ready to take over the job.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It had been hoped to reopen Farnham Royal bells, which are being restored in memory of the late Mr. J. J. Parker, before the end of this month, but it has been found necessary to postpone the ceremony, probably until September. Contributions to the fund should be sent without delay.

Mr. Gordon R. Cross has been given a commission in the Royal Navy, as Instructor-Lieutenant in the Education Department, and enters upon his duties at Greenwich after the summer vacation.

The recast peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, has recently been held up as one of the most pleasing rings of twelve in the country. The original twelve were opened just 140 years ago next Monday, with a peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by College Youths.

Fifteen years ago next Thursday, the Kent Treble Bob Major record of 17,280 changes, rung in ten hours, was set up at Over, in Cheshire.

Only 29 faults were registered in the touch of 600 changes of Killamash Treble Bob, by which Liversedge band won the Barnsley and District Shield contest on Saturday. They were run very closely by Sandal, who had only two more faults.

## RINGS OF TWELVE.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Pendragon's letter touches two points which, to me, seem to be important when judging peals of bells, viz., position and locality. We, at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, have a fine peal of 12, which are unfortunately hemmed in on three sides by huge offices and warehouses, which cause the sound of the bells, when ringing, to be beaten back against the tower, absolutely spoiling the effect. The other remaining side is open to the river, and when heard from the water they sound a magnificent peal.

I have never had the pleasure of hearing St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, but I am acquainted with the Quarry, and can quite imagine what they would sound like amongst such beautiful surroundings. Perhaps some of our famous London twelves would sound better under the same conditions.

Bootle.

E. F. BENNETT.

## RINGING AT THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be interested to know that as a result of the appeal which appeared in your issues of February 4th and March 11th, a sum of £5 was raised on behalf of the new bands at Kelham and Lichfield Theological College.

It will be remembered that the original intention was to supply them with handbells, but as both bands had in the meantime received a set of these from generous donors, it was decided to spend the money subscribed on ringing books for the college libraries.

The following books have, therefore, been purchased and sent off to them: For general reading, 'Bells Thro' the Ages' (Nichols), 'History and Art of Change Ringing' (Morris), 'The College Youths' (Trollope). Instructional, 'Ringers' Handbook (Powell), 'Ropesight', 'Standard Methods (diagrams), Treble Bob, Grandsire, Stedman (Snowdon series).

In addition, several other books have been sent direct by individual well-wishers, and these, as well as those mentioned above, have been placed in the libraries of the two colleges. In the case of the three items marked with an asterisk, several copies of each have been supplied so that in addition to those kept in the libraries a number will always be available for the students actually learning change ringing.

In acknowledging the books, Mr. Sargent, of Kelham, and Mr. Malcolm Melville, of Lichfield, ask me to convey their thanks and those of their bands to all your readers who have shown such interest in their efforts and contributed towards the gifts. They both report good progress with the handbell ringing, and I myself spent a day recently at Kelham and can testify to the rapid advance which has been made under Mr. Sargent's energetic leadership, and to the interest and enthusiasm for ringing which is being shown by a substantial number of the students. They have been able to get their first practice on tower bells this term, and are hoping to obtain more opportunities for gaining experience in this side of the art in the future.

In adding my own thanks to those of your readers who supported my appeal so generously, I should like to conclude by stating that at both Kelham and Lichfield Theological Colleges a copy of 'The Ringing World' is placed regularly each week with the other papers in the general common room, where it comes under the eye of many of our future clergy—quite apart from those actively interested in ringing who no doubt all take their own copies!

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Deane, on Saturday, June 25th, 1,728 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ashwin. Mr. Ashwin was churchwarden of this church for many years. Those taking part were: T. Nicholls 1, W. Green 2, A. Panther 3, G. Lord 4, T. Cullingworth 5, E. Brookes 6, A. Gill 7, D. Smith (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by the ringers of 1, 4 and 6, also longest touch of Major as conductor.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—27.****GEORGE MARTIN.**

There are some men who never come conspicuously into the lime-light, but yet, by their unostentatious and constant endeavour, and by ability displayed in a quiet way, earn a success of which they may be proud. George Martin, of Maidenhead, Berks, is one of these. His ringing career has been one long record of steady endeavour. If we except, perhaps, his share in the Australian tour, he has never been associated with what one may call the spectacular performances which have brought some men into prominence, but he has earned a high place among our leading conductors.

Born at Boyne Hill, in the Thames-side village of Bray, on July 7th, 1877, Mr. Martin began his ringing in Boyne Hill tower about the year 1893, and has been attached to the Sunday band at this church ever since. His first peal was rung there in 1895, and Mr. Martin is one of the comparatively few men who have called their own first peal. This was Grand-sire Triples. It is typical of him that he considers his best performances those rung among his own colleagues in his own tower, including Holt's Original, by a band of bachelors in 1899; Bob Major in 1903; Kent Treble Bob in 1905; Double Norwich later in the same year; Superlative Surprise in 1906; Cambridge in 1908; and London in 1930. All these peals were rung by a local band, all but the Original were the first in the method on the bells and all were conducted by Mr. Martin. This, indeed, is a record of solid, steady progress, marking the building up of a strong local company.

Altogether Mr. Martin has rung 521 peals in 38 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, and of these he has conducted 214.

Another group of peals of which he is naturally very proud are those rung on the Australian tour in 1934. Mr. Martin rang in the first peals of Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grand-sire Cinqs in the Commonwealth, of which he called the Treble Bob at Hobart, and the Stedman Triples at Ballarat, as well as the second peals of Kent and Stedman at Sydney. He has rung three handbell peals, two of Grand-sire Triples, which he conducted, and one of Bob Major on the Indian Ocean.

Among his other notable performances have been the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Bucks, and four non-conducted peals—two of Cambridge Surprise, one of Yorkshire Surprise and one of Stedman Triples.

At one time Mr. Martin held the office of assistant secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and ever since has been a member of the General Committee. He joined the Oxford Guild when he began ringing so that he has been a member for nearly 45 years.

**Next week: Mr. Harold G. Cashmore.**

**A GLOUCESTER RINGER'S DEATH.****MASTER OF CRYPT YOUTHS.**

A well-known Gloucester ringer passed away on June 19th in the person of Mr. Jesse Gillett, a member of the band at St. Mary de Crypt Church. He had been Master of the Ancient Society of Crypt Youths since 1907, and was, of course, an old member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

The funeral service at St. Mary de Crypt was conducted by the Rev. E. D. S. Comus, and the hymns, 'There is a land' and 'On the Resurrection morning,' were sung.

The interment took place at the cemetery, and a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of Mr. Gillett's old friends: Messrs. S. E. Romans, J. Austin, J. Williams and G. Condict. Other ringers present were Messrs. J. Clark (Hereford Guild), H. Newman (Barnwood), H. Daniels, A. Martin and G. Case (Gloucester).

The Crypt Youths and St. Mary de Crypt choir sent wreaths.



**MR. GEORGE MARTIN.**

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****INCREASED ACTIVITIES.****Master's Encouraging Report.**

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was attended by members from all parts of the diocese, but the total number present, about 50, was disappointingly low. Wells, however, is not easy of access from many parts of the county. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and at St. Cuthbert's. The association service was held at the latter, and the Vicar of Wells, the Rev. Preb. E. B. Cook, who conducted the service, gave an unusual and helpful address. Tea was served in the Church Room, and the business meeting commenced with the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) in the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells, from Mr. W. Prescott and Mr. W. Farley. Routine business was quickly disposed of, and the Master's report adopted.

The Master's report for the past year said the prevailing decline in the number of ringers in some parts of the country did not appear to have affected the association. There were signs of increased activity all over the diocese. While a few towers had seceded through non-payment of subscriptions, the loss had been more than made up by the advent of new towers. The three new branch secretaries had all done good work and had persuaded more towers to join the Guild. The number of peals was less than that of last year, viz., 42. There was rather a preponderance of Doubles, but it was hoped this was but a stepping stone to higher methods. Among the peals was the first by all the band at Greinton—a noteworthy feat. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, weighing 8 stone 3 lb., rang Wedmore tenor of 30 cwt. to a peal in perfect style. This was a tribute alike to Mrs. Fletcher's determination and to the work of the bellhangers, Mears and Stainbank.

The standard of striking was very high in some branches, while others stood in need of much improvement in this respect. Some service touches at meetings had been magnificent. The broadcast by the ringers of Backwell was typical of what a good broadcast should be. The ringers attempted nothing which was in the least degree 'chancy,' but rang Stedman Doubles with almost perfect rhythm. The president of the Central Council publicly praised the ringing, and this was indeed high praise. Mr. H. W. Knight, of Wrington, deserved commendation in that he had been the honorary instructor of the band. When the two trebles, which it is understood are in the offing, are added, good eight-bell ringing over the air can be looked forward to.

The balance in the funds was slightly increased, and it was likely that the increase would be more than maintained next year. In the last twelve years £30 had been added to the deposit and £84 9s. 6d. had been expended in grants to towers and in memorials without recourse to collections and without raising the annual subscriptions.

The Master added: I hear a great deal about the difficulty of keeping up the strength of local bands. I think there is much to be said for the suggestion of passing on the elder members of the choirboys, Sunday School and confirmation candidates into the tower. Not only do they often prove apt pupils, but it is also a way of keeping these boys in touch with the Church and saves them from the prevalent drift. I am sure the clergy would be only too glad to co-operate with the captains of bands if approached.

One non-resident life member, Mr. A. J. Corrigan, of Bristol, was elected.

Mr. J. Hunt gave a short account of the Central Council meeting at Leeds, in which he emphasised the wonderful hospitality of the Yorkshire Association. Arising out of his report, he proposed that the association support the publication of the Surprise Major book to the extent of £2.—This was seconded by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

The motion was strongly opposed by Mr. F. J. Smallwood and Mr. A. Wilkerson, but Mr. Hunt's proposition was carried.

The following recommendations of the committee were then put to the meeting and agreed to: (1) That quarterly meetings be held at Wellington, Weston-super-Mare and Mells. (2) That Miss N. G. Williams, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, J. Hunt and J. Dyke represent the association on the next Central Council. (3) That a special meeting be held immediately before the annual at Yeovil in July, 1939. Business, proposed alterations to rules.

All the officers of the association were re-elected, viz.: The Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Master; Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. D. G. Taylor, hon. auditor. The hon. secretary was also voted the usual honorarium.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had made the meeting a success.

Ringings of sorts, including Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major, was accomplished during the day.

**OXFORD GUILD FUNDS.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—As a practical change ringer and a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 47 years, I fail to see what advantage ringers obtain from the association. Could not the fund for bell restorations and the investments be put to a more useful purpose to encourage the art of change ringing, something in the way of instructions, or the supply of bellropes, a copy of 'The Ringing World' in the tower every week, a report of the Guild activities to each member?

I have noticed in several towers lately only four or five ringers attending where there is a peal of eight bells. 'OXFORDSHIRE.'

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 446.)  
MUFFLING OF BELLS.

The question of the muffling of bells has been three times before the Council, and the matter came up this year on a report from the officers. This stated that at the last meeting of the Council a report was submitted by the president, the adoption of which was recommended by the Standing Committee. It was agreed to request all secretaries of affiliated societies to furnish particulars of local customs, and details of these if thought suitable to be included in the final report, the completed report to be considered by the Standing Committee and, after approval, to be circulated to all members, and finally to be submitted to the ecclesiastical authorities.

The completed report has not been circulated to members owing to the difficulty in obtaining particulars of local customs, and in those cases where they have been received, the lack of time available for consideration has rendered it impossible to carry out the wishes of the Council.

The officers of the Council now present the original report as passed at the last meeting, together with extracts from the various letters received, and trust that the Council will indicate which of these are worthy of inclusion.

The original report stated: 'The practice of muffled ringing for Royalty or indeed for any person is comparatively recent. As far as we can trace, ringing with bells half-muffled or fully muffled was first practised by ringers as a mark of respect to deceased ringers, and was later introduced for persons other than ringers.'

Various customs have grown up in different parts of the country, and we think it undesirable that these customs should be changed. Where there is no fixed custom we should recommend the following practice:—

1. That as a mark of respect bells should be rung half-muffled (open at handstroke).
2. That bells should not be rung muffled for a service on a Sunday or feast day unless the service is a funeral or of the nature of a memorial service.
3. That if a death of Royalty occurs, or a death in a parish where a meeting has been arranged, either the bells should not be rung or be rung muffled in a few touches with carefully chosen bands. We deprecate the holding of an ordinary practice meeting with the bells muffled.
4. That all muffled ringing should be in as slow time as possible.
5. That certain local customs are worthy of more general adoption. For example, the Cambridge custom of setting up one bell at a time, gradually reducing the number and then tolling the age on the tenor, is very effective.

The report was accompanied by extracts from letters from numerous sources giving particulars of local customs.

In one letter referring to London it was stated 'the general practice in London is "half-muffling," and I think it gives the best result. It is the practice at St. Paul's and at Westminster Abbey, and I think those two instances could very well be a good lead.'

In presenting the report, the President said the Standing Committee had considered it, and of those local customs which were recorded, he thought mention might be made of that at Westminster Abbey and at St. Paul's Cathedral more particularly. It was suggested that the completion of the report should be left to the officers, who would put in one or two more examples of local customs which they thought worthy of more general practice, and then, subject to final approval by the Standing Committee, they should send the report round to the Church authorities as was originally suggested.

This course was agreed to.

### EXTENDING PEALS OF DOUBLES.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith: 'This Council, desiring that peals of Doubles and Minor shall be put upon a similar basis, resolves that peals of Doubles, as already defined, may be lengthened at the end by one true touch of less than 120 changes.' He said that when, last year, the Council changed the definition of a peal of Doubles they were accused of being consistent only in their inconsistency. By an amendment that was passed they struck out from the new definition a paragraph which allowed an odd length of Doubles to be added to 42 or more complete six-scores. By so doing they certainly did something further to earn the criticism of being inconsistent, for a similar permission already existed in regard to the extension of a peal of Minor. The deletion of the paragraph from last year's motion also emphasised another thing; it showed the danger of altering considered definitions by unconsidered amendments, without giving the Council time or opportunity of calculating the exact effect. Mr. Goldsmith reviewed briefly the various steps which the Council had taken in its efforts to define peals of Doubles and Minor. They made one early attempt to define a peal of Minor, but eventually had to revoke it. It was not until 1912 that a definition of a peal of Minor was finally put into the 'Rules and Decisions.' That definition included permission to add a true touch at the end of seven or more complete 720's. In 1928, at Hereford, the definition of a peal of Minor was revised, and, for the first time, a definition was laid down for a peal of Doubles. The permissive touch at the end of a peal of Minor provided in the earlier definition was retained and was also included in the definition of a peal of Doubles. Last year this permission was

cut out of the Doubles definition. A lot was said at that time, in persuading the Council to amend the previous Doubles definition, about putting Doubles ringers on the same footing as Minor ringers, and yet the first thing they did was to rob Doubles ringers of one of the things they shared with Minor ringers. It was not often that odd lengths were rung either in peals of Minor or Doubles, but there was nothing to stop a band from doing it if they wished, and the Council might, therefore, just as well legalise it. At all events Doubles and Minor should undoubtedly be on the same footing, and it was for this reason and to save the Council from a further charge of inconsistency that he proposed the motion.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, who seconded the resolution, was the proposer of the motion, which last year altered the Council's definition of a peal of Doubles. He said that when, on that occasion, he accepted the amendment, striking out the permission to add a true touch at the end, he qualified his acceptance of it by saying he thought there was nothing fundamentally wrong about the odd touch, but he did accept the amendment, when perhaps he ought not to have done so. He accepted it because he did not want to do anything to prejudice his main motion and to make it necessary to bring the subject up year after year. He did not think it mattered two hoots whether they permitted these additions or not, but they must have it the same in both the Minor and Doubles. They could not permit it in one and disallow it in the other.

The Rev. H. Drake said he did not think any reason had ever been put forward for making this extraordinary addition to a peal of Minor or Doubles. If they were going to make any alteration, let them take it out altogether; they already had enough repetitions in a peal on five bells.

The motion was carried by a large majority.

In reply to a question, the President said if 42 six-scores had been rung and the ringers broke down in the additional touch, they would not be allowed to claim that they had rung a peal.

### CANON ELSEE MEMORIAL.

The President said the Standing Committee required instructions about the grant made last year to the Canon Elsee Memorial. A year ago the Council voted three guineas to a memorial scheme which was to provide some additional bells at St. George's Church, Bolton. That scheme had now been abandoned, and it was proposed to erect a stained glass window. The Standing Committee wanted authority, if the donation was to be made to the new scheme. The appeal came to them signed by the Rev. Arthur Scott, president of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed that the three guineas be given to the revised scheme.

Mr. T. Clark seconded and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. J. Hunt said a friend of his had asked him to inquire if it were possible for the Council to publish a book on conducting.

The President: We will bear it in mind.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: May I suggest that they read Snowdon's 'Rope-sight'?

Mr. A. D. Barker said the late Mr. J. Parker had left many books and papers relating to ringing. If the Council would like to have them he believed they could be obtained.

The President said he was sure the Council would agree they would be a valuable addition to the library. There must be a great deal of original research in them. An appeal was being made for the repair of Farnham Royal bells as a memorial to Mr. Parker.

The Hon. Secretary said a letter had been received from the Midland Counties Association suggesting that the Council's notice and agenda should be published and circulated at least a month before the meeting to enable associations to discuss the various matters and instruct their representatives. Mr. Fletcher pointed out that for the last six years the agenda had been sent out six or seven weeks before Whitsun. The Standing Committee, therefore, suggested that no action should be taken on the letter.—The Council endorsed this view.

### HANDBELL RINGING AT GLASGOW EXHIBITION

The President said they had received a letter from Glasgow calling attention to the fact that the ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral had been ringing handbells outside the Episcopal Church every Saturday before evensong, and asking whether something more could be done by way of demonstrating change ringing at the exhibition. The Standing Committee decided that they could do nothing further, but it was interesting to know what was being done. He suggested they might write and thank the St. Mary's Society for what they were doing.—This was agreed to.

The Secretary reported that 92 members had signed the roll at that meeting. Twenty societies were fully represented by 47 members. 22 partly represented by 36 members, nine were unrepresented, and nine honorary members were present.

### VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting; in the first place to the Mayor and Corporation of the city of Leeds for their kindness in allowing the Council the use of the room for the meeting; to the Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Mrs. Hammond) for coming to welcome them; to the Vicar of Leeds for his words of welcome; and to the Yorkshire Association for their wonderful hospitality (applause). It seemed to him, said the President, that they had been a long time coming to



Yorkshire, but it had given the association a long time to save up (laughter). He would like to thank particularly Mr. Percy Johnson and his committee for all the arrangements they had made. The Council would agree they could not have done better (applause). They also thanked Dr. Moody, the organist of Ripon Cathedral, for the time he gave them on the previous day in conducting them round Fountains Abbey. They also thanked Mr. G. F. Woodhouse for bringing his ringing machine for their inspection and spending so much time in demonstrating it. Then they had to thank the Church authorities for the use of the various bells on which they had been ringing and the towerkeepers for having these bells in good order. Finally they had to thank Mr. Sherwood, who organised the coach trip, for the efficient way that was done.—The motion was carried by acclamation.

Canon G. F. Coleridge moved a vote of thanks to the president. Although that was the closing meeting of that session, he hoped they would find him in the chair again next year (applause). He thanked the president for the interest he took in the Council, and also Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and the librarian for all the work they put in on behalf of the Council (applause).

This concluded the business and the Council then rose.

#### YORKSHIRE HOSPITALITY.

Afterwards the members and their friends were entertained to a meat tea at the Constitutional Club. A large party sat down and enjoyed a substantial meal.

Canon Marshall, in a happy speech, said they were proud to have the Council in Leeds. It was the first time the Central Council had honoured them with its presence in the city, and he hoped it would not be very many years before they came again. They had endeavoured to make the members enjoy themselves during their stay and had shown them some of the beauties of that great county (applause). One of the great difficulties in the Yorkshire Association was that they had to cover the whole of that huge county, of which the Council had seen just a wee bit on their tour the previous day. Perhaps the members of the Council would now sometimes sympathise with the officers of the association when they thought of what they had to do. They hoped the Council would take away happy memories of Yorkshire, of the broad acres and of the queer folk (laughter and applause).

Mr. P. J. Johnson added a word of welcome. They had saved up for some years to give the Council this welcome, said Mr. Johnson, amid laughter. He specially thanked Mr. Sherwood for his help, saying he did not know what he would have done without him. Neither did he know what Mrs. Sherwood had done without him (laughter). It was only their wives who knew how much time ringers spent away from home—the ringers themselves didn't (laughter). Mr. Sherwood had travelled over the county many times to fix up the outing which they had had on the previous day, and he had taken immense trouble. The committee felt more than gratified that the Council had enjoyed themselves. Leeds was the finest city in the finest county in England, and he hoped it would not be long before the Council came there again (applause).

The President said they were very grateful for all that had been done for them. They had had a marvellous time, and he thought the best way he could sum it up was in the words of one member, who wanted to propose that the meeting of the Council be held at Leeds permanently (laughter). He thanked the Yorkshire Association and the committee very sincerely for all they had done to make the meeting such a success.

After ringing at various churches in the evening, a social was held at headquarters (the Griffin Hotel), and the hours passed rapidly in friendly intercourse, music and handbell ringing. Further votes of thanks were passed in warm-hearted speeches, and the health of a number of people was drunk with musical honours. It was in the 'wee sma' coors' that the company finally broke up after one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings in the history of the Council.

During two days, Mr. G. F. Woodhouse had his wonderful ringing machine on view, and each evening demonstrated it to wondering and admiring groups of ringers. Its ingenuity staggered them, especially when, while one method was being rung, the machine was set to ring another and touches in 'spliced' methods were performed.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, convener of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee, writes: 'Until I read the report of the Central Council proceedings in "The Ringing World," a mistake in the Literature and Press Committee's report had escaped my notice. In the last paragraph on broadcasting the reference should have been to Coronation Day, 1938—not 1937—that is, to the anniversary of the Coronation. I shall be much obliged to you if you will publish this correction, with apologies for the error.'

## NOTICES.

All communications should be sent to **THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD,' LOWER PYRFORD ROAD, WOKING, SURREY.**

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 16th. Service in Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. Preacher, Bishop R. G. Shedden, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**COMBINED MEETING.**—Ladies' Guild (Southern District) annual meeting, and Guildford Diocesan Guild (Guildford District) quarterly meeting, at Pirbright on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden, near Solihull, Warwickshire, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horsham St. Faith's on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Munden on July 16th. Service, tea and meeting will be as usual. Kindly send a card if you are coming as catering facilities are not easy here. All ringing friends welcomed. Buses from Hertford Car Park to Dane End 10 minutes to every hour; nine minutes later from Ware level crossing.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.**—Reopening of the bells, restored in a new frame and rehung, through the generosity of Mr. W. J. Nevard, by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, on July 16th. Dedication service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester. Good train service to Bentley and back in the evening.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., N.E. Div. Essex Association.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 16th, at Hough-on-the-Hill. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Usual arrangements. Tea and business meeting at the School.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Salisbury Branch. — Meeting at Wilton (the Carpet Town) on Saturday, July 16th. Strange but magnificent church, with 110 ft. campanile. Ringing on 6 bells (tenor 8 cwt.) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Direct bus service every ten minutes from Salisbury Market (return fare 5d.).

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Birstwith, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short service in the church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A short business meeting will be held immediately after tea.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Beaminster on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8), recently rehung by Taylors, available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — The July quarterly meeting will be held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at Denbigh Arms at a moderate charge, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch will be held at Flixton on July 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Price of tea 1s. 3d.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**SPECIAL SUMMER ATTRACTION.**—The Loughborough district of the Midland Counties Association will be holding a meeting at Copt Oak on July 16th, and would welcome visitors from all parts. See the beauties of the glorious Charnwood Forest, and brush up your Minor methods at the same time. Tea on Vicarage lawn at 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't forget p.c. for tea to H. O. Over, Huglescote.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—An extra meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Branston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 16th. Tea will be served at a very moderate charge.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Eling on Saturday, July 16th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5. Diben bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—Mid-quarterly meeting at Peatling Parva, July 16th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Condover, Saturday, July 16th. Nice ring of 8. Usual arrangements.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The contest for the Society's Silver Cup will take place at Clowne Church, Clowne, near Chesterfield, on Saturday, July 16th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Open ringing after contest. For tea please notify Mr. W. Kennan, c/o Mr. Cleavis, 13, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Trowell on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged close to church. Plenty of buses. Subscriptions are now overdue. Will members kindly oblige? Come and try this little peal of six where the president of the Central Council spent his early days in ringing, also the district secretary. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Farndon on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Secretary, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The Bishop of Guildford will dedicate two new bells at Ewhurst (present peal of six) on July 17th at 3.15 p.m. The Rector of Ewhurst kindly invites district ringers to the ceremony. Please note change of address.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Sec., 26, Curling Vale, Guildford.

**EWHURST, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday, July 17th, at 3.15 p.m. The former ring of six restored, augmented to eight and hung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — Practices for July—all at 7.30 p.m.: \*19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 21st, St. Magnus; 26th, Southwark Cathedral. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**KIRTLINGTON, OXON.**—At 6.30 p.m., on Thursday, July 21st, the Rev. Canon Batchelor, D.C.L., will dedicate the ring of eight bells which has been restored and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexley, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (recently augmented to 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, July 19th. Half-fares, maximum 2s., will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (N. and E. District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify numbers for tea to B. Spencer, Churchyard Cottage, N. Mimms, Hatfield. — Harold V. Frost and Gilbert R. Goodship, Dis. Secs.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Western District. — Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (a delightful 8) ready from 3. To make the necessary arrangements, those who require tea (at 5.15 p.m.) are asked to let me know by the Thursday previous. Friends from *Beds and Bucks* cordially invited. — W. Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley, between Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley, on Sat., July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at The White Hart. All visitors welcome. — W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Association will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Elveden. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome to this beauty spot. — R. Sharpe and A. Harrison, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Castle Ashby on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30. Permission to walk round Castle Grounds. Make up your mind and send me a card re tea. — Arthur Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, July 23rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.). Will members intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting. — A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD**.—Annual Festival at Brecon, July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon W. J. Thomas, Vicar of Gorseinon. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify number for tea to L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Acton. Parish Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room, free, at the invitation of the Rector, but guaranteed only to those who notify the undersigned by July 21st. Reports available, subscriptions due. — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**.—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., and at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) after tea. Please advise numbers for tea, Parish Hall, 9d. each. — H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Names for tea (at a charge of 1s. 6d.) to Mr. F. S. Ricketts, Church Street, Helmsley, before Wednesday, the 20th. A hearty welcome from all concerned to all interested, a beautiful and interesting church, and a fine day? — Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Northern District.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**. — The summer festival at Wisbech on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. — Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Luton District. —Quarterly meeting at Woburn on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers. — F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Liss on Saturday, July 23rd. New ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Business meeting follows. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, July 20th. — C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Have you sent your contribution to the Farnham Royal Restoration Fund (J. J. Parker Memorial)? — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, the 20th? — Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone, on Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by July 20th. — J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Gainford on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Whitminster on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by 19th inst. — W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet (St. Mary's) on Saturday, July 23rd. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cole, 26, Exchange Street, Leeds, by July 20th. All Balm Road trams from near City station pass the church. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Burton District.—The summer meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Usual tea arrangements. A good attendance is requested, so that a hearty welcome may be given to the newly-appointed Rector of Seale, Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, M.A. Wednesday, July 20th, last day for postcard re tea. Thank you. — J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present for tea please inform me by Tuesday, July 19th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Iron Acton, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please endeavour to attend this affiliated tower.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Draycott on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. W. Shelley, The Wentlow, Tean, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than July 20th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wool on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. West Lulworth bells (6) also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Merville on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Queen Camel bells also available. Postcard for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Branch Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m., collection for Bell Restoration Fund. Tea 6 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please let Rev. R. D. St. G. Edwards, Checkendon Rectory, know how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the School, at 1s. 3d. per head. Everybody is welcome, only send a postcard to Mr. G. Elsom, Elsham, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous, and reserve your tea. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**WINWICK, HUNTS.**—The dedication of the restored peal of five bells on Wednesday, July 27th, at 7.45 p.m., by the Right Rev. H. Crotty, D.D. All ringers welcome.—K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Ely Diocesan Association.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Old Glossop Parish Church on July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting from 7.30 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), on Saturday, July 30th. Business meeting (election of a committee man) at 6.30 p.m. in the tower. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe, near Rochester, July 30th. Full particulars next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

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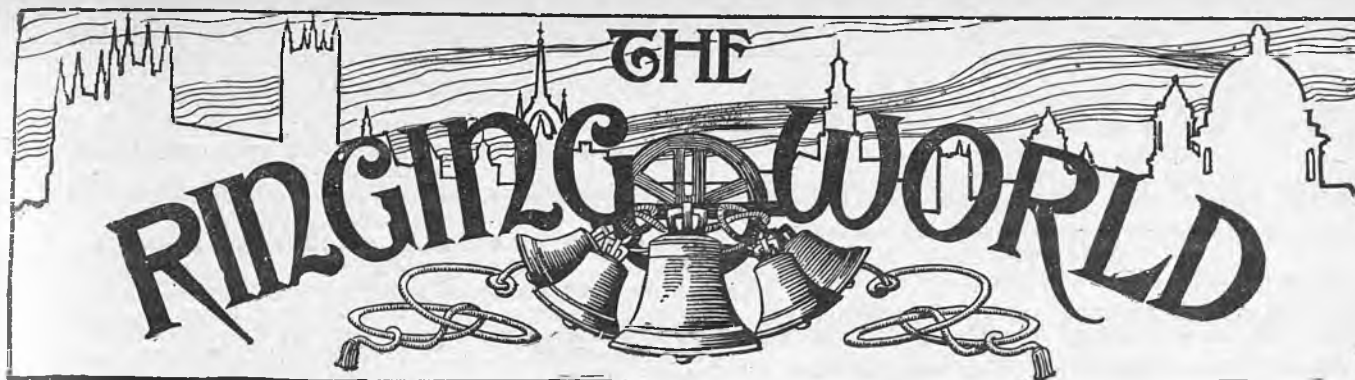
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## AMBITIONS.

The art of ringing lends itself to a variety of ambitions, and generation after generation of men has striven to raise new standards, until in some directions there seem to be no more worlds to conquer. Yet ever, in new ways and in old, there is some phase in which individuals find an outlet for their energies, for the gratifying of ambitions beyond the reach of their neighbours. Ambitions lie in numerous and interesting and in some cases curious directions. Longer lengths, more peals, more methods, more towers, more heavy tenors, even more bad-going bells—these are some of the ways in which ringers satisfy their enthusiasm.

We record this week yet another step in raising the number of Minor methods in a peal. The Cheshire band have carried the total to eighty-four, and one begins to wonder when finality in this direction will be reached. There must be an end somewhere, imposed by the mathematical limitations of the process of adding method to method, but where this is, short of a different method for every lead, it is unsafe to prophesy. One not only marvels at the ability of men who can ring these complicated peals, but at the skill and patience of those who build them up on paper. It is the ambition of such people that has carried method ringing to the high standard which it has now reached, and which is leading ever towards new developments.

In a different field we record to-day the fulfilment of another ambition. The veteran, Mr. William Fussell, has completed the desire of a long lifetime by finishing off a peal in every county in England and Wales. His peal at Beaumaris, in the island of Anglesey, is the culmination of a long quest, and he is the first to reach the goal. Mr. Fussell is one of the most travelled of all ringers. He organised the Australian tour, he has rung in New Zealand, he has visited Scotland and Ireland and, as we have mentioned, has penetrated every county of his native land and the Principality of Wales. Ringers will congratulate him upon achieving final success, which he has reached in his 77th year. As an individual ambition it has been a meritorious and interesting one, but it is not without its value as an example to the Exercise. The wider one travels the more one gains, not only in experience and knowledge, but in friendships, and the appreciation of the good qualities of others. The man who never rings but in his own tower, who does not share the social side of ringing, which means comradeship, has but a limited vision of all that is best in connection with our art. Not everyone is able to explore the world of ringing as Mr. Fussell has done, but what he has achieved is an ambition that others might emulate with advantage to themselves and the furtherance of the cause we all have at heart.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 8
SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 4	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 10
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 6	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the centenary of the  
city of Birmingham and the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke  
and Duchess of Gloucester.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt, 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 2	*FRANK K. MEASURES... .. 8
*RALPH NARBOROUGH... .. 3	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 9
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 4	*GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 10
*ERNEST W. BRADSMOORE... .. 5	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 11
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 6	*ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band,  
on the bells, in the diocese and by the association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER ... .. Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY ... .. 6
THOMAS MILLER ... .. 3	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 7
GEOFFREY D. PRATT ... .. 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Specially arranged as an 80th birthday  
compliment to Thomas Miller.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
JOHN BEST ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr. 26 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... .. 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2	JOHN SMITH ... .. 6
BERNARD C. ASHFORD ... .. 3	WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7
*ERNEST HALL ... .. 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

\* First peal of Triples.



## BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD  
AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. 7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 4	EDWARD PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2	HERBERT A. MCKINNELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 7
*ALBERT FORD ... .. 4	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung for the Manchester centenary celebrations.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

*STANLEY A. WOODING ... Treble	E. GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 5
JOSEPH H. WICKS ... .. 2	HORACE H. BARDEN ... .. 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 25. Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON-DRAGE ... .. 6
*WILLIAM J. VANN ... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7
*ERNEST J. WELLS ... .. 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

\* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF NEWBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD LUCK ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal in the method.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

A. THOMAS CHINERY ... Treble	CHARLES W. SMITH ... .. 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 6
STANLEY H. GOODWIN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

## BOCKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 6
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. L. E. Pitstow. First peal of London as conductor.

## OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Seales, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, M.A.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the treble ringer.

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 3	HERBERT CHADDOCK ... .. 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The composition, No. 433, was rung for the first time.

## ASHTED, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble	GEORGE H. F. MARRINER ... 5
JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 3	JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

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

VICARS'.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
WILLIAM CROSS ...	... Treble	*JAMES CROSSLEY ...	5
WALTER GORTON ...	... 2	ROBERT EASTHAM ...	6
HAROLD GORTON ...	... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
*WILFRED JOHNSON ...	... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSELEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gorton and Mr. Gorton's 77th birthday. Also for the centenary of Bolton's incorporation.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ...	... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ...	5
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	6
TOM SAUNDERS ...	... 3	HORACE WHITEHEAD ...	7
WILLIAM BIDNELL ...	... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Major in the method.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5
FREDERICK G. SMITH ...	... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET ...	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ...	7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ...	... 4	ERNEST W. PYE ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY G. RIDGWAY ...	... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
JOHN A. GREEN ...	... 2	A. NUNNELEY WOOD ...	6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	... 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS ...	7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ...	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

The conductor's one hundredth peal. Composition No. 202 in Central Council's 'Collection.'

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BURLEY P. MORRIS ...	... Treble	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ...	5
ARTHUR BIGLEY ...	... 2	ALBERT E. PLOWMAN ...	6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	... 3	WALTER PERKINS ...	7
HARRY CHAMBERS ...	... 4	SAMUEL FARKETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Perkins.

CHERITON, HANTS.—On Thursday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Shaw 1, E. Lane 2, H. Newnham 3, A. Tremear (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, L. Tremear (conductor) 5, W. Sims (first quarter-peal) 6. This was rung after meeting short for a peal attempt, and Mr. Sims, the local captain, kindly rang the tenor. He was unable to stand the time required for a peal, owing to the results of an accident. The other ringers are from New Alresford.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cuneastre, Annable's, Rossendale, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ...	... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ...	4
ARTHUR PANTHER ...	... 2	HAROLD CHANT ...	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ...	... 3	DANIEL SMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. H. Crossland, aged 93, who was a ringer at this church for over 60 years.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, York, Snowdrop and Nelson Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILFRED BROADHEAD ...	... Treble	CLIFFORD ROBINSON ...	4
HERMAN RUSBY ...	... 2	NOEL MOXON ...	5
*FREDERICK RUSBY ...	... 3	DANIEL SMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Crossland for his 93rd birthday.

WOODLESFORD, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE WARD ...	... Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL ...	4
ARTHUR G. WOOD ...	... 2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ...	5
PERCY MASSAM ...	... 3	*HARRY HOMER ...	Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

\* First attempt for a peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Taylor and Co.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.  
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ...	... Treble	HENRY CARNWELL ...	4
EDWARD STEEL ...	... 2	JOHN G. CARLIDGE ...	5
NEVILLE HOLLAND ...	... 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ...	or

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN NORRIS ...	... Treble	*JOHN ROBINSON ...	4
CHARLES W. METCALF ...	... 2	JOE READER ...	5
JOHN R. WILSON ...	... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal of Minor.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): S. Oughton 1, P. Stone 2, A. Bristow 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal for S. and S. J. Oughton, and the first quarter-peal 'inside' for A. Bristow.

**BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,**

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 4
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES  
\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

**DISLEY, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

Being seven extents in 84 methods, viz. :-

1. Freiston, Candlesby, Butterwick, Tattershall, Benington, Langton, Frampton, Alford, Denton, Poynton, Sutton, Chelford, Wrangle, Leake Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
2. Double Oxford Bob, London Bob, Lytham Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, College, Childwall Bob, Wavertree College, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob.
3. Rostherne, Chepstow, Wilmslow, Balmoral, Knutsford, Skipton, Bogedone, Fotheringay, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise.
4. Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston, Clarence Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
5. Oakley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Pontefract and Wath Delight.
6. Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight.
7. Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham, Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	ERNEST BENNETT ... 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

178 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. Denton, Poynton, Sutton and Chelford Alliance are now rung for the first time.

**GAMSTON, NOTTS.**

**THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Oxford combined, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. WILSON ... Treble	*JOE READER ... 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal 'inside' in more than three methods.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**

**THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.**

*On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.**

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... Treble	GEORGE H. TAYLOR ... 4
CONRAD PHILLIPS ... 2	WILLIAM MULCOCK ... 5
WILLIAM C. SCRIVENS ... 3	JOHN LINDON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. TAYLOR.

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**BRASTED, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,**

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

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*ANTHONY BARKER ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... 4
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 5
JOHN O. WELLER ... 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

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**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,**

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

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

S. GEORGE VESSEY ... Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 4
JACK C. VRSSEY ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Sydney G. Davies to Miss Marjorie I. Mayer, which took place in Lincoln the previous day.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

**SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, July 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,*

**AT GLYN GARTH,**

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung on the fifteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson.

**GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTERS ROAD,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

JOHN ANDERSON ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7-8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**KELHAM, NOTTS.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty Minutes,*

**AT THE HOUSE OF THE SACRED MISSION,**

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

THOMAS BARLOW BROWN ... 1-2	ALFRED FRANCIS SARGENT ... 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

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## PEAL NOTES.

### MR. W. H. FUSSELL'S RECORD.

Mr. William H. Fussell, the doyen of ringing travellers, has just consummated one of the great ambitions of his life. He has now succeeded in ringing a peal in every county in England and Wales, an achievement which no one else has yet managed to complete.

In every other county in these two countries he had rung a peal except the island of Anglesey, where there is only one ring of eight—at Beaumaris. For years Mr. Fussell had waited for an opportunity; it came rather unexpectedly on July 9th, when a band gathered from Chester and Bangor and the record was made.

It is 25 years since the last peal was rung there, and the visitors highly appreciate the kind welcome of the Vicar (the Rev. Rummage) and the courteous attention of the tower foreman (Mr. R. Jones).

During his visit to Chester, Mr. Fussell also scored two other peals, one at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls and the other at St. Mary's-within.

The centenary of the city of Birmingham was last week celebrated by a series of important events. St. Martin's Guild, which was in existence 60 years before the incorporation of the city, fittingly marked the auspicious occasion with a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Parish Church.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. E. Haynes) rang the tenor and has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Morris J. Morris rang his 400th peal. One hundred and eighteen out of his total have been peals of Stedman Cinques.

Manchester has also been celebrating its centenary, and at Miles Platting on July 12th a commemorative peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung. The composition which was rung, conducted by the composer, Mr. C. K. Lewis, has previously been published to Rochester Surprise. The band are indebted to Mr. Alfred Barnes, who filled a gap at the last moment.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott, Staffs, was celebrated by a peal of Minor at their Parish Church. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

### A BIRMINGHAM VETERAN.

Tom Miller (he will pardon us the omission of the prefix Mr. on this occasion) has been one of the best known figures in Birmingham ringing circles for two generations. He has just celebrated his 80th birthday by ringing in a peal of Bob Major at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, where he rang his first peal in February, 1878—over 60 years ago.

The method was appropriate, for is it not Tom who sings a song about 'Sweet Bob Major'? But whether or no, Tom is a great raconteur, and the tales he can tell of long past days; of the days of Henry Johnson and Harry Bastable and others—when men were men and beer was beer—are worth going a long way to listen to. Many happy returns of the day, Tom!

A peal that was 'a real tough job' was rung at Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire (tenor 24 cwt.), the heaviest ring of six in the county, on July 15th. The last peal on the bells was in 1911.

The Midland Counties Association was credited, on Saturday, with its first peal of Bob Maximus. It was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on the nearest available date to the Patronal Saint's Day, and not only was it the first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band, but also the first twelve-bell peal by no fewer than seven of the ringers, while for eight of them it completed the series of peals of Plain Bob on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, and Mr. Ernest Morris has now called a peal of each.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Rock, Worcestershire, was arranged to enable Mr. Ernest Hall, of Kidderminster, to ring his first peal of Triples on the bells of his native parish, where he first learnt to ring.

The bells of Woodlesford, Yorks, have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the first peal on them since 1910 was rung on July 9th in seven Minor methods.

Four birthdays were celebrated with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Folkestone on Saturday; those of Mrs. H. Baker (Fritten-den), G. Kenward, L. J. Honess and the conductor (Mr. T. E. Sone). The peal composition (Arthur Knights' No. 189) was rung for the first time.

Another of Mr. Knights' Treble Bob compositions was rung for the first time on Saturday, when he called his No. 433 at Eckington.

For over 60 years Mr. H. Crossland was a regular ringer at Cawthorne, Yorkshire, and rang in winning teams in ringing contests when he was 81 and 82 years of age. He has recently passed the 93rd milestone, and his friends rang two peals of Minor at Cawthorne in honour of the event, the first on July 2nd, the second before evensong on the following day. Except the conductor, Mr. D. Smith (of Felkirk tower), all the ringers who took part in this latter peal are regular service ringers at Cawthorne Church.

Mr. Crossland is still active and thinks he could still ring if it were not for the climb up the steps to the ringing room.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the first attempt on Saturday at Hollesley, Suffolk.

What has been described to us as an 'old crocks' band, rang a peal at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday. All the ringers had taken part in peals at Ashted over 30 years ago, the first peal in the tower of each individual having been as follows: A. H. Winch 1902, J. Beams 1896, A. C. Otway 1897, F. G. Woodiss 1906, G. H. Marriner 1904, C. Hazelden 1902, J. Hoyle 1898; J. H. B. Hesse 1903.

(Continued in next column.)

## BELLRINGING NOT A DEAD ART.

### RINGING CLERIC REPLIES TO PESSIMISTS.

The Macclesfield and Stockport Branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting at Bollington on Saturday week, when 36 members and friends attended. The bells of St. John's Church were kept going to various standard methods, and a ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Ollier. Before commencing the service he apologised for the absence of the Vicar, due to holidays.

In a very interesting address, the Rev. C. R. Ollier pointed out the part played by ringers in church life, and deplored the attitude of some people who think that ringers have no part in the affairs of the Church, as though the tower and belfry were separate from the nave and chancel of the church. Bellringing, he went on to say, was essentially a British art and the sound of church bells calling them to church was as big a tradition as the 'roast beef of old England.' He said that in some quarters the pessimists would tell them that bellringing was a dead art, that young men would not learn to ring, but, looking round the gathering that afternoon and from his own experience as a ringer, it could be said that this was definitely not so.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, 'dropped' in just in time for a touch of Double Norwich before tea, and, after ringing the tenor, was successful on this occasion in obtaining the measurements of the bell. It is understood his venue for Sunday was Gawsorth and Higher Sutton, making three more towers to his already large collection.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Kingdon, was elected an honorary member and the Rev. C. R. Ollier a ringing member of the Macclesfield Branch. Other business was of a routine nature.

The Stockport Branch secretary (Mr. K. Lewis) thanked the Macclesfield Branch for their kindness and hospitality, and proposed to return the hospitality by arranging a joint meeting at Disley on September 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. R. Ollier for conducting the service and meeting concluded the business. Further use was then made of the bells until 9 p.m., on enjoyable time having been spent by all.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Henfield on Wednesday, July 6th. Members attended from twelve Sussex towers, and visitors from London, Tring, Croydon and Plymouth were present during the evening, making in all an attendance of 40.

The bells were available from 2.30, and during the course of the day ringing was heard ranging from rounds to London Surprise. A peal of handbells was also in use after tea, and the weather made it possible to hold the business meeting and the handbell ringing in the open air.

The election of Mr. J. Hobden, of Burgess Hill, was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. R. Overy, seconded by Mr. A. Brown.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was taken by the Rev. C. E. Tuppen, of Lower Beeding, who took as his text the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe to me, if I preach not the Gospel.' The preacher pointed out that the sound of the bells was always a constant reminder that the Gospel was preached in the place where they sounded, and to those who were unable to attend service they themselves acted as the voice of the Church.

## ANOTHER SURPRISE METHOD.

(Continued from previous column.)

The Hertfordshire Surprise experts have added another new method to their rapidly growing list—Newbury—which they rang at Bushey on July 14th without any previous practice. For Messrs. Maurice Hibbert and H. G. Cashmore it was the thirtieth Surprise Major method in which they have rung a peal. The method is one of the 'Cambridge' group, but has repeating work after bobs, on the Treble Bob principle.

We are glad to see the Midland Counties 'Wednesday' band in the news again. Last week Mr. Maurice Swinfield called another new peal of Stedman Triples—Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's six-part, No. 25. It was rung at Burton-on-Trent.

A peal of Bob Major was rung on the back eight of the twelve at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on July 14th.

Mr. Walter Gorton has been a regular ringer at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, for 53 years, and he has just celebrated his golden wedding and his 77th birthday. A peal in honour of these events was rung at the Saviour's Church on July 16th. It also marked the centenary of the granting of the charter of incorporation to Bolton.

The seventieth birthday of Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, Northants, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples, which he called, on Saturday. Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex, should have been in the peal, but weather conditions prevented him getting there.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to Birmingham, the centenary of the city and the tercentenary of three of the bells at St. Edburga's Church were celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Yardley.



**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

The annual ringing festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd. Over 100 ringers from all parts of Cornwall were present, including Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master) and Col. C. F. Jerram (Assistant Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (diocesan secretary), Messrs. H. Ransom and P. Williams (branch secretaries). An apology was received from Dr. J. Symons (president). Seven towers in the district were open, and the bells were rung in rounds, call-changes, Grandsire and Stedman.

Service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Marsh (Rector). The address was given by the Archdeacon of Bodmin (Canon Williamson), who stressed the importance of the work done by ringers. The bells, he said, were rung to tell people to come to church or, if people preferred to go away for pleasure, the bells reminded them of their duty to God and they should ask God for His blessing on what they intended doing.

Tea was served in the Callington Town Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, seconded by Mr. H. Ransom. The Rev. W. H. Marsh, replying, said he was pleased to see several of the clergy present. He thought it was their duty to take an interest in ringers and attend their meetings.

Mr. Southeard said he hoped the time would come when ringers in Cornwall would take an interest in the Guild, not only as bands, but as individuals, as in other guilds and associations. He spoke of the work of the Central Council and pointed out that their interest was not confined to change ringers, but they looked after the interests of all ringers.

After tea the ringers returned to the towers, where the bells were kept going until late in the evening.

**RINGER'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS.**

Mr. Alfred Rowley, who has been a bellringer for 51 years, is a life member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and who lives at Cranfield, Castle Road, Tipton, Staffordshire, has recently presented a set of handbells (14 in number, in the key of A) to the Parish Church of St. James, Bishampton, in the diocese of Worcester. Mr. A. Rowley's brother, who passed away seven years ago, was formerly a police officer at Bishampton and the donor often stayed in the parish.

A short service of dedication was held by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wilkinson) during evensong on Sunday, July 26th.

Mr. Rowley commenced his bellringing at the tower of St. Peter's Church, Martley, in the diocese of Worcester, with the present Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, and is well known in the various towers in the dioceses of Worcester, Lichfield and Birmingham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED FORMATION OF BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday and attended by ringers from all parts of the county. A service in the Cathedral was conducted by Provost Morrow, and an address was given by the Rev. Hamish Gray, of Seven Kings, formerly Precentor at the Cathedral. The lesson was read by the Master of the association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, of Great Baddow.

At the annual meeting which followed in the Chapter House, the Master (who presided) was re-elected and thanked, as were the other officers, including the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. L. J. Clark, of Chelmsford) and the peal secretary (Mr. L. W. Wiffen). The Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing) was added to the vice-presidents.

The Master's report mentioned that the number of towers in affiliation showed a decrease of one, the number now being 106. The membership had increased by eight, as follows: Honorary members 85, ringing members 766, non-resident 263, total 1,114. The district meetings had not been quite so well attended as last year, the average attendance being 36 members, against 40. The number of peals rung during the year showed an increase of 23 on the previous year, and although only 25 rang their first peals against 33 the previous year, 96 rang their first in the method against 76, and three conducted their first peal. The standard of ringing was well maintained and St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung for the first time. The conducting of these peals was shared by 34 members. A very satisfactory restoration of the peal at Great Waltham had been carried out. Mr. W. J. Nevard was setting an excellent example by having the peal of eight at Great Bentley rehung at his own expense. It was proposed to add two trebles to the existing ring at Dagenham to make a peal of eight, and this was to be carried out soon.

The financial position of the association was satisfactory and the Bell Restoration Fund had a balance in hand of £69 8s. 4d.

The formation of a Benevolent Fund was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk, of Wanstead, and, after discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the General Committee.

Mr. E. J. Butler referred to the fact that next year the association would celebrate its diamond jubilee.—It was left to the committee to consider steps to celebrate the occasion.

Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Ringing took place during the day at the Cathedral and at eleven other churches in the district. Methods from Doubles up to Cambridge and Superlative Maximus were rung. One energetic band, having rung at all the twelve towers which were officially open, were only satisfied after having obtained permission to visit the thirteenth.

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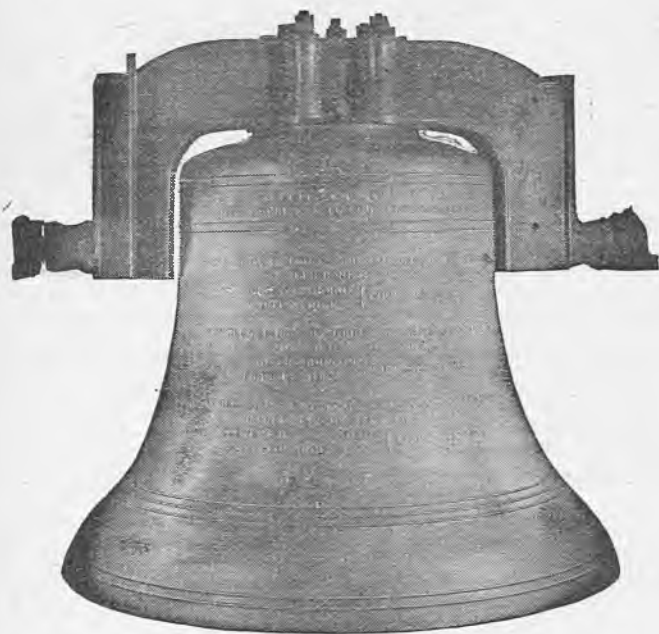
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restored bells of Tynemouth will be dedicated on Saturday at 6.30 p.m.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has had to transpose the dates of two of its meetings. The meeting on July 30th will be at Farnborough instead of Hawley.

The High Court meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters is to be held in the Rochester District. There will be a parade service at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, July 31st. Any brethren attending the service who are ringers will be welcomed in the belfry of the Cathedral at 9.30 a.m., also in the following towers at about 5.30 p.m. for evening service ringing: Frindsbury, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester (St. Margaret's) and Rainham.

Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, are to repair the frame at Eynesbury, Hunts, and rehang and quarter-turn the bells with new gudgeons and bearings and adjust the clappers.

A lady's umbrella was left in the belfry at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, after the Ladies' Guild meeting. It will be returned to the owner if she will apply to the hon. secretary.

Two trebles have been added to make a peal of eight, two bells recast and a complete restoration carried out at Ewhurst, Surrey. The work, done by the Loughborough Foundry, was dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday afternoon. The trebles are the gift of a parishioner, the rest of the work has been done by the Barron Trust.

Over 100 ringers and friends visited Brasted on Saturday, July 9th, and were entertained to tea by Mr. E. H. Lewis. This was the summer meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association. A further report of the proceedings will appear next week.

Flying Officer Cyril Bunch, a ringer at Yateley, Hants, won the Grand Aggregate at the National Rifle Association's meeting at Bisley last week.

## VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Many requests have been made by parties of visiting ringers to ring the newly-restored peal at Bournemouth Parish Church, and in most cases permission has been granted.

The Vicar has asked me to bring to the ringers' notice, through 'The Ringing World,' that whilst he is ready to assist the Exercise in every way possible, he may be forced to refuse some requests by reason of the situation of the tower in the centre of the town.

I would like to point out that we welcome visiting ringers to join in our practices, Thursday evenings, and also on Sundays at 9.30 a.m., 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 in the evening.

Perhaps organisers of outings who had thought of Bournemouth this year will be able to defer their visit until another season.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, St. Peter's Tower Captain.

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## YOUNG RINGERS.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BEGINNING EARLY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was glad to see lately that somewhere ex-choirboys were being enlisted as ringers, for I was about to make the same suggestion. When their voices break and they are no more use in that way, it is a means of keeping them as churchworkers when there is a chance of their dropping off: besides, being thus kept in touch with the church, they are more likely to return to the choir when their voices are set. I noted in the issue of April 22nd that a parish council had ordered that no one under 14 should be allowed to ring, and I have a strong impression that this council was exceeding its powers, for I have always understood that the incumbent was the sole authority for any use of the bells.

My suggestion for getting recruits is that the foreman should ask the parish priest to put an article in the parish magazine, showing how *anyone* may become a ringer. Some such points as the following might be given, and perhaps others may add to them: It is really important to begin early, and there actually are ringers of 13 and even younger. It is not heavy work, as a rule, and boys are quite able to do it. There are no social distinctions among ringers, and the public school boy, the plough boy, the errand boy or the elementary school boy are equally welcome.

A reason for such an article is that there must be many who love bells, but have no idea how to set about ringing. I have been keenly interested in bells as long as I can remember, but it never came into my head to enter a tower. I had a sort of idea that I should be looked upon as a trespasser, and it was not until my last year at Oxford that I found out that I might be a ringer. What a difference it would have made if I had come up at least knowing how to handle a bell. Quite lately I came across a man in middle life who has now taken up ringing, and he told me that in his young days he had often asked how he might set about it, but no one could ever tell him!

It so happens that during the last few years I have had to do with a large number of young men who have begun, but the majority have dropped off when daunted by the difficulties of the early stages in change ringing: other interests have then claimed their attention and brought their ringing to an end. If they had begun earlier and got over the difficult stages before other interests began to multiply, there would have been much less chance of their being turned aside.

W. C. B.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—28.****HAROLD G. CASHMORE.**

The amazing performances of Mr. Harold G. Cashmore, of Watford, in conducting peals of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells have excited profound admiration throughout the Exercise. With his colleagues, he has raised the standard of 'double-handed' change ringing to a level undreamed of a few years ago. Their successes have been no 'flash in the pan'; they have gone on from height to height and their progress has been due largely to Mr. Cashmore's skilled conducting. They began with two methods, and have now rung peals in all numbers up to six, and each time men wonder whether the limit of mental strain has been reached.

Mr. Cashmore, who was born at Apsley End, Herts, on March 23rd, 1904, from the very first showed the promise which has since brought him into prominence as a brilliant conductor. His first peal, rung at Bushey Heath on November 26th, 1921, was Superlative Surprise, and his first as conductor was in the same method at Oxhey on March 18th, 1924, while his first peal on handbells was Superlative, which he called from 3-4 on March 17th, 1927. It has, indeed, been the quality rather than the quantity of Mr. Cashmore's peals that has made him so outstanding a figure. His total is only 155, of which he has conducted 108, but no fewer than 30 different Surprise Major methods are included in his performances, 19 of them being the 'first ever,' and he has conducted a peal in each of them. He has rung 19 peals on handbells in Surprise Major methods, and has conducted 15 of them, including the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on handbells, rung on March 22nd, 1933. Another peal which ranks high in the annals of ringing and which he conducted is the only peal of Eryri Major, rung at Bushey on November 23rd, 1935.

It is not only in the actual ringing, however, that Mr. Cashmore excels. In producing some new Surprise methods and the peal compositions to which they have been rung he has shown the greatest ingenuity, and the contributions which he has made to the art put him for all time in the front rank of this generation of ringers.

**MR. HAROLD G. CASHMORE.****LADIES' AND GUILDFORD GUILDS ENTERTAINED.****A JOINT MEETING.**

In conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who held their nineteenth annual meeting, the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held an enjoyable meeting at Pirbright on Saturday. Nearly 40 members and visitors (including the general secretary of the Guild) attended, and were rewarded by a sumptuous strawberry tea, which was provided by the generosity of Mrs. Bruce, vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the Guild's service, and, taking as his theme the motto, 'I serve,' gave an address that was of real interest to bellringers.

At the business meeting which followed, a scheme for securing more honorary and ringing members was discussed, and it was unanimously decided that the district should participate.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mr. Walter Harrison, a vice-president of the Guild, in the bereavement suffered by the death of his daughter as the result of a motor accident.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to an attempt at London Surprise Minor. A touch of Double Oxford appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all the performers, and to be especially relished by the Guild general secretary.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, at which Mrs. Cope, of Guildford, was elected as an honorary member.

Mrs. Bruce was re-elected vice-president, and after much persuasion Miss H. Mills agreed to carry on as secretary. The committee and representatives to central committee were re-elected.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Yorktown on November 19th.

**NEW MINOR RECORD.****CHESHIRE RINGERS' 84-METHOD PEAL.**

Once more the record number of methods comprised in a peal of Minor in seven true extents has been raised. The Cheshire men, not to be outdone by the 80 methods of the Lincoln Guild ringers, on Saturday rang a peal in 84 methods at Disley. The first 720 included no fewer than 15 methods, 14 on the Alliance principle, completed with Bastow Little Court. The second 720 was made up of 13 plain methods. The other 720's have been rung in previous peals and are Treble Bob derivatives.

The Alliance extent was arranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis, who conducted the peal. He introduced four new methods into a 720 previously composed by Mr. A. G. Driver. The 13 plain methods extent was also Mr. Lewis' construction.

Since the Lincolnshire band entered into friendly rivalry, after the Chester Guild peal in 51 methods at Marple in 1935, the following is the progress of the record:—

Date	Place	No. of methods	Changes of method
June 13th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	57	196
Aug. 3rd, 1936	Whaplode, Lincs	60	199
Aug. 8th, 1936	Freiston, Lincs	61	196
Aug. 22nd, 1936	Marple, Cheshire	66	138
Sept. 5th, 1936	Disley, Cheshire	68	138
Dec. 5th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	70	173
June 12th, 1937	Buxton, Derbyshire	73	142
Dec. 4th, 1937	Algarkirk, Lincs	80	176
July 16th, 1938	Disley, Cheshire	84	178

**LADIES' GUILD.****REORGANISATION OF DISTRICT AREAS.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th, and was attended by 27 members. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening and covered a variety of methods. A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Moncrieff, curate.

After tea, to which 55 sat down, the business meeting was held, at which the president, Miss E. Steel, took the chair.

The accounts showed a much more satisfactory state of affairs, there being an excess of income over expenditure of £3 7s. 6d., as against 2½d. the previous year. The hon. treasurer pointed out that the balance would have been much larger had all outstanding subscriptions been paid.

The hon. secretary reported that the Guild was still progressing satisfactorily, and that the individual reports of the district secretaries would be embodied in the report to be published shortly.

Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Brasted, was elected an honorary member, and Miss Le Beau, of Bocking, a ringing member.

Miss Steel was unanimously re-elected president, and Mrs. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. The three representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected.

Mrs. Richardson reported on the Central Council meeting at Leeds. It was decided to inform the secretary of the Central Council that the Guild would be willing to fall in line with other associations, and would be prepared to purchase copies of the Surprise Major Method book to the value of £2.

The question of the division of districts was next discussed, and it was finally decided to alter and re-name some of the districts and to form one new district. The districts are now:—

1. **NORTHERN DISTRICT.**—To comprise the counties of Yorkshire and Lancashire and counties farther north.

2. **NORTH MIDLAND DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the present Lincoln District, and to comprise the counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire.

3. **SOUTH MIDLAND DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the present Northants District, and to comprise the counties of Northamptonshire, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.

4. **EASTERN DISTRICT.**—This to be a new district and to comprise the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and part of Essex.

5. **WESTERN DISTRICT.**—As at present, but to include the counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devonshire and Cornwall.

6. **SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**—As at present, but to include the counties of Hampshire, Berkshire and parts of Surrey and Sussex.

7. **LONDON DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the Central District and to comprise London, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Kent and parts of Surrey, Sussex and Essex.

It was proposed that as a new district was being formed in the Eastern Counties, the next annual general meeting be held at Ipswich.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, and to the officers of the Guild for their work during the past year.

**RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.**

On Sunday evening, June 26th, at St. Peter's, Leckhampton, Glos., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. W. Townsend, wife of the Ringing Master, who was laid to rest on Saturday, June 25th: W. Townsend 1, F. Pratt 2, A. Hunt 3, C. W. Martin 4, W. B. Harley 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6, T. Boreham 7, C. Richings 8.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

#### Bell Restoration Grants.

Although not so largely attended as in some previous years, the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Oxford was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Representatives were present from all three of the counties that go to make up the great diocese, and they began the day with service in Christ Church Cathedral. The Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge) officiated, Bishop Allen (Archdeacon of Oxford) read the lesson, the preacher was Bishop R. G. Shedden and the Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) also took part in the service, which was characterised by great heartiness in the singing.

Bishop Shedden took an unusual text upon which to base his address: 'And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall' (2. Cor. 11, 33). He described the escape of Paul from the Damascenes, and, referring to the group of men who lowered the basket, said their responsibility in handling the rope was the fulfilment of the purpose of God. The contribution of ringers in this generation to the cause of Christ was, he said, through the handling of the ropes. That contribution, as was the case with the men who let down St. Paul in the basket, might be of far wider merit and greater value than they themselves had any conception of. Many of them, perhaps, were ringers principally because they belonged to bell-ringing families. Their fathers and grandfathers, perhaps, were ringers before them, so were their brothers and their uncles and cousins. He knew how strong was the family attachment to things of this sort, particularly in villages and country towns. Or it might be that the fascination of change ringing had attracted them. But subconsciously there might have been a little bit more in it, and whether they realised it themselves or not their contribution was a very important one to the cause of Jesus Christ in this land. Week by week throughout England from thousands of church towers the bells were flinging out Christ's challenge to the world. But for the ringers in their little belfry chambers handling the ropes these bells would be dumb; the challenge would no longer make itself heard so vigorously and methodically throughout the length and breadth of the land.

In many a parish only a tiny handful might assemble itself in the House of God. That might be the fault of the parson, or the fault of the people, or, more probably, the fault of both, but at least the men who handled the ropes in the belfry were doing their bit and the challenge of Christ continued to be uttered. One thought to-day of the lands in which the challenge of Christ had been effectively silenced; of Asia Minor where no single Christian bell sounded through all the land; of Russia where the challenge was being steadily and systematically stamped out; of Spain where, until the rising of General Franco, the same thing was in progress; of Germany where men who ventured to proclaim Christ were placed in concentration camps. Should such a day ever come about in England when the powers that be should attempt to silence the challenge of Christ, he believed that in every town and village the bellringers would be among the first to rally as a bodyguard around their Church to defend the freedom of its teaching, its worship and its sacraments. The clergy were grateful to the ringers for what they were doing for the Church, they appreciated the skill the ringers brought to their task and they wished them 'good luck.'

The collection at the service in aid of the bell restoration fund amounted to £2 13s. 6d.

#### MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, presided over by the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge), supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the Rev. St. George Edwards (Vicar of Checkenden). Later in the meeting Bishop Shedden and Bishop Allen joined the members, about a hundred of whom were present, representing all the branches. Among the apologies for absence was one from Lord Nuffield.

The Master, Deputy Master, secretary and hon. secretary each presented a report showing a healthy state of affairs in the Guild. The membership continued satisfactory, although it was regretted that a few towers had fallen by the wayside, 238 being now in union, compared with 258 in the previous year. Honorary and life members numbered 228, and ringing members, including 450 non-resident life subscribers, 2,436. The number of peals rung in 1937 was 83, including many Surprise methods, and a goodly number of first peals by young ringers. The general funds of the Guild amounted to £292 7s. 6d., of which £121 11s. 5d. was in the Restoration Fund. The annual reports cost £26 12s. 8d. to produce, but only £1 10s. 8d. was received from the sale of 92 copies.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £118 8s. 3d., including £101 3s. 7d. from the branches. The expenses were £139 2s. 3d., leaving a balance of £96 1s. 11d. In addition the reserve fund has a balance of £74 14s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their services.

Canon Coleridge, in replying, said he wanted them distinctly to understand that while he was happy to do all he could for the Guild, he was willing to give way to a younger man, one who could get about better than he could and who had more leisure.

Mr. Tom Hibbert reminded the members that that was the 21st time they had re-elected him as secretary, and said he had nearly reached the 'allotted span.' If, he added, I am re-elected 21 times more, I shall be an oldish chap (laughter). I shall be pleased to do what I can for another year (applause).

The General Committee were re-elected, as were also the representatives on the Central Council (Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. E. Lock, A. D. Barker and R. A. Post).

The committee had recommended that the next annual festival be held at Oxford, but the 'usual' amendment that it be held at Reading was put forward. Reading, however, received only eleven votes and 'all the rest,' as the Master put it, voted for Oxford.

An appeal for the Canon Elsee memorial was received. The secretary said that while Canon Elsee was a great man in Lancashire and the Central Council, the Oxford Guild could not afford to put up stained glass windows in Lancashire. They wanted their money for their own restoration fund.

Mr. A. D. Cullum expressed the view that they should confine themselves to worthy objects in their own diocese.

It was decided to take no action on the appeal.

The question of revising the annual report was discussed and the matter was left to the officers and committee to deal with.

#### BELL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.

Considerable discussion took place on the wording of the committee's recommendation regarding restoration grants: 'That all branch grants be duplicated.' Some members of the committee held that that was not the decision of the committee. The secretary, quoting from the minutes of the committee, showed that the list as recommended had been passed by the committee, and in each case the amount was the same as the sum also voted by the branches concerned, except for Farnham Royal, where the branch amount was less. Eventually, however, the sums recommended by the committee were approved, viz.: Witney £5 5s., Stanton Harcourt £3 3s., Stonesfield £5 5s., Farnham Royal £10 10s., Aston Tirrold £3 3s., Kirtlington £10 10s.

An appeal for a grant to Wantage bell restoration fund was received. The secretary said Wantage was one of the foundation towers of the Guild in 1881; they had never seceded and never been in arrears.

Bishop Shedden said the estimate for the immediately necessary work was £259, while another £60 ought to be spent if they could afford it.

It was stated that £5 5s. had been voted from branch funds, and it was decided to vote another £5 5s. from the restoration fund.

An application had also been received from Wing. The Master said he had been waiting for further details, as they did not yet know what was to be done or what the cost would be.

Mr. Vickers asked the Guild to help Wing, which was an agricultural parish that had recently had to spend £1,000 on the church roof owing to the death-watch beetle.

The Hon. Treasurer said Wing joined the Guild in 1907, but in six years every man had fallen out of the Guild and they had never belonged to it since. He did not think they should deplete their restoration fund for a place which gave no support to the Guild.

It was decided to leave the application in abeyance.

Mr. W. J. Paice said a good deal of restoration work was going on in the diocese. It was interesting to know that Sandhurst bells were being rehung. Sandhurst had been a great place for ringing until recently. It was through holding a quarterly meeting of the Guild there that they found there was trouble with the bells, and inspection showed they wanted rehanging. It was being done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but there was no need for an appeal to the Guild; the cost was being met by a lady of the parish (applause).

A report on the Central Council meeting was the next item on the agenda. Both Mr. T. J. Fowler and Mr. A. Cullum pointed out that this was entirely unnecessary after the full report published in 'The Ringing World,' and this view was endorsed by the meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer, however, said there was one matter arising out of the meeting that should be brought before the members, and that was with regard to the Surprise Methods book. The various guilds and associations were to be asked to shoulder some of the expense of publishing it. It did not, he said, mean paying money out of the guild funds, but that some responsible person should take up a number of copies of the book for the sale to members of the Guild. He would be prepared to buy a few copies when it was published.

The Master emphasised that this book would be an important addition to the works of that kind on ringing. The collection of methods would be a valuable one and every ringer who could afford it should have a copy on his shelf.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 149 members since the last meeting, and this was agreed to.

The Deputy Master reported on the drafting of the new service form for the Guild. It had, he said, been compiled, and he was trying it out at various branch meetings and getting expressions of opinion and suggestions. It was now pretty well in its completed form.

Mr. W. Birmingham, referring to the suggestion in 'The Ringing World' that ringers should be represented on Diocesan Advisory Boards, asked whether there was any representative of that Guild on the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Board to assist them in their deliberations on matters relating to bells.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****KNUTSFORD'S OLD BELLS.**

When a meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch was held at Knutsford, some 45 members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on the fine peal of six bells by Rudhall. The weather was fine and warm and many spent an interesting afternoon exploring the interesting country town, which has close associations with Mrs. Gaskell, the novelist, to whom a monument has been erected in the centre of the town. For those who spent their time in the tower a variety of methods was rung, particular attention being paid to those who wished to try their hand at a new method and to the learners. In spite of the fact that the bells are hung the wrong way round, many good touches were rung.

The usual Guild form of service was employed and was conducted by the Vicar, who also contributed a very interesting address, basing his remarks on the antiquity of the metal used in the bells hung in the tower of his church. He said that they were originally a peal of four bells, and as such were mentioned in the Domesday book, but on transferring the bells to the present edifice from the old church, of which only slight traces remain, it was decided to make them into a peal of five by melting them down and recasting. This was done in the 18th century, when Rudhall, of Gloucester, was instructed to melt the old four bells down and make a peal of five. However, before the work was done, a public subscription was raised, and, as a result, a sixth bell was added to make the present peal. All down these long ages men had rung on these bells to call the people to worship, and, although we might think that at times the service of ringers was taken for granted, as it often was, he reminded them of the great privilege and duty which was theirs in calling together the people for the worship of God. He pointed out that unless the ringers themselves responded to that call, then much of its force was lost.

Tea followed, and, as the Vicar had to leave before the business meeting, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services. The business was then transacted under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, supported by the Rev. F. Bonner.

A report on the Guild committee meeting was presented, and it was decided to make the September meeting a joint meeting with the Macclesfield Branch. A resolution to send a letter to the Rev. Canon Calthrop, Rector of Stockport, expressing the wishes of the meeting for his happy retirement, was also passed.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the organist and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Further ringing was then enjoyed until a late hour, and those who did not wish to ring were very kindly escorted by Mr. Hough to Tatton Park, where an enjoyable time was spent in wandering through this pleasant spot.

**LUNCH IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL.**

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The Secretary said Canon Norris, who had rung bells in his time and knew a good deal about bells and ringing, was on the Board and was keenly interested to keep their end up.

Bishop Allen: He is chairman of the Advisory Committee.

A suggestion by the hon. secretary that the Deputy Master and the hon. treasurer should be allowed to claim their travelling expenses when attending branch annual meetings was referred to the next meeting of the committee after various members had supported the suggestion. The course taken was because the matter, being one of finance, must be put on the agenda, and Miss Robinson asked whether in the meantime the officials mentioned could not 'run up a little bill.'

The Master, however, frowned on this and it was not pressed.

This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the handsome dining hall of Christ Church, where they partook of luncheon, Canon Coleridge presiding, supported by Bishop Sheddin and Bishop Allen.

The toast of 'Church and State' was drunk on the call of the Master, who then tendered the thanks of the Guild to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and to the Governing Body of Christ Church for the facilities which had again been given them. He referred specially to the privilege of being allowed to use the great dining hall. There was, he said, no other Guild in the country which could hold its annual dinner in a building of that kind. Canon Coleridge also thanked Bishop Sheddin for his remarkable address, Bishop Allen for his kindness, and Dr. Armstrong, the organist.

The thanks having been endorsed with acclamation, Bishop Allen responded in a cheery speech of cordial welcome.

During the day many towers in Oxford were open for ringing, and the visitors were active throughout the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral (12), Magdalen College and New College (10), St. Giles', St. Ebbe's, All Saints' (8) and others.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****YOUNG MEMBERS IN EVIDENCE.**

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Sunderland on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and St. Ignatius-the-Martyr were placed at the disposal of the members.

There was no business to transact at this meeting, and the afternoon was devoted to ringing on the bells of St. Michael's.

Tea was served in St. Ignatius' Church Hall, and a representative gathering of 31 persons enjoyed an excellent meal. In the absence of the president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge), who, at the last minute, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present and wishing the meeting every success, the chair was taken by Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president of the Eastern District). Mr. Patterson extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of London, and Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, and said how pleased the members were to welcome them to the North.

Mrs. Thomas and Mr. McGuinness were elected life members of the association.

A vote of thanks to the clergy concerned for the use of the bells and the church hall was proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and responded to by the curate of St. Michael's.

Mr. John Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in serving tea.

Several touches were rung on handbells after tea, and throughout the afternoon and evening the bells of the two churches were fully employed, touches being brought round in various methods up to Surprise Major.

A most pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of so many young ringers. It is to be hoped their interest will be maintained and that, in the future, they will become staunch members of the association. It was noted with interest that several of them are now taking part in the higher methods.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, the Chairman drew attention to the fact that a number of subscriptions were still outstanding, and it is hoped that members will forward the amounts due (and overdue) without delay, and so relieve the officials of unnecessary work.

**ANOTHER GLOUCESTER VETERAN DEAD.****MR. FRANCIS E. HART.**

Gloucester has lost another old and respected ringer in Mr. Francis E. Hart, who passed to his rest on July 9th.

Mr. Hart had been a ringer at St. Mary-de-Lode Church for over 60 years and was one of the first members of St. Michael's Juniors. He was a ringer of the first water. He very rarely made a mistake in ringing; he was most punctual and reliable always—a pattern to every young ringer.

He was buried on July 12th, the first part of the service being held in St. Mary-de-Lode Church. As the cortege left the church, the bells were rung half-muffled, and after the committal at the cemetery four veterans rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, their united ages being well over 300 years: S. E. Romans 1-2, J. Austin 3-4, J. Williams 5-6, G. Condict 7-8.

**DEATH OF MR. ALBERT RILEY.****A LONDON TOWERKEEPER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Riley, late towerkeeper at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, which occurred on Saturday last in the L.C.C. Hospital, St. Pancras, N.W.

Mr. Riley had been ill for some two years with an incurable internal complaint, which caused him almost continuous pain, and for many months had been a patient in the St. Pancras Hospital. His fortitude under great suffering was the admiration of those of his ringing friends who paid him an occasional visit. These visits, and his weekly copy of 'The Ringing World,' were his sole connection with ringing since he gave up over two years ago.

He was originally a ringer at St. James', Prebend Square, Islington, where there is a light peal of six. Later he rang at St. Mary's, Islington. He rang in a few peals, mostly Grandsire Triples, on the treble or tenor. Since the war he was towerkeeper at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, where he made many efforts to form a local band, with varying degrees of success. If all towerkeepers were as keen and as hard-working as Albert Riley, there would be a different ringing outlook at many places in London.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association and the London County Association.

The funeral took place on Tuesday last at Highgate Cemetery, after a memorial service at St. James' Church, Prebend Square, Islington.

Afterwards the ringers went on to Appleton, two and a half miles away, where the bells were placed at their disposal.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****RESIGNATION OF MR. W. H. LAWRENCE.****Presentation After Long Service.**

The Eastern District of the Hertford County Association held its summer meeting at Little Munden on Saturday, July 16th. It was probably the largest gathering of ringers ever assembled at Little Munden, and no doubt would have been larger if the weather had been more settled. Ringers came from St. Albans, Hitchin, Hertford, Great Munden, Broxbourne, London and many other districts. A service was held in the church during the afternoon, which was taken by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. Walmisley Dresser, the association's service paper being used. As ringers can sing as well as ring, the service was most hearty, helped by Miss Church at the organ (to whom we are most grateful), not forgetting the indispensable gentleman who did the blowing. A brief address was given by the Rector, in which he emphasised the importance of obedience in the belfry to the leader, and also to our common Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a simple yet practical address, and we all felt grateful for the uplifting words. Tea was served in the Village Hall, under the supervision of Mrs. W. H. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, Miss Lawrence and other helpers, and they gave us a delightful tea and many smiles in return for a coin of the realm.

The business meeting followed, with the Rector in the chair. Owing to bodily weakness of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, at his request the minutes were read by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the general secretary of the association.

The chief business was to receive the resignation of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, which had become imperative owing to failing health. Mr. G. W. Cartmel said Mr. Lawrence was elected district secretary for the Eastern Division on April 8th, 1901, so had put in 37 years' service. He appealed to the meeting to appoint a successor at once, as it was a real burden for Mr. Lawrence to carry on.

Mr. Ladley also spoke of his long connection with Mr. Lawrence and his work, his efficiency and the happy smiling welcome he always gave to the ringers at their meetings. One thing, he said, they all could do, and that was to pray daily for their brother in his distressing disablement, that he might be given the strength to attend some of the meetings, even though he was debarred from ringing. They were losing from the Eastern District more than a friend—a brother.

Then came a happy moment in which Mr. Albert Lawrence, a brother, announced that he would carry on until the next meeting of the district, to be held at Aspenden. This removed the tension of the meeting, and we all said a big inward 'Thank you, Brother Albert, for your brotherly action.'

Thanks were given to the Rector for his services, and in return he expressed the hope that another meeting might be held at Little Munden, and that they would accept his hospitality. To the ladies responsible for the catering a vote of thanks was also passed.

Mr. Roy Radley was elected a member of the association.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' Mr. G. W. Cartmel said that they had met that day to honour one who had done an immense service to the association, and who now, against his own wishes, was compelled to give up that work. Mr. Lawrence was one who had endeavoured always to put first things first, and had regarded bellringing as a service to God. In his efforts he had succeeded, and they honoured him for his character and the influence of his life.

Mr. Gilbert Debenham spoke most highly of Mr. Lawrence's good work, character and influence, after which Mr. G. W. Cartmel asked Mr. Lawrence to accept a cheque to the value of £21 from members of the association as a token of affection and gratitude for past services.

It is true to say that Mr. Lawrence was 'nonplussed'; at the moment he was in dreamland. The secret had been so well kept that he could not understand why so many had come to his meeting. He thanked all for their great kindness, and in doing so his heart was filled with such deep emotion that words failed to find expression from his lips.

So the meeting which had been convened under a cloud (even the heavens, black with rain, seeming in sympathy) came to an end, but the joyous notes of the bells and the service of praise and worship in the church and the helpful words from the Rector sent us away happy in the thought that our 'team work' had been successful, and that we had enjoyed the privilege of recognising the great services of a brother ringer in a tangible way.

G. W. C.

**RINGERS CONDUCT A SERVICE.****DIFFICULTIES SURMOUNTED AT OXFORD GUILD MEETING.**

A meeting of the City and District Branch of the Oxford Guild on July 9th was in some respects remarkable. It had been arranged at Cumnor, but it was found on arrival that the bells were not available for ringing, nor a clergyman to conduct the service. This, however, did not prevent a programme being carried through. Mr. E. J. B. Morton, the new district secretary, being a lay reader, conducted the service and gave a short extempore address. Mr. W. Collett read the lesson, and Master Archibald Hollis, the thirteen-year-old organist at Bladon, who is hoping to become a ringer, presided at the organ.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, when £1 10s. was voted to the J. J. Parker memorial.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexley, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (recently augmented to 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares, maximum 2s., will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (N. and E. District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. 303 bus leaves Barnet for Walham Green, 10 minutes' walk to church in the park. Please notify numbers for tea to B. Spencer, Churchyard Cottage, N. Mimms, Hatfield.—Harold V. Frost and Gilbert R. Goodship, Dis. Secs.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (a delightful 8) ready from 3 p.m. Friends from Beds and Bucks cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley, between Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley, on Sat., July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at The White Hart. All visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**A JOINT MEETING** of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Association will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Elveden. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome to this beauty spot.—R. Sharpe and A. Harrison, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Annual Festival at Brecon, July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon W. J. Thomas, Vicar of Gorseinon. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify number for tea to L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Acton. Parish Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., and at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) after tea. Please advise numbers for tea, Parish Hall, 9d. each.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. A hearty welcome from all concerned to all interested, a beautiful and interesting church, and a fine day?—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Northern District.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival at Wisbech on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Woburn on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Liss on Saturday, July 23rd. New ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Have you sent your contribution to the Farnham Royal Restoration Fund (J. J. Parker Memorial)?—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The summer meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Usual tea arrangements. A good attendance is requested, so that a hearty welcome may be given to the newly-appointed Rector of Seale, Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, M.A., who will conduct divine service at 4 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—Tynemouth Parish Church.—The dedication of the restored bells on Saturday, July 23rd, by the Bishop of Newcastle. Service 6.30. Light supper at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James E. Scott, Ringing Master, 74, Hollywell Road, North Shields.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Queen Camel bells also available. Postcard for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Branch Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., collection for Bell Restoration Fund. Tea 6.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please let Rev. R. D. St.G. Edwards, Checkendon Rectory, know how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the School, at 1s. 3d. per head. Everybody is welcome. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30, when Lord Daryngton, P.C., will give the address. Tea and business to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Practice at 7.30 p.m., July 26th, Southwark Cathedral.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Aborfield (6 bells) on Wednesday, July 27th, 6.30 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The usual monthly practice will be resumed at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Thursday, July 28th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on July 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, 5 p.m. Wheathampstead bells (6) also available for the evening. Special method for practice, Cambridge Minor.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Old Glossop Parish Church on July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), on Saturday, July 30th. Business meeting (election of a committee man) at 6.30 p.m. in the tower. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting is at Farnborough (not Hawley), on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Everyone welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on July 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh, not Adlington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3. Business meeting 7. Nominations for president, general secretary, and four C.C. representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (near Rochester) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid to members attending. Tea (1s. per head) will be arranged for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, July 27th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Brightling on July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. We shall be specially pleased to welcome any members of the East Grinstead Guild who care to attend this meeting. All those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, 27th.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Start your holiday by coming to Roxton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and join us.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE GREAT RINGING MEETING AT DUFFIELD,** July 30th, 2.30 to 8.30. Tea will be provided at Bridge Inn 5 o'clock. Nominal charge 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. James Pagett, 19, Lynton Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, July 27th, otherwise make own arrangements.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at St. Mary's, Leyton, E.10. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby. A good attendance is hoped for.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ashover Church, near Chesterfield (8 bells), on Bank Holiday (Monday, August 1st). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea can be had close by church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at Macclesfield on August 1st (Bank Holiday). Service in St. Michael's Church, 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 noon, and luncheon 1 p.m., tickets for which can be obtained from branch secretaries before July 27th. Bells available: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (8), and St. James', Higher Sutton (6).

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, August 2nd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—Will all members and friends please note that the next general meeting of the association will take place at York on Saturday, September 24th, instead of September 17th, as was originally decided upon. Full particulars later.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.

### BIRTH.

**SALLEY.**—On July 12th, at the Maternity Hospital, Loveday Street, Birmingham, to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Salley (nee Dorothy Saunders, Coalbrookdale), a daughter.

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### A JOINT MEETING.

On Saturday, June 18th, Cosgrove was the venue of the first joint meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Towcester Branch) and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Bucks Branch), and it proved to be very successful, both branches being well represented. The bells were at the ringers' disposal from 2 p.m. Service was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Fenn, Vicar of Lois Weedon, near Towcester, secretary of the Towcester Branch, and the address was given by the Rev. J. P. Taylor, Rector of Hanslope and an honorary member of North Bucks Branch. Tea was served at the Barley Mow and about 40 sat down. A very nice selection of tunes on handbells was given by Mr. E. C. Lambert and family, of Cosgrove, whose efforts were much appreciated.

The secretary of the North Bucks Branch addressed the meeting and expressed pleasure at the splendid response the members of both branches had made. He hoped in the near future to arrange another meeting. These gatherings, he was sure, promoted good fellowship and did quite a lot of good.

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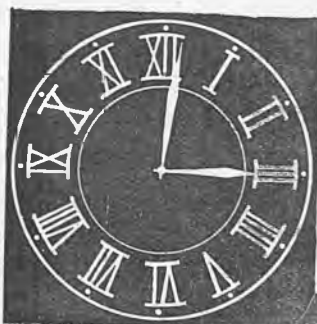
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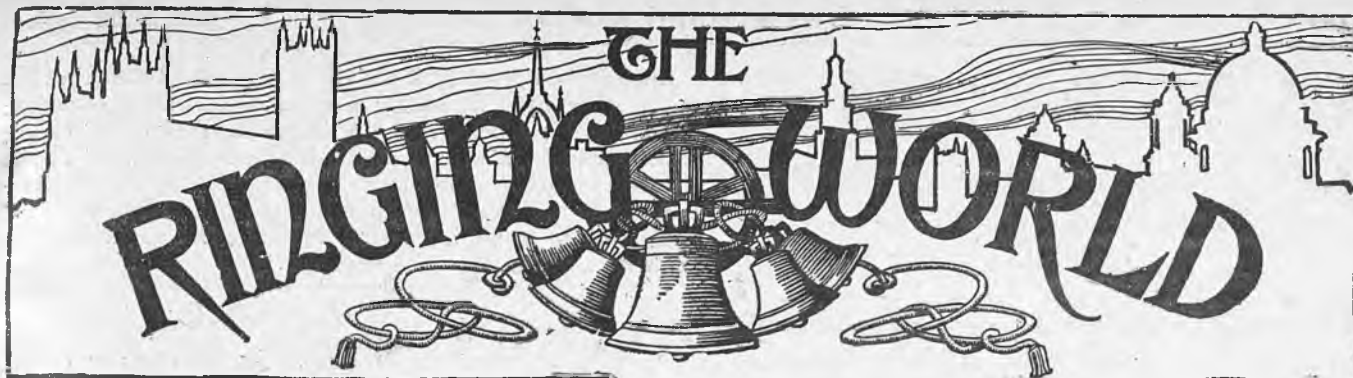
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For the first time the Ladies' Guild has framed an organisation which is really designed to cover the whole country. Ever since its formation, now more than twenty-five years ago, the Guild has had what may be termed a national status, in that its membership has been open to lady ringers in every part of the country, but only now has its organisation been so spread that it can be said to embrace all the counties. Plans were adopted at the recent annual meeting dividing the country into seven districts, which will enable ladies everywhere to feel that they are in direct touch with their Guild, instead of being, as many of them are, isolated units, who seldom, if ever, have contact with the rest.

The defects of the past in the organisation of the Guild have not been the fault of the executive, which has long been searching for an adequate solution of the great difficulty of bringing the scattered membership into a more cohesive whole upon its limited financial resources. The Guild has grown from very small beginnings; it has had to feel its way under many handicaps, and it still labours under difficulties from which ordinary territorial associations do not suffer, at any rate to the same degree. A county or diocesan organisation with four hundred or five hundred members in a more or less compact area can achieve much; but a similar, or even smaller membership, scattered over the whole country is a very different proposition. For one thing the absence of constant personal contacts makes it extremely hard, if not impossible, to arouse any real enthusiasm, and except in certain centres, where there happens to be a little body of ladies within a small area, this is one of the drawbacks which have made the carrying on of the Ladies' Guild one of so much difficulty. That the Guild has been the success it has is a tribute to the keenness of its officers, and especially to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who has been at the secretarial helm from the day of the Guild's inauguration.

The mere reorganisation into more definite and expanded districts will not in itself, however, perform any miracles. There is much work to be done. Hitherto the districts have been, for the most part, very loosely defined, now the country has been divided into clear-cut areas. That they extend to half a dozen counties each may seem, at first sight, to be something in the way of 'out-size' districts to work, but financial requirements have largely dictated the scheme. Smaller districts would have left some of them without sufficient means to carry on, but there is hope that under the new organisation more members will be brought in, and a new enthusiasm for the Guild inspired. There are, we know, some of the

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opposite sex who think the ladies can get all the organisation they need through the existing territorial societies; but there is a place in the Exercise for the Ladies' Guild; its steady growth and the patient endeavour of its officers during more than a quarter of a century have justified it. We hope that the reorganisation will lead eventually to an increasing influx of members and the success which the Guild deserves.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 9
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.  
\* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the city of Birmingham.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 6
*SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 2	†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... .. 8
HAROLD JENNEY ... .. 4	*ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 9
HARRY WAYNE ... .. 5	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal in the method as conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

*DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7
HENRY HUTTON... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 8
ERNEST J. AVLIFFE ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 9
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5	HARRY MULLARD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.  
\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to H. Hutton.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. NORTH ... Treble	*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE... .. 2	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 8
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.  
\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	*JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of 'New' Cambridge. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 26 lb.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	FRED HARTMAN ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
FRANK VARTY ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal on eight bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 6
*CLEM W. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

\* First attempt for a peal in the method.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

*HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	CYRIL SAYWARD ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3	†RALPH BIRD ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 5 and 7.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 19 lb.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 7
CECIL E. CARR ... .. 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal in the method by all the band, except ringers of 2nd and 3rd, on the bells, and first in the method as conductor.

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CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. No. 13.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 5
ERNEST WILSON ... .. 2	WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome home to the Rev. W. E. Harley, M.A. (curate), and Mrs. Harley, who returned from their honeymoon the same week.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble	DONALD MARSH ... .. 5
BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... .. 7
BERNARD ASHFORD ... .. 4	*FRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. L. Harold Hinrichs, Rector of Grace Church, Nutley, New Jersey, prior to his return to U.S.A.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	THOMAS MORTIMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Frank Clarke, M.P. for the Dartford Parliamentary Division and a prominent Erithian, who was interred at Erith Cemetery on July 16th.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND THE HOLY CROSS,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 5
JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... .. 2	FRANK PRICE ... .. 6
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 3	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 7
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. LATHEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. James Crompton, who was inducted to the benefice on July 12th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES RAISON ... .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
*HAROLD SMITH ... .. 2	ERNEST PARKER ... .. 6
SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 7
FRANK PENN ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Major.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

As a last token of respect to Mr. W. Rhead, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,320 changes) was rung after the funeral at Monks Kirby on July 11th by W. Parnell 1, W. Abbotts 2, A. Abbotts 3, W. Southam 4, B. Devs 5, T. Pittham (conductor) 6, L. Clarke 7, P. Hall 8. This is the longest touch ever rung by the local Sunday service band at this church.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in 1 w 1 Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GODFREY ... Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 5
*ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
CHARLES W. COOK ... 4	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

## HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*WALTER TOMLINSON ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal of London.

## LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	J. NORMAN BENSON ... 5
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
*ROBERT J. LEAR ... 3	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4	FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALAN R. PINK ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

## GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*CHARLES S. SMITH ... Treble	PERCY GREEN ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... 2	HARRY WAIN ... 6
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 3	*SIDNEY EASTER ... 7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt.

## CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY WILTSHIRE ... Treble	THOMAS R. DAVIDSON ... 5
FRED LAMBETH ... 2	*HERBERT MARSH ... 6
ERNEST J. TRUMAN ... 3	ALBERT OWEN WRINTMORE ... 7
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 4	†HARRY HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
CHARLES POTHECARY ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6
WALTER LEE ... 3	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. C. DARNELL.

A birthday compliment to J. S. Hawkins, David Wright and the conductor.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED WATKINSON ... Treble	JAMES H. HAYWARD ... 5
MISS LUCY KELLY ... 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 6
RONALD BIRCH ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT.

Rung by Sunday service ringers as a compliment to their Rector, the Rev. W. A. Baker, who was installed as Archdeacon of Sheffield two days' earlier.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

G. KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
*ARNOLD WORTH ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 6
JOHN WORTH ... 3	JAMES FERNLEY ... 7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 4	LIONEL CLOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## LYDD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

## KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
*MRS. W. A. ROUSE ... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
†MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
*MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... 4	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## KINGSTON'S RESTORED BELLS.

The first quarter-peal by a Sunday service band at Kingston-on-Thames since the rehanging of the bells was rung for morning service on Sunday—a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples: H. Howes 1, C. C. Rayner 2, W. Nash 3, W. Massey 4, G. C. Goodman 5, H. W. Barrett 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. Maxwell 8.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*RICHARD T. HOLDING ... Treble	*THOMAS HURD ... 4
*ERNEST G. KETTLE ... 2	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Rung as a compliment to Miss Nancy Thompson, of Newcastle, on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, all called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*RONALD WRIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS WORRALL ... 4
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 5
REGINALD DANIELS ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

FORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE BERRY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 4
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells and for the association, also by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

HIGHAM ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Comprising two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*ETHEL M. WRIGHT ... Treble	BERTHA REEVE ... 4
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... Tenor

Jointly Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER and HILDA G. SNOWDEN  
\* First peal in three methods. First peal by a band of ladies in the Eastern Counties.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
R. THOMAS VESSEY ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

EASEBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

FRANCIS S. WILSON ... Treble	*EDWIN S. SMITH ... 4
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... 2	†CECIL C. WRIGHT ... 5
CYRIL S. WEST ... 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

TILSWORTH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being an extent each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.

*MISS BETTY COPSON ... Treble	†ERIC SHARP ... 4
FREDERICK VICKERS ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 4
*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. The conductor is branch secretary and the rest are members of the branch committee.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY WHITE ... Treble	PETER J. H. SMALL ... 4
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	J. WALTER ... 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	SIDNEY WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

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

Comprising seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 4
FRANK VARTY ... 2	*HARRY PYE ... 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. G. EDWARDS.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 16 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Doubles and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... .. 1-Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... .. 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 2	WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 5
DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... .. 3	STANLEY A. GUPPY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. R. Fitz-James Sawyer, to the living of Hardington-Mandeville.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes.

At RESTORMEL, JAMES LANE,

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

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 1-2	JACK HOBDEN ... .. 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 3-4	RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 7-8

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Witness—Arthur Brown.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

**RINGING MISSIONARIES CONVERTED INTO CRICKETERS.**

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Hunslet on July 23rd (one week earlier than usual, in order to avoid Leeds 'holiday week,' which starts on Saturday). It is a number of years since the Leeds Society visited Hunslet, and on arrival the visitors found a welcome from Mr. Cole, who with a little help had been very busy making ready for the event. Unfortunately a number of weddings (actually there were seven) delayed the start of ringing.

Ringing, however, commenced soon after 4 p.m., and, except for the usual breaks, continued until 9 o'clock.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) occupying the chair. Members were present from Armley, Batley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell and the local company. Mr. R. F. Deal, of London, was present, also Mr. Maurice Hodgson, a member of the society on leave from his work in London. Two new members, Messrs. George Smith and Allan White, of the Hunslet tower, were elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson.

The Rev. D. H. S. Mould acknowledged the vote and said he was pleased to see the visitors, but regretted that more of his own ringers were not present. They had gone out to try and interest more of the young men of the parish in ringing, but they themselves had been invited to join the church cricket team, and were at that moment finishing off a match.

The next meeting of the society is to be held at Calverley on August 27th.

**PEAL NOTES.**

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The tenor was rung by Ernest W. Pye, son of the late Mr. William Pye, one of the greatest tenor ringers of all time.

Mr. Urban W. Wildney has now rung to peals all the bells in his local tower, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Mr. F. G. Brett, of Canterbury, has completed peals of Kent Treble Bob, from Minor to Maximus. He took part in seven 720's of Minor on Saturday at Wickhambreaux, which was the first peal of Kent on the bells and by all the band.

Mr. Herbert Marsh, a member of St. Paul's Church ringers, Chippenham, obtained his first peal of Stedman on July 23rd at the ninth attempt, the last attempt being in 1934.

**PEAL NOTES.**

**EASTERN COUNTIES' LADIES' PEAL.**

The first peal in the Eastern Counties by ladies resident in the area was rung on Sunday week at Higham, Suffolk, and it was a highly creditable performance, seeing that the majority of the band have only just begun peal ringing.

The peal, which was in three methods of Minor, was arranged to celebrate the decision to form a new Eastern District that is shortly to be inaugurated in the reorganisation of the Ladies' Guild.

The conducting was jointly shared by those two enthusiastic young ladies, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, and Miss Hilda Snowden, of Halstead. It is hoped this is the forerunner of many other peal performances by ladies in the Eastern Counties, and that many other members of the sex will follow the example that has been set.

The band who rang the handbell peal at Burgess Hill, Sussex, on July 1st, have not been long in following up their initial success. They have rung another peal of Bob Major with a different conductor.

The new incumbent of Hardington-Mandeville, Somerset, was welcomed on Sunday with a peal of Doubles on the bells of his Parish Church.

Mr. J. E. Bailey rang his fiftieth peal for the Kent County Association on July 2nd, when, deputising at short notice, he took part in a peal of New Cambridge at Swanscombe.

For six weeks, the Rev. L. Harold Hinricks, Rector of Grace Church, Nutley, New Jersey, U.S.A., carried out the duties of priest-in-charge at Chaddesley Corbett, Worcestershire, during the absence in America of the Rector. On July 19th, Mr. Hinricks returned to U.S.A., but two days before his departure a peal was rung at Chaddesley Corbett as a compliment and farewell to him.

At Claines, Worcestershire, a peal of Oxford Bob Triples on July 16th was a 'welcome home' to the Rev. W. E. Harley (curate) and Mrs. Harley, on their return from their honeymoon.

The Rector of Handsworth, Sheffield (the Rev. W. A. Baker) was installed as Archdeacon of Sheffield, at Sheffield Cathedral, on July 21st. Last Saturday his Sunday service ringers rang a peal of Bob Major in his honour. It also served as a birthday peal to John Gilbert, who called the peal from the tenor and thereby completed the 'circle' of the tower.

Another ringer to 'circle' a tower is Mr. Lionel Clough, who has now rung all the bells to a peal at Norbury, Cheshire, where he is a member of the band.

A peal of Grandsire Caters to commemorate the centenary of the city of Birmingham was rung at St. Philip's Cathedral on Saturday.

**NORFOLK BRANCH OFFICIALS' PEAL.**

At Buxton, Norfolk, where the Rev. H. W. Benson, chairman of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is Vicar, a peal of Minor was rung on Saturday by five elected members of the Branch Committee and the branch secretary (Mr. H. Tooke), who called his first peal in seven methods.

The first peal in seven Treble Bob methods for the Shropshire Association was rung on July 17th at Forton. Only one member of the band, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, had previously rung a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, either.

Mr. Herbert L. Harlow, of Bedford, rang his 250th peal on July 21st, when he took part in seven 720's of Minor at Tilsworth, Bedfordshire.

A peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Kids Grove, Staffordshire, on July 16th, for the 21st birthday of Miss Nancy Thompson, of Newcastle, Staffs, enabled Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, to complete peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Having already rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, Mr. Walter Tomlinson, of Lincoln Cathedral company, has just rung his first peal of London Surprise Major. This was at Harmston on July 20th.

A peal of Minor on tower bells in 2 hours 20 minutes is 'good going,' at any rate in regard to pace. This was done at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on July 19th, when the quickest peal on the bells was rung.

Peals in all the four standard methods have now been rung on the bells at Whitechurch Canoniscom, Dorset, the last being Grandsire Triples on July 19th. The chairman of the West Dorset Branch was the conductor, Mr. C. H. Lathey, the hon. secretary, and Messrs. Bishop and Powell, Ringing Masters, took part. With the exception of Messrs. Bishop and Lathey, the band was made up from Lyme Regis tower. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

Miss Hilda Snowden and her brother, Claude, rang in their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Prittlewell, Essex, on Saturday (incidentally there were three other 'firsts'). They have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, and Mr. Fred Dench, who called the peal, has composed, rung and conducted peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, twice over. The Minor, he says, has beaten him, but we hardly like to believe that.

The first peal on the bells at Easebourne, Sussex, was rung on July 20th. The ringers thank Mr. Jack Etherington for getting the bells ready and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, on Sunday, was the quickest peal on the bells, although it took 3 hours 8 minutes. But the tenor is 26 cwt.

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**KIRTLINGTON BELLS RESTORED.****TREBLE RECAST BY OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild now possesses another fine ring of eight. The bells at Kirtlington were rededicated on Thursday, July 21st, after a visit to Loughborough. The treble and seventh have been recast, the treble, as recorded in the inscription, 'by the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers,' and the seventh by the Emma Barron Trust. The other bells have been tuned and the octave hung in new cast iron frame with new fittings. They are now a very fine eight, with 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. tenor.

The Rev. Canon A. W. Batchelor, D.C.I., Rural Dean, performed the dedication service, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Bennett, and other clergy.

After a very bright service and an interesting sermon by the Rural Dean, a long evening was left for ringing, which was appreciated by a goodly number of visitors. A course of Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band, consisting of officers of the Guild, with Mr. J. P. Fidler, of the Loughborough Foundry, whilst the procession of clergy and choir went back to the east end from the tower, and the local men rang call changes as the congregation dispersed.

Then Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bristol Surprise, with other items, floated over the village. It is hoped that the local band will now soon become change ringers and enjoy their bells more than in days gone by.

**NEW SOCIETY'S FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

The first attempt made for a quarter-peal by the association formed in March this year in Keresley and Coundon, Warwickshire, was successful. On Whit Tuesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten callings, was rung at St. Thomas' Church, Keresley: S. Oughton 1, P. Stone 2, A. W. Bristow (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal by S. and S. J. Oughton, who have only been method ringing for four months. There are twelve ringers at the tower, all members of the Warwickshire Guild.

**HORNSEY RINGERS' FIRST 720.**

The ringers of Hornsey Parish Church on their annual outing celebrated the occasion by ringing 720 changes of Grandsire Doubles, in 24 minutes, on the bells of the lovely old Parish Church of Wallington, Herts: W. Blee 1, K. Robinson 2, E. G. Hibble 3, R. J. Franklin 4, J. Clowston (conductor) 5, J. Keep (Wallington) 6. For all, save the conductor and Mr. Hibble, this was a first 720.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****A MEMORIAL FUND.**

The summer festival of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Wisbech on Saturday. Members came from Cambridge, Chatteris, Elm, Ely, Fincham, Great Shelford, Gressenhall, Harston, Hilgay, Newton, Peterborough, Pinchbeck, Pulham, Ramsey, Shouldham, Swaffham, Terrington St. Clement, Terrington St. John, Tydd St. Giles, Trumpington, Walsoken and Wisbech. Service was conducted by the Vicar, and Mrs. W. W. Cousins acted as organist.

After tea the business meeting was held in the tower, with the Rev. Canon Covey-Crump in the chair.

The summer festival in 1939 is to be at St. Neots.

It was decided to open a fund towards the memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, each district secretary to be asked to appeal to his members, to supplement the grant already voted from the funds of the association. The memorial is to take the form of a tablet in Watlington Church.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, to Canon Covey Crump and to Mrs. Cousins.

Good use was made of the delightful ring of ten bells during the afternoon and evening.

**'CATHEDRAL' OF VALE OF BELVOIR.****APPEAL FOR RESTORATION OF BELLS.**

The bells of Langar Church, Notts, have got into a very dilapidated condition and have been silent for some years. The death-watch beetle has wrought havoc in the old timber of the frame, the bearings and fittings are dropping to pieces, and to put the bells into order again a sum of over £250 is required, while if a treble is added to make a ring of six while the other work is being carried out, another £70 will be needed.

The Rector, the Rev. J. Kyrle Chatfield, writes to 'The Ringing World' appealing for help for the scheme. He says, 'The sum required to be spent on the church bells is beyond the resources of our parish of well under 500 souls. A fund has been opened at the Nottingham Savings Bank, and about £27 there stands to our credit.'

'In one of the so-called deserted villages of Nottinghamshire we possess a magnificent church, commonly known as the Cathedral of the Vale of Belvoir. A generation ago large sums were raised for the repair of the nave roof, etc. But nothing has been done for the bells for nearly eighty years. Of course, we should like such a venerable church as ours to possess six bells, but the repair of the five existing bells brooks no delay. I appeal to all your readers to help as generously as they can. I will gladly acknowledge any sums forwarded to me to Langar Rectory, near Barnstone, Notts.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Rupert Richardson wishes to thank all the ringers who so kindly supported him in his effort for the Surfleet Church Heating Fund by sharing in the opportunity of buying a bicycle. The privilege of securing the machine for a penny went to the holder of ticket No. 1,523, Mrs. J. Summerfield, The Reservoir, Surfleet. By this effort the fund was helped to the extent of £30 5s. 10d.

Hartfield in Sussex has a ring of six bells, all of them originally cast in 1782. A list of the bells, framed in the belfry, records that the tone of one of them used to vary with the changes of the weather. On examination it was found that the bell was cracked. So, probably, was the person who thought of the weather as the reason for the variation of tone.

It must be a rare occurrence for two London Surprise Major bands to be in a tower together on a practice night, but last week at St. Peter's, Brighton, one band rang a course of this method, while another sat in the tower, 'umpiring' it.

The Vicar of Erdington has appointed Mr. J. Preston as Ringing Master. Mr. G. F. Swann will act as deputy.

The 'Somerset' week, which has been enjoyed for several years by some well-known members of the Exercise, begins to-morrow, with headquarters, as usual, at Wrington. It is something of the 'go-as-you-please' order.

Other 'weeks' in the near future, devoted principally to peal ringing, are to take place in Staffordshire and Shropshire; Gloucestershire; and Cornwall.

A band from Birmingham had an unfortunate experience at Manchester on a recent Saturday. They attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques on the new bells at the Town Hall, but after three and a half hours of excellent ringing, with the end well in sight, the tenor ringer had to give up owing to exhaustion.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF BEGINNING EARLY.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—There seem to be many differences about the best age to begin ringing. Most ringers think that only adults should learn. I am convinced that there is something in it, but that in itself the idea is mistaken. Undoubtedly teaching children is an art, and it is one that one cannot expect ringers, as a rule, to possess. On the other hand, it is much easier for children to learn how to handle a bell when young, and if they have thoroughly mastered it then, they will never lose that much skill.

Again, what boys learn as children they often want to forget when growing up.

I have found the best way to combine these differing requirements is to let children learn to manage a bell as soon as they are able to reach the rope; on no account to press them, rather to discourage them, and certainly not to teach them to ring more changes than the four-and-twenty on four bells, till they are at least fourteen. After that age, if they take to it, they will probably become keen change ringers.

Members of P.C.C.'s usually believe, or can easily be persuaded, that children learning to ring will damage bells. It should be pointed out to them that before anyone can ring they must learn, and that if they have learned when young, the bells must necessarily be much less knocked about. In fact, that children, properly supervised, are not strong enough to do much harm to bells.

It may be that this is the difficulty, and that the P.C.C. in question only meant that children, if they learn, must be properly supervised, but have expressed themselves awkwardly. I think we all should agree that children must always be supervised, and that it is not everyone who can look after children.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## A BOOK FOR CONDUCTORS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to the suggestion at the Central Council meeting that a book for conductors be published, I think this is worthy of support. It would be very convenient for conductors to have such information in a small and concise book, which should also contain touches of various lengths in Minor methods, such as Treble Bob, Double Court and others, which young conductors often have difficulty in finding when various lengths are required for Sunday service ringing. I think there would be a demand for such a book.

S. J. PECK.

Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts.

## MR. W. H. LAWRENCE'S THANKS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I desire to tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who so generously subscribed to the testimonial presented to me at the meeting at Little Munden on Saturday, July 16th. I value it more than words can express and hope to meet many of those who were unable to be present to thank them personally as opportunity presents itself.

W. H. LAWRENCE.

Little Munden.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—29.

## CHARLES T. COLES.

Few ringers have done so much to further and develop the art as Mr. Charles T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, or have spent more time and thought in the interests of the Exercise than he. Mr. Coles is one of those who takes his ringing in dead earnest, and it is that which has made his long years of service to his association so invaluable. Although he has done more peal ringing than most people, his contribution to the promotion of change ringing has been displayed with equal enthusiasm in many directions.

Born at Islington, he learned to ring a bell at St. George's-in-the-East, London, and it was there that he rang his first peal on March 30th, 1905. Since 1909, however, he has been attached to St. Mary's, Walthamstow. In 1910 he was elected joint hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, and secretary of the North and East District. He has energetically served the association as a secretary ever since, and last April, when there was a redrafting of the rules and a rearrangement of offices, he was elected the first general hon. secretary of the association, which he has represented on the Central Council since 1921.

It was his connection with the late Mr. William Pye which built up Mr. Coles' peal ringing career, and he rang 621 peals with that great master of the art, to whose help and advice, both in ringing and conducting, Mr. Coles attributes much of his success.

Mr. Coles, who rang his first peal as conductor at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Jan. 14th, 1911, when he called a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, has now rung 959 peals (including 11 on handbells), of which he has conducted 256. These peals have included many notable performances. For instance, he was one of the company who, although not actually the first to ring Spliced Surprise Major, were pioneers in the development of this form of ringing.

Peals in all numbers of methods from three to twelve were rung by the same band, and they include the only peals in ten, eleven and twelve Surprise Major methods yet rung, and the record of 5,760 in nine methods at Willesden on December 1st, 1931.

Mr. Coles has taken part in other interesting records, among them the longest length of Cambridge Surprise Royal, 10,440 changes, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, 1923, and the record length of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929, as well as in the two great performances of 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, on December 19th, 1925, and the 5,280 in the same method at Exeter Cathedral on October 15th, 1932. Altogether Mr. Coles has taken part in 82 peals of Surprise Maximus, including the only peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus yet rung. Three times he has rung two peals of Surprise Maximus in one day, and he was one of the band who made a flying trip to Dublin and scored the only peal of Cambridge Maximus rung out of England. He has conducted peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and of Yorkshire from Major to Maximus. At Walthamstow in 1926 he conducted the first and, up till now, the only peal of Spliced Cateters in three methods—Erin, Stedman and Grandshire. His peals have been spread over 323 towers in 47 counties (46 in England and Wales and five in Ireland), and they have been rung for 32 associations and guilds.

## WOKING RINGER'S DEATH.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of Mr. Fred Elliott, a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild attached to the band at Woking. He was only 32 years of age and died from septicæmia following teeth extraction. In addition to being a ringer, he was a chorister and Sunday School teacher, and also a special constable.

Before and after the funeral, at which there was a large attendance, the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

The deceased was shortly to have been married, and much sympathy is felt with the bereaved family and his fiancée.



MR. CHARLES T. COLES.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## UNPROVEN PROPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am once more compelled to protest against the unscientific way in which real problems connected with the scientific side of ringing are treated by certain members of the Exercise and also at the airy way in which unproven propositions are said to be obvious.

On page 135 of the new book on Stedman we are informed that it is a fact 'that a peal in the method with ordinary bobs only is not possible,' and, whilst I would agree with the author when he says it is a difficult thing to prove, I cannot agree with him when he says that it is a fact that cannot be doubted; in fact, there are certain indications that a peal without singles is within the bounds of possibility. I do not say that it is possible to compose such a peal, but I maintain that until a definite proof is put forward, one way or the other, the question should be considered as open and the issue should not be clouded by mere supposition unless that supposition be of a constructive type. It must be remembered that in the past many things have been stated by members of the Exercise to be impossible of achievement which have been successfully brought to fruition, e.g., Thurstans is stated to have declared that a peal with two singles (doubles) was impossible, and again only recently I showed that it was possible to obtain an exact two-part peal in this method with only two singles after it had been stated to be impossible.

The arguments Mr. Trollope puts forward, which are based on a resemblance between Plain Bob Q sets and those of Stedman, cannot be substantiated to any great extent, as the context of any row in the one is fixed by the position of the treble, whilst in the case of the other, the preceding and the following rows can be arrived at by several different transpositions, all of which must be considered as taking their own part in the list of Q sets of the final composition. It might seem to be absurd to consider, say, each thirds in the slow as being part of a Q set, but it is as well to remember that Shipway and W. H. Thompson both obtained peals of Original Triples (they gave them as Grandshire with fifth's place bobs) by the use of third's and fifth's place bobs only, and it is obvious that a normal peal of Stedman is little more than a peal of spliced Original and Reverse Original Triples with third and fifth place bobs, so that it would seem that it is quite pertinent to ask for a definite proof that a peal without singles is impossible.

Somewhat later in the book (page 139) we are informed that whilst in theory it is easy to compose a peal of Stedman based on B blocks, 'in practice the problem is complicated by the fact that sooner or later you . . . find that a row needed as a six-end occurs in the middle of a six. This is probably the reason (compared with a defective knowledge of Q sets) why it took John Noonan so very many hours of patient experimenting . . . and why he had to make use of as many as 22 singles.' Here again it is exceedingly difficult to agree with what is said, as it seems to me that the only rational way to compose an extent peal is to collect the material together in a suitable form (B blocks or modified P blocks) and then to proceed to join it together and not, as is implied here, to proceed with the composition in a hand to mouth manner. If the B block ends (or heads) are chosen first of all, then it is easy to see by mere inspection if the necessary shunts can be obtained, so that if not, the offending block can be replaced before the composition proper is commenced. It would seem that any procedure, involving a hit and miss method, would indicate just as defective knowledge of Q sets as it is implied Noonan had.

It might also be pointed out that even if a peal is composed from pure B blocks there is no necessity for there to be more than six consecutive calls at any point in the peal, and also there is no foundation for the general statement that 'it would be difficult to call.'

I might also point out as a matter of general interest that Edwards' peal can be put into a regular form by calling a single instead of a bob when 4-5 are behind at any place in the first half-peal and then repeating the whole. The special calls which are repeatedly deplored are not essential.

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G. W. SLACK.

## GLOUCESTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED AT WHITMINSTER

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Whitminster on Saturday, when about 30 ringers and friends attended and rang on the six bells during the afternoon.

After service, tea was partaken of at Whitminster House through the kind generosity of Miss Teesdale, who heartily welcomed the members to her residence. At the business meeting which followed, two new honorary members and five performing members were elected, while a collection on behalf of the Belfry Fund realised 8s. 6d.

Ex-Sergt. Williams proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. R. J. Jackson) and to Miss Teesdale for providing such an excellent tea. This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin.

Both the Rector and Miss Teesdale suitably responded, the latter saying she hoped the association would pay another visit in the near future.

The handbells were then brought into use by ex-Sergt. Williams, Mr. J. Austin and other members of the company.

## PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SURREY VILLAGE.

### SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATION OF PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

Ewhurst, a Surrey beauty spot, lying at the foot of Pitch Hill from which the great expanse of the Sussex Weald can be viewed, has now a peal of eight bells, two trebles having been added to the former ring of six, which have been restored by the recasting of the old trebles and the provision of an entirely new frame and fittings. The scheme has been made possible by two generous gifts. The Barron Bell Trust gave a grant to meet the cost of putting the existing bells in order and providing the new frame, while the new trebles are the gift of a parishioner, Mr. A. E. Wills, in memory of his wife.

The two heaviest bells in the tower were made by William Eldridge, of Chertsey, in 1671, but from the antiquarian standpoint the two next lighter ones are most interesting. They date from the 15th century and are among the oldest bells in Surrey. They bear the inscriptions, on one 'Sacte Johannis ora pro nobis,' on the other, 'Sancte Petre Or.' They were probably the product of a Wokingham foundry, as they bear the stamps used by Roger Landen. The two former trebles were cast at Whitechapel in 1839. The present work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the skilful way in which the pre-Reformation bells have been incorporated, especially bearing in mind that one of them had had the lip entirely chipped away, is not the least notable feature of the undertaking. The restored peal mingles the ancient and the modern, but the tones of old and new have been so nicely adjusted that they form a very harmonious whole.

The Bishop of Guildford performed the dedication on Sunday week and great interest was manifested in the event. The church could not accommodate all who attended and the service was relayed to a large number who were seated in the churchyard.

The special form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. B. Dollar), the lesson being read by the Rev. W. J. Roberts (Pastor of the Congregational Church). The formal dedication took place while the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and choir stood beneath the central tower. The Bishop first asked a blessing upon the work which had been done, and then, having 'solemnly set apart these bells from all profane and common uses,' blessed and dedicated them to the glory of God and the service of His Holy Church.

After delivering the ropes to the Rector, with the command to receive the bells as a sacred trust committed to him as the appointed minister of Christ in that church and parish, and to 'take heed that they be ever and only used to His service and for His glory,' the Bishop gave three strokes on one of the bells to signify the completion of the ceremony. After prayers had been said, the procession returned to the chancel, while the local ringers, under their captain, Mr. W. Denyer, rang the bells in rounds.

The Bishop's address was based upon Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the House of the Lord.' He spoke of the ministry of church bells and of the gratitude that must be felt to those by whose labour and skill and forethought the restoration of the old bells had been carried through. The bells, which linked them with the ages of long ago, had now been successfully restored, and to them had been added a gift which love and remembrance had made.

During the singing of the final hymn, 'Lifted high within the tower, all our bells are set on high,' a collection was taken for the fund to defray the cost of certain necessary work to the tower in connection with the restoration of the bells.

After the service ringers from many churches in the diocese had the opportunity of ringing and were entertained to tea by the Rector and parishioners.

Responding to a vote of thanks proposed by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rector expressed pride in the augmented peal of bells, and, referring to the difficulties of dealing with the pre-Reformation bells, jokingly remarked that a spot of candle grease dropped on one of them about the year 1846, and the Advisory Committee would not allow them to touch it on account of its age (laughter). So they put another close to it to keep it company in case it should be lonely (laughter). However, they managed to please everybody and they got what they wanted themselves (applause).

In the evening further ringing took place, and the effect of the bells from various points in the parish proved very pleasing.

## BRISTOL TOWER CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The tenth anniversary of the installation of the peal of eight bells (by Mears and Stainbank) at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, was celebrated on July 14th.

It is very pleasing to report that these bells have been regularly rung for Sunday service both morning and evening, practically without exception, throughout this time. The Guild has lost several of its members through death and other causes, but has managed to teach sufficient new members to fill the vacancies, and to keep the band up to its usual standard, which is very gratifying in these days when one hears of so many churches with bells, but no regular ringers.

To mark the anniversary a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evensong on July 17th by the following members: E. J. Ridler 1, A. Knight 2, Raymond Adams (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, Mrs. F. Skidmore 4, F. Skidmore (conductor) 5, A. C. Baker 6, G. S. Wiltshire 7, A. T. Maggs 8.

## AN ANCIENT CHURCH CRAFT.

### ACTON RECTOR AND BELLRINGING.

A very pleasant meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Acton, on Saturday. About 40 members and friends were present from Acton, Barnes, Battersea, Chalfont St. Peter's, Chiswick, Croydon (St. Peter's), Denham, Ealing (Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's), Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Kingsbury, Priddlewell, Putney, Ruiship, Twickenham, Uxbridge and Westminster (St. Margaret's).

The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m. and were kept going at intervals till about 8.30 p.m., the methods rung ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, some good touches being brought round under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master, and Mr. W. H. Ellingham, Deputy Ringing Master.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A.), the lesson being read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope). The hymn, 'Ruiship Bells,' specially composed for the association at Ruiship, was sung.

The Rector, in an eloquent address, welcomed those present, and expressed his thanks to those members of the association who made a point of ringing his bells once a month, a service which was greatly appreciated. The Rector referred to those ancient crafts of the Church, such as building and carving, when, as in the Middle Ages, each had a social meaning and a religious symbolism, when these symbols were a living language and taught the people at a time when there was little reading and writing; and made comparison with the present day with its new buildings when all is done by mechanical means and mass production, and amid the secular noises of the present, even the sound of the bells raised objections. Let them remember, said the Rector, that the ancient craft of bellringing was now about the only real craft left to the Church; it called for all the concentration and energy of those practising it, was a real witness and a gift of nature and of God.

The Rector concluded by inviting those present to take tea with him on the Rectory lawn, an invitation which was gladly accepted.

A very pleasant time followed. A beautiful afternoon, the pretty Rectory gardens hidden amidst the industrial activity of Acton, and tea, set out on small tables, were thoroughly enjoyed. The proceedings were opened at the Rector's request by a course on the handbells, and, following tea, clock golf and other games were indulged in by some till about 7 p.m. Others having proceeded to the belfry, the sound of the bells nearby added to the enjoyment of those present.

Before the close of the proceedings, the Rector and his warden (Mr. E. Collins) again gave a welcome to the gathering and invited them to further refreshments.

The vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, expressed, on behalf of the association, their warm appreciation of the generous hospitality shown and their thanks to the Rector, wardens, organist and Mr. Train, vergers, for all the arrangements made.

## MEETING ON SURREY DOWNS.

### SURREY ASSOCIATION AND GUILDFORD GUILD FRATERNISE AT RANMORE.

Ideal summer weather favoured the annual joint meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Ranmore on Saturday, and ringers and their friends enjoyed themselves during the afternoon and evening at this delightful spot on the Surrey downs, either in ringing the bells, playing games on the green opposite the church, or rambling in the woods, according to inclination.

Forty-five ringers attended, representing Bagshot, Badsworth (Somerset), Banstead, Beddington, West Clandon, Chertsey, Cowfold (Sussex), Cranleigh, Croydon, Guildford, Haslemere, Heston, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Reigate, Sunbury and West Grinstead. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. G. Davies), at which he welcomed the visitors to Ranmore. In his address he drew attention to the similarity between ringing and rowing (a recreation in which he was interested), for they both depended for their success upon 'rhythm,' which was fundamental in the English character. This characteristic, he said, was brought out in rowing, in a perfectly rung peal, and in the 'rhythm' of life. English people pull well together, and while they did not want to boast about it, they knew it existed, and that it had for a basis the 'rhythm' of well-balanced lives. Another thing people appreciated was beauty; the beauty of a peal of bells set in surroundings such as they had at Ranmore; in the architecture of their church; and in the appeal of the surrounding country. All these things spoke to them of beauty, of peace and of God.

The service was followed by tea at the Post Office Cafe. After tea a vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for taking the service and for giving the address; and to Mr. Alfred Dobinson, the steeplekeeper, for making arrangements for the meeting. Members afterwards made for the tower, the meadows, or the woods, where they enjoyed themselves in their various ways until it was time to return home. The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.



## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. NEW MASTER'S UNIQUE DISTINCTION.

The election of Mr. Roger D. St. J. Smith as Master of the Oxford University Society is an interesting one. From 1934 to 1937 Mr. Smith was a member of Selwyn College, Cambridge, and after taking the B.A. degree at Cambridge in 1937 he migrated to Oxford to read Theology as a member of Jesus College and Ripon Hall Theological College.

From 1935 to 1937 he held the office of Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and is the first man to have held the office of Master of both the University Societies.

The new Master of the O.U.S.C.R. first learnt to ring at Yardley Hastings, Northants, in 1928, and joined the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in the following year. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, at Yardley Hastings in May, 1931, and scored his first as conductor, Bob Minor, at Mears Ashby, just over a year later. As far as peal ringing is concerned, Mr. Smith had his best year in 1935, when the eight peals he rang included his first in each of the four standard Surprise Major methods, Cambridge Royal, and first peal 'in hand.' Altogether he has rung 50 peals, the 50th being the tenor to 'silent' Cambridge Major at Buckland, with members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild early this year.



MR. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT AT BROADSTAIRS.

A successful and highly enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Peter's, Broadstairs, on Saturday, July 9th. Nearly 70 were present, the following towers in the district being represented: Ash, Birchington, Canterbury (four towers), Boughton, Dover, Sturry, Ospringe, Wickhambreaux, St. Lawrence (Thanet), Margate, Eythorne, Deal, with members of the local company and two visitors from Basingstoke.

Ringing was slightly curtailed in the afternoon, owing to a wedding, the happy couple having the pleasure of hearing the bells speed them on their way after the ceremony.

Service for the ringers was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. F. H. Hamel Smith), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presiding at the organ.

Tea, to which the members were entertained by the Church authorities, was held at an adjacent hostelry, and greatly appreciated by all present. The Vicar presided, and in the company were the two churchwardens of St. Peter's, Mr. C. H. Noble and Mr. A. M. Batchen.

At the subsequent business meeting, the election of one member previous to a peal attempt was confirmed, one practising member of the local tower was elected, and the Vicar and churchwardens were elected as honorary members of the association. Their election was heartily applauded, and the Vicar, in returning thanks, remarked that he 'was glad to see that there was no hand raised in dissent.'

A proposition, put to the meeting by Mr. Trendell, that 'the officers of the district be elected by nomination and ballot,' was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman and carried nem con.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by the district secretary to the church authorities, the Vicar and to Mr. W. Fairbeard (local secretary) for all they had done to make the meeting the success that it was, was carried with applause.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Erin Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich being rung.

## THE MINOR RECORD.

### NEW SPLICED EXTENTS.

In the peal in 34 Minor methods that was rung at Disley on July 16th there were two new spliced extents. Fifteen methods were rung in one of these, 14 of them being Alliance methods, completed by Bastow Little Court. It was an arrangement in which Mr. C. K. Lewis introduced four fresh Alliance methods into a 720 composed by Mr. A. G. Driver. Here are the half-leads of the new methods:—

Denton and Poynton	Sutton and Chelford
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241635
426153	426153
421635	421635
246153	246153
426513	426513
425631	245631
246513	246513
245631	425631

Denton and Sutton have 2nd's place when the treble leads, and Poynton and Chelford have 6th's place.

The following is the composition of the extent:—

23456 Poynton	42356 Tattershall	34256 Leake
64523 Candlesby	63542 Tattershall	56423 Leake
S 35624 Bastow L.C.	S 25643 Bastow L.C.	23645 Leake
—63524 Bastow L.C.	—62543 Bastow L.C.	S 45632 Bastow L.C.
56432 Bastow L.C.	56324 Bastow L.C.	—64532 Bastow L.C.
45263 Bastow L.C.	35462 Bastow L.C.	56243 Bastow L.C.
24356 Bastow L.C.	43256 Bastow L.C.	25364 Bastow L.C.
32645 Bastow L.C.	24635 Bastow L.C.	32456 Bastow L.C.
S 63254 Freiston	S 62453 Frampton	43625 Bastow L.C.
26435 Denton	46325 Benington	S 64352 Wrangle
42563 Butterwick	34562 Sutton	23564 Wrangle
54326 Sutton	53246 Frampton	45623 Wrangle
35642 Butterwick	25634 Frampton	36245 Wrangle
S 62354 Bastow L.C.	S 64253 Bastow L.C.	52436 Wrangle
36425 Bastow L.C.	26345 Bastow L.C.	S 63452 Bastow L.C.
43562 Bastow L.C.	32564 Bastow L.C.	46235 Bastow L.C.
54236 Bastow L.C.	53426 Bastow L.C.	24563 Bastow L.C.
S 25463 Chelford	S 45362 Leake	52346 Bastow L.C.
34625 Candlesby	62534 Leake	S 35264 Langton
56234 Candlesby		42635 Alford
		56342 Poynton

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The other new extent was in 13 plain methods and was composed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, as under:—

23456 St. Clement's	42356 St. Clement's	34256 St. Clement's
42635 Lytham	34625 Lytham	23645 Lytham
56342 College	56234 College	56423 College
—23564 College	—42563 College	—34562 College
45623 Thelwall	35642 D. Oxford	25634 D. Oxford
64352 Thelwall	63254 Thelwall	62453 Thelwall
36245 St. Clement's	26435 St. Clement's	46325 St. Clement's
S 25364 Wavertree	S 45263 Wavertree	S 35462 Wavertree
43625 Reverse Bob	32645 Reverse Bob	24635 Reverse Bob
32456 Fulbeck Bob	24356 Double Bob	43256 Double Bob
56243 Plain Bob	56432 Plain Bob	56324 Plain Bob
64532 Plain Bob	63524 Plain Bob	62543 Plain Bob
—64325 Plain Bob	—63245 Plain Bob	—62435 Plain Bob
—64253 Plain Bob	—63452 Plain Bob	—62354 Plain Bob
45632 Canterbury P.	35624 Cant'y P.	25643 Cant'y P.
53426 Canterbury P.	52346 Cant'y P.	54236 Cant'y P.
32564 St. Clement's	24563 St. Clement's	43562 St. Clement's
S 54326 St. Clement's	S 53246 St. Clement's	S 52436 St. Clement's
—63542 London Bob	—62534 London Bob	—64523 London Bob
25463 Childwall	45362 Childwall	35264 Childwall

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## A JOINT MEETING.

### HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AT NORTH MIMMS.

A joint meeting was held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, when over 30 ringers found their way to this beautiful old church, which is rather off the beaten track.

A service was conducted by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar, and he gave an interesting address.

Tea was arranged at the Churchyard Cottage, where, owing to the large number attending, it was found necessary to divide the party and send half of the ringers back to the tower to ring while the other half had their tea.

The St. Albans secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost) welcomed the Middlesex ringers to the meeting, and Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) suitably replied.

During the afternoon and evening touches were rung in methods from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major, all tastes being catered for, under the direction of Mr. H. V. Frost. The meeting was most enjoyable and successful, thanks to the local ringers and many others concerned, whose co-operation was greatly appreciated.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### OVER A HUNDRED VISITORS AT BRASTED.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Brasted. The bells of Sundridge Church were also open. During the afternoon and evening the bells of both churches were kept going in various methods, from Doubles to London Surprise Minor. Service was held in Brasted Church, and a very interesting talk on the history of the fabric was given by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. L. Longuet-Higgins, M.C., O.B.E.).

The lower part of the tower is apparently the oldest portion, dating from c. 1225. Here is a buttress, set centrally at the west side of the tower and perforated by a groined doorway. The rest of the edifice was rebuilt in 1880, in Kentish ragstone. The church is dedicated to St. Martin. It is believed that there were bells at Brasted in the 16th century, probably four large ones. In 1730, Phelps, of Whitechapel, cast the five front bells, and in 1764 a sixth was added. The tower was restored and the bells recast and rehung, at a cost of about £1,400, in 1881. The work on the bells was carried out by Gillett and Bland. The present six, with a tenor of 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb., in F sharp, were retuned and rehung in ball bearings in 1932 by Mears and Stainbank.

The church at Sundridge, dedication unknown, is very interesting, being in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, the stone reredos being worthy of particular notice. The tower is built of stone and rough flints, has a shingled spire and contains six bells. The front three were cast by Hodson in 1683, 1666 and 1666, and the fourth by Bartlett, in 1619. In 1737 a fifth was added, and later a sixth.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, and was kindly provided by Mr. E. H. Lewis. Ringers and friends to the number of 104 sat down to do justice to a really splendid spread. Among those present were Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (general hon. secretary), Messrs. T. Groombridge, G. H. Spice, A. G. Hill, C. H. Kippin, A. Pink, W. Latter, T. Saunders and E. J. Ladd. At least 20 towers were represented from Kent alone, and several from outside the district.

Mr. E. H. Lewis presided at the business meeting, at which five new practising members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. Matthews, W. Draper, A. Gravett, of Westerham, Mr. P. Bond, of Brasted, and Mr. G. Jenner, of Leigh. Mr. C. Parks, of Thornton Heath, was elected a non-resident life member.

The sum of £1 11s. 4d. was collected for the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. E. H. Lewis gave some very good advice on striking, stressing one point in particular, that of a slow blow in 2nds often being made when leaving the lead, even by otherwise good strikers.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, that to Mr. Lewis being accompanied by musical honours.

Both towers were again visited after the meeting, and the gardens of Moorcocks, the residence of Mr. Lewis, were kindly opened to the visitors. Those who went to the gardens either rang handbells, played bowls (at least, they said they did), or, in the case of the many gardeners present, reeled off strings of obscure names of rock plants and the like for the edification of the uninitiated. The meeting was one of the pleasantest held by the district.

### NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL DINNER DIFFICULTIES.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stone on Saturday, July 2nd, when a company of 34 attended from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Draycott, Derby, Hanley, Longton, Leek, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Repton, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington, Salop.

A service was held, conducted by the curate. Tea was served in the Schoolroom, where the churchwarden (Mr. C. S. Bowers) welcomed the association on behalf of the Rector of Stone, who was away on holidays.

Mr. Bowers remarked how much they looked forward to what was called the ringers' festival, and hoped Stone would be made an annual meeting place. He went on to say how much he enjoyed the annual dinner of the association at Burslem, and hoped it would continue, although there had been one or two snags in it. He was sure if they were handled with care the difficulties would be overcome.

Mr. S. Churton proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Stone for the use of the bells, and Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies, who attended to the needs of the party at the tea table.

Two new members were elected, viz.: F. Evans and T. Riley, both of Stone. Selections on handbells were given by J. Pagett and F. Ferguson, and Grandsire Triples were rung by Messrs. Ferguson, J. Pagett, J. H. Swinfield and E. Sharratt, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles by the three first named.

No fewer than six cycled to the meeting from a distance, and Mr. A. Prichard rode about 30 miles each way from Wellington, Salop, in order to be present.

### BRISTOL RINGERS 'NIGHT OUT'.

The ringers of the Church of the Holy Nativity, Bristol, had their outing on Saturday, June 18th, when they visited Aldershot by road and witnessed the Tattoo. Tea was had at Reading, and supper (or was it breakfast?) at a roadside cafe about eight miles on the Bristol side of Reading. For the arrangements made for these two meals the members wish to thank Mr. R. T. Hibbert and his son for their great kindness at such short notice. The party arrived home at about 5.20 a.m., and all were present to ring for service at 10.30.

### RINGERS AND DIOCESAN COMMITTEES.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—I was not surprised to read from your recent leader that there exists a large number of diocesan committees who are indifferent to accepting ringers to give advice on bell restorations. Having studied this question for many years, what I have heard and seen with my own eyes has convinced me that the trouble in many cases is due to the attitude of ringers themselves. A great many seem to think that the control of all belfries rests with the associations. They forget that the jurisdiction of every church and its furnishings is vested in the Vicar, wardens and Church Council—not the associations and other bodies outside the church. Let ringers get that high-minded idea out of their heads, and the responsible authorities might then respect them and be prepared to listen to their views.

Not long ago I heard of a Vicar who was indifferent to his own County Association holding meetings in his tower, but at the same time would always welcome ringers from other counties. One day I asked him the reason, and he replied, 'I've noticed that ringers from other counties always seem to appreciate the fact that they are here as a privilege, whereas those from our own county seem to think they have a right to be here, that the tower and bells belong to them.' And he went on further to say that once, when he did permit a meeting, his own captain complained bitterly to him of the attitude of one or two of the association officers trying to take his place in the belfry. This is something which I myself have noticed frequently occurs.

Another Vicar once commented to me: How often do we see ringers at the eastern as well as the western end of the church? Let them show us that their work is done as a bit of church work and not as a mere hobby and we might appreciate them. What would be said of the sidesman who walked into church just as it was time to take the plate round and walked out again, or the parson who only went to deliver his sermon? It is all rubbish for people to talk of these things being acts of worship in themselves, as ringers talk of their art. He said he was yet to know of any ringers who could concentrate on figures and be deeply in prayer at the same time. I must hold respect for this Vicar's views!

In your leader you mention the fact that diocesan committees often look upon a ringer as being biased. In one respect I am inclined to believe that they have every reason to think thus. No one in his senses thinks of putting a pony to do the same job as a cart horse, yet in their liking for the tonal qualities of heavy bells it is strange to notice how many ringers seem to think light bells not worth putting in any church tower. I have heard some varied remarks passed about the light rings at St. Ebbe's, Oxford; Tetworth, Bucks; Bosley, Cheshire, and so on. Yet the same ringers would soon have something to say if these churches installed 'canned' bells, or were prepared to rest contented with only one bell. Their attitude is that of 'the dog in a manger' and is not likely to win much support either from the diocesan committees or the antiquarians. It is my contention (as it is with the antiquarian people) that, as the suit has to be made to fit the man, so must the bells be made to fit the tower. The only point upon which I would differ is the number. Instead of one large bell, surely it is better for ringers and listeners alike to have five or six light bells (even if hung in two tiers) where a tower is not capable of a heavier peal. And if it is not capable of such a light five or six, I should hardly be inclined to call it a tower.

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#### RUGBY SOCIETY'S TOUR.

The annual outing of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, was a most enjoyable trip. The party of 18 ringers included several hon. life members, one of whom was Mr. James George, a pioneer of ringing in the new tower and now in his 85th year. The outward journey was through Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon and Alcester to Worcester, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the 12 bells of the Cathedral, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman. The handling of the 2½ ton tenor by Mr. George was the cause of amazement and many compliments. Lunch was taken at the Angel Hotel, and the company was pleased to entertain Mr. Johnson, the secretary of the Cathedral Society.

The journey continued in the afternoon through Evesham and Pershore to Bourton-on-the-Water, where, after being welcomed by Mr. Phillips and ringing on the peal of eight, tea was served. Calling at Southam on the way home, the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise. Here the party enjoyed a fleeting visit from Mr. Walter Malins, another life member, who now lives at Wimbledon. During refreshments at a nearby hotel Mr. George reminded the party that he is the oldest practising ringer in the world, and entertained the company with reminiscences of his amazing career.

Every available opportunity was taken during the day to make use of the handbells provided, as usual, by Mr. H. Webb. The officials desire to express their gratitude to incumbents and officers at various towers for their co-operation in arranging such a successful day.

**A PEAL AT BEAUMARIS.****FIRST FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.**

When as a child I laughed and wept, time crept.  
When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.  
When I became a full-grown man, time ran.  
And later, as I older grew, time flew.

Chester Cathedral.

A Chester company of ringers recently decided to visit the romantic town of Beaumaris in North Wales, and, having been favoured by permission to attempt a peal upon the only ring of bells on the island of Anglesey, fixed their visit for Saturday, July 9th. The outing was turned into a 'family affair'; four ladies, eight ringers and three cars as transport for them. Leaving Chester at 9 a.m., the following was the route down: Hawarden, Holywell and its famous well of St. Winifred, Bodelwyddan, with its church of marble work and its unique font, Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Conway Castle and Bangor. Amongst crowded traffic, in narrow roads, of charabanc and motor-car, the journey required manœuvring skill in the rough weather experienced; the raging billows on the right hand and the mighty mountains to the left, capped by Snowdon, fit emblem of a Yorkshire ringer of 50 years ago. The newspapers kindly promised a 'heat wave' for mid-July, but March came back again with wind and rain. I began to ponder how the beach at Cronulla or the Blue Mountains of New South Wales would look under these conditions. The suspension bridge across the Menai Straits, much resembling Clifton, bore the strain of load and stress of wind, and in due course, after a drive of over 70 miles, we wheeled up in front of Beaumaris Castle and near the ancient Parish Church that was formerly a chapel to the stronghold of mediæval days. At St. Mary's we were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. Rummage), the foreman of the tower (Mr. R. J. Jones) and Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, making an examination of points of interest to be found and its historical contents.

**THE BELLS.**

The bells were cast by Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk, and were probably brought to Beaumaris by sea, as a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., in the year 1819, and remained unique in being the only ring of bells in the whole county for 85 years. They were the gift of Lord Viscount Bulkeley, as appears by the inscription on the tenor. In 1904 two trebles, cast by Barwell, were hung by William Greenleaf.

The tower was originally a fortified structure, very broad, with stone stairs to the ringing room; the ground floor having been used as a priests' room and having its original Tudor stone fireplace in situ.

A very handsome altar tomb with two life-size figures in alabaster is almost perfect. The old font from Italy, carved from a solid piece of rare marble, has a circular bowl and octagonal sides, each with different geometrical designs, minutely carved and very deep, yet preserved without a flaw.

There are 20 stalls worthy of a Cathedral, with carved arm-rests and tip-up seats of solid oak, all grotesquely carved. In the porch is preserved a stone sarcophagus, its carved cover sadly broken, the former coffin of Joan, the last Princess of North Wales, A.D. 1237. The 'water trough' was used by cattle at a neighbouring farm for many years until the broken cover preserved in the church was found to fit it, and so revealed another bit of early British history.

Lunch was enjoyed at the White Lion, and after sightseeing, rope adjustment and the election of Mr. Richards, provisionally, as a member of the North Wales Association, the peal of Grandsire Triples was begun about 4 o'clock and well brought home, thus breaking a gap of 25 pealless years in this tower. Naturally we conveyed our hearty thanks to those fellow-churchmen who had made us welcome, and a hope expressed that Beaumaris and the North Wales Association would resume their old brotherly love. At 7.30 the return 'voyage' was begun, this time taking the road through Bethesda, Conway River Valley, Corwen, Llangollen and the River Dee, to Wrexham and Gresford, a quieter road noted for its wild scenery and mountain torrents.

The writer will ever remember with gratitude the kind invitation to the party and the surrender of a rope, as the opportunity to visit this town was quite unexpected after waiting nine years. It enabled him to complete a peal in every county in England and Wales. As to the party they may be called 'stalwarts.' I found their age averaged well over 50 years; the young tower grabbers and peal snatchers of England are not in the running with them, and I may add one is never too old to feel young—at times? Small handbills shown in Beaumaris shop windows announced July 9th as 'Rent Day,' which would be paid to the agent of the lord of the manor—at the Bulkeley Arms—a descendant of the donor of the bells. We hoped that our ringing cheered the tenants and there were no arrears. Perhaps Rent Day favoured our Peal Day and made the visit more appropriate.

Last year I gave 'The Ringing World' a few lines about 'Time' collected at East Tytherley; the lines that head this contribution are from the Chapter Clock under the organ loft of Chester Cathedral.

W. H. F.

**'FIRST' IN SHROPSHIRE.**

First quarter-peal of London Surprise Major in Shropshire and by all the hand except the conductor was rung at Market Drayton on Wednesday, July 13th. It comprised 1,344 changes and was rung by A. M. Hickman 1, T. Price 2, F. Price 3, T. Hurd 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. Pritchard 6, W. P. Deane (conductor) 7, W. Weatherby 8.

**NOTICES.**

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on July 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, 5 p.m. Wheathampstead bells (6) also available for the evening. Special method for practice, Cambridge Minor.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), on Saturday, July 30th. Business meeting (election of a committee man) at 6.30 p.m. in the tower. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting is at Farnborough (not Hawley), on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Everyone welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on July 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh, not Adlington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3. Business meeting 7. Nominations for president, general secretary, and four C.C. representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (near Rochester) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid to members attending. — G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Start your holiday by coming to Roxton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and join us.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (July 30th), at St. Mary's, Leyton, E.10. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

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**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ashover Church, near Chesterfield (8 bells), on Bank Holiday (Monday, August 1st). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea can be had close by church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will take place at Macclesfield on August 1st (Bank Holiday). Service in St. Michael's Church, 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 noon, and luncheon 1 p.m. Bells available: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (8), and St. James', Higher Sutton (6).

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Magnus, 4th and 18th; St. Lawrence Jewry, 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 11th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Wragby on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Head Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**DARTMOUTH, ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, DEVON.**—The ring of eight bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

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A joint meeting of the Surrey Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild had been announced to be held at that delightful spot, Ranmore Common, on the hills above Dorking, and on Saturday week a Croydon ringer wended his way thither.

He was the only one who turned up, but he met the Vicar, who said he was going to conduct a service for bellringers. Later the ringer adjourned to the only cafe in the neighbourhood, where he learned that tea had been prepared for a party of 25 to 30 bellringers. But after a further wait and finding that no ringers appeared, the gentleman from Croydon went home puzzled.

Afterwards telephones buzzed. Secretaries nearly had heart attacks and got really desperate. They were only able to sleep at night, when they discovered that the Croydon ringer had gone to Ranmore a week too soon; that the Vicar had been uncertain about the date, and that the caterers had provided for a party 'who might be bellringers.'

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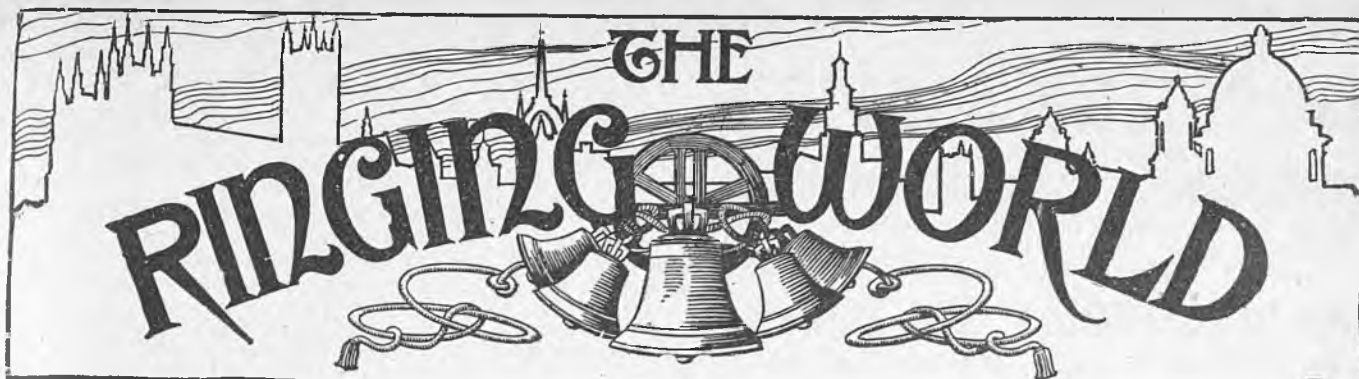
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In various ways, in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' there have been references to the connection, direct or indirect, which ringers have with church bell restorations. It is becoming a growing custom for ringers, through their organisations, to give grants, modest perhaps, but always acceptable, to bell restoration or augmentation schemes, and they have a growing sense of the importance of seeing that these schemes are carried out in such a way that the interests, which they specially have in bells, are not prejudiced. Sometimes these interests clash with the antiquarians, but on the whole ringers and their art have gained by the assistance and advice which they have been able to give. While church authorities are responsible for keeping their bells in order, they are encouraged in their schemes of restoration if they know that ringers, in addition to urging them, are prepared to do their share in meeting the cost, and it is gratifying to see that the contributions to restorations from association funds are growing with the years. A notable example is that of Oxford, which through the Guild and its branches has voted something like £80 in the past year.

We hope this form of contribution to the Church will not diminish. Our 'Oxfordshire' correspondent who suggested in our columns a week or two ago the diversion of these funds to other purposes is hardly likely, we think, to find much support, but there is one of his proposals to which not only the Oxford Guild, but other associations might give some consideration, and that is in helping poor churches to provide new bell ropes. Every ringer of experience has visited belfries where ropes are in a bad condition and renewal is delayed or refused for want of funds. Where the ropes are worn out purely by service ringing no church ought to refuse to buy new ones, although, even then, perhaps, it would be a charitable act and an encouragement to a band of ringers, who render their first service to the Church, to assist them with their ropes. But at places where peal ringing or frequent general practices and meetings are held, there does seem to be a case for helping with the renewal of ropes, which are a prime essential. It is the part of the equipment of bells that most quickly wears out, and we think that associations, especially those who have substantial balances in hand, might turn their attention to providing help in 'necessitous cases.' Ropes come within the definition of 'consumable stores,' and many a church, hard hit for funds in these days, finds itself unable to provide new ones. Help in such cases would, we feel sure, often be a good investment for an association.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	RALPH COLES ... .. 10
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5	F. DONALD BORRHAM ... .. 11
EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 6	EDWARD CROXFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques and 300th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT WALKER .. .. Treble	MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 10
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 6	GEORGE LADD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
†ERNEST W. PYE... .. 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Superlative Maximus. † First attempt for a peal of Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JAMES L. GRAY ... .. Treble	HAROLD WALKER ... .. 6
†RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 2	†WILLIAM ROBSON ... .. 7
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS... .. 8
MRS. J. THOMAS... .. 4	*ARTHUR COOK ... .. 9
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5	*MATTHEW B. LIVESLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, July 25, 1938, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... ..	...Treble	*CHARLES W. RIDGWAY ... 5
*DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 2		JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6
†DOUGLAS G. BROWN ... .. 3		ALISON PURDOM ... .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 4		EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.  
 \* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. T. Pitman, father of the treble ringer.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Tuesday, July 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*ALFRED LOVERING ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES H. BAKER ... .. 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 2		HORACE M. BUTT ... .. 6
THOMAS J. BARTLETT ... .. 3		*WILLIAM REEKS ... .. 7
†REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... 4		WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. Tenor

Composed by M. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY  
 \* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

MORRIS'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

OLIVER HINES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 2		*WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 6
GEORGE D. HADFIELD ... .. 3		†HORACE O. OVER ... .. 7
PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 4		*ARTHUR YATES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Seale, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, who was inducted to the benefice on July 14th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, July 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... ..	...Treble	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2		FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3		HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4		MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.  
 \* First peal in the method. This composition contains only 27 calls.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD SHUCK ... ..	...Treble	KENNETH I. PARDOE ... 5
JOHN BASS ... .. 2		WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
BERNARD LAWTON ... .. 3		NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4		SAMUEL E. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH.

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HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM JAMES ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
†ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 2		*ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 6
*ALBERT J. ADAMS ... .. 3		WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 7
*JOHN HOBDEN ... .. 4		ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.  
 \* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'  
 First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES G. RUMSEY ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... .. 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 2		ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 3		JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7
*FREDERICK C. NICHOLLS ... 4		ALDERMAN LING ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.  
 \* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. HARRISON ... ..	...Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... .. 2		FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 3		CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 7
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4		ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

*On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..	...Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2		GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3		LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4		JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.  
 First peal of London on the bells.

FARINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

*VALENTINE J. JONES ... ..	...Treble	FREDERICK H. WHIPP ... 5
FRANK W. WHEELER ... .. 2		CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE ... 6
HUBERT E. TAYLOR ... .. 3		EDWARD E. HUGHES ... .. 7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 4		†RICHARD M. PAWLING ... Tenor

Conducted by CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples by the local band of Sunday service ringers at this church.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 2		CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3		ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4		RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being 720 each of Netherseale, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise,  
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 4
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday and retirement of Mr. R. A. Hammond, for over 20 years parish clerk and 61 years with the choir.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 42 six-scores of Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day (17 callings).  
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD WHITE ... .. Treble	THOMAS BOND ... .. 4
HARRY FLOYD ... .. 2	NOBLE SPINLOW ... .. 5
*CECIL CALCUTT ... .. 3	HARRY FARMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. FLOYD.

\* First peal. First peal by all in three Doubles methods. First peal on the bells since rehangings.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.  
(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Double and Plain Bob; (4) Hereward Bob and Double Court; (5) Wavertree and College Single; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Childwall and St. Clement's.  
Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. H. SIMMONDS 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal in 14 methods. There were 270 changes of method.

WEST LULWORTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Sven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT WAKE ... .. Treble	*MAURICE TOCOCK ... .. 4
CECIL SMART ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
*THOMAS TOCOCK ... .. 3	L.-CPL. P. TOCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
ROBERT JEFF ... .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	ROLAND PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, Henfield, Sussex, by the local band, on July 28th, as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. Cruttenden, a former ringer, who died on June 21st: E. Brown 1, V. Freeman 2, C. Tyler 3, F. Parsons 4, F. Cruttenden 5, G. Payne 6, E. Morey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, P. Freeman 8.

CHERITON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one of Morris' 240's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*HAROLD H. SHAW ... .. Treble	*ALLAN TREMEER ... .. 4
HARRY NEWNHAM ... .. 2	*REV. GERALD A. ELLISON 5
LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. WEARRING ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE TREMEER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BROOKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Comprising extents of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 4
LESLIE H. JERMY ... .. 2	REGINALD H. DRANE ... .. 5
GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of treble and tenor. First peal on the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*THOMAS J. CLARK ... .. Treble	*LEONARD LUCK ... .. 4
*EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. T. Simons to Miss E. J. Morrish, which took place at the church prior to the peal.

DONINGTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. Treble	*CYRIL WANDER ... .. 4
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 5
JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. 3	*ALBERT H. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Comprising seven extents, viz., two Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob and one each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	*HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	FRED HARTMAN ... .. 5
*WILLIAM C. RHODES ... .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

\* First peal in five methods.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*KENNETH C. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 3
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
RALPH BIRD ... .. 3	

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal on the bells

## PEAL NOTES.

### MINIMUM CALLS IN A PEAL OF BRISTOL.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, on July 28th, conducted a peal of Bristol Surprise Major that has only 27 calls in it. It was composed by Mr. Harold Cashmore and has a bob Before in every one of the 22 courses, with a bob Wrong in the second course, a bob Middle in the seventh course, and a bob at home in each of the eleventh, fifteenth and nineteenth courses. This is the minimum possible number of calls.

Mr. Hibbert has now conducted peals with both the minimum and the maximum number of calls. The latter was a peal of 5,760 Original Major with 825 calls.

'Teddy' Barnett, the third generation of the well-known Crayford ringing family—father, son and grandson have all borne the name of Edwin—has achieved a remarkable record. He is still only 19 years of age, but on Wednesday of last week he rang his 300th peal. This was at High Wycombe, Bucks, and was his first peal of Stedman Cinques.

Given average life, continued facilities and sustained interest, Edwin A. should go a long way towards making a record in peal ringing. His first 300 has taken him less than nine years.

Age as well as youth shared in the peal at High Wycombe, for the ages of the band ranged from 19 to 76. Tom Hibbert was among the veterans who took part, and it was his 60th peal of Stedman Cinques.

After 61 years' connection with the choir and 20 years as parish clerk of St. Andrew's, Clewer, Berks, Mr. R. A. Hammond has just retired. A complimentary peal in seven Minor methods was rung to commemorate his 70th birthday on July 23rd. It was the 50th peal that Mr. A. R. Pink has called for the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

It does not follow that the more methods you ring in a peal the more changes of method you get. The recent peal in 84 methods at Disley had 178 changes from one method to another. On July 24th a peal in only 14 spliced plain methods was rung at Belchamp St. Paul's, Essex, but in this there were no less than 270 changes of method.

This peal was rung by members of St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, and brought in two new members, Messrs. Reg. Simmonds and A. L. Dixey.

The first peal on the bells at Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire, since they were rehung by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, was scored on July 23rd, when 42 six-scores in three methods of Doubles were rung. It was the first peal in three Doubles methods by all the band.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Tynemouth on July 26th was Mr. J. E. Scott's fiftieth peal.

The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Leeds, and Mr. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, Lincs, took part in a peal of Bob Major at Broadclyst, Devon, on July 24th. It was the former's first peal on eight bells, as well as being the first peal of Major on the bells.

The Rev. G. A. Ellison, chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, rang his first peal on July 27th, when he took part in a 5,040 of Grandsire Doubles, the first peal on the bells, at Cheriton, Hants. Four others in the band also rang their first peal, and Leslie Tremear rang his first as conductor. All the band, except the Rev. G. A. Ellison, are from New Alresford.

Three brothers took part in a peal of Bob Minor at West Lulworth, Dorset, on July 24th. Thomas and Maurice Toccock rang their first peal, and the trio was completed by L.-Cpl. P. Toccock. By a coincidence it was rung on Maurice's 18th birthday.

The Sunday service ringers at Faringdon, Berks, have rung their first local peal of Triples. They rang Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire on Saturday and elected C. I. J. Pearce and R. M. Pawling members of the Oxford Guild before starting.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. G. A. Fleming rang their fiftieth peal together when they took part in a peal of London Surprise Major at Holesley, Suffolk, on Sunday.

On Sunday, at Black Notley, Essex, Reginald Simmonds and Ralph Bird rang their 25th peal together. Black Notley is a five-bell tower and this was the first peal on the bells as well as the first of Doubles by all five ringers.

After meeting short for Cambridge Surprise Major at Tarporley, Cheshire, on Saturday, a peal of Minor in five methods was rung, Mr. James Swindley kindly offering to stand out. It was the fiftieth peal by the conductor, Mr. R. G. Edwards. The peal was arranged for Mr. W. C. Rhodes, of Castle Bromwich.

Ringers sometimes complain that the ringing chamber is used to house objects not wanted elsewhere in church, but the practice proved very handy at Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday. After about two courses, of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major had been rung, the organist started playing, but the main electric switch being handy in the belfry, the good lady's efforts were very abruptly finished while the peal went merrily on to a satisfactory conclusion.

### OCTOGENARIAN'S EXAMPLE.

On Sunday, July 24th, at Christ Church, Swindon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, A. Lawrence 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, S. Palmer 5, E. J. Berry 6, A. G. Wells 7, A. E. Smith 8. Rung prior to the annual service in the ruins of the old church and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Daniell, Lawrence and Palmer. Mr. Lawrence is now in his 84th year and is still a model of punctual and regular attendance.

### A PEAL OF BOB MINIMUS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In sending the enclosed report of a 5,040 of Minimus a few words of explanation may perhaps be helpful.

Firstly, I do not know if Minimus is recognised by the Central Council and should be glad to know.

Secondly, a few words regarding the performers, who commenced ringing scarcely a year ago. They are very keen, as you will realise from the peal, and I am sure you will understand that I am anxious to encourage such keenness, particularly when I tell you that the band at Marple is not, so far, a change ringing one, call changes being rung for service. A few years ago Mr. Arthur Whiting made great efforts to get change ringing established, and we are now slowly collecting a band. We managed to ring a local peal of Doubles for the Coronation, but since then we have lost one of the band by removal, and Mr. Whiting's business is making increasing demands upon his time. But we are not downhearted and keep pegging away. The two brothers who rang the Minimus are aged 16 and 13, and, as often as possible, weather permitting, walk three miles to Disley for practice and back again. Both Mr. Whiting and I did the same, but we were much older than they are.

I feel sure you will gather from the above the true position, and that whilst peals of Minimus may be abhorrent to the 'purist,' I think that in certain circumstances any attempt to lift the standard of ringing at a tower should be encouraged, and as I myself, at the beginning, many times felt rather discouraged, I think a little stimulus to a beginner's early steps is not to be lightly turned down even to the extent of peals of Minimus under, as I said before, certain circumstances. Naturally in a change ringing tower the discouragements are lessened to a certain extent, but in a non-change ringing tower the difficulties can only be overcome by the constant maintenance of the enthusiasm of the 'would-be' change ringers.

Before long we hope to make further steps in the peal ringing line and that the Minimus will be the precursor of many more peals on higher numbers and in other methods in the course of time.

Perhaps I ought to say that the idea of a peal of Minimus was entirely their own and was just mentioned to me. I did not discourage it. Such enthusiasm is very heartening to all concerned.

Marple, Cheshire.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

### MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

#### THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in One Hour and Eighteen Minutes,*

*At 9, PARKFIELD AVENUE,*

#### A PEAL OF BOB MINIMUS. 5040 CHANCES :

Being 210 extents. Tenor size 11 in F sharp.

JOCelyn B. GARDINER (aged 16) 1-2 | IVAN B. GARDINER (aged 13) 3-4

First peal by both. First peal by a local band 'in hand.'

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

#### ENJOYABLE SUMMER MEETING.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Hampton-in-Arden. This village is delightfully situated in Warwickshire country and retains many of its ancient characteristics. The weather was fine and so a very pleasant afternoon and evening was enjoyed by the thirty or so who attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. J. B. Colthurst) welcomed the ringers on their arrival and conducted the Guild service. After tea he presided at the business meeting. Apologies for absence were read from the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett), the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes), Vice-Presidents A. Paddon Smith and Albert Walker, and several other members.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. George Yendall, who was a regular ringer at St. Martin's Church; he asked all to stand for a minute as a last tribute of respect.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary read letters from Mr. John Neal and Mr. Albert Walker, the former stating he was slowly improving in health, and the latter that he had now quite recovered and was on holiday at Brighton.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. H. Viggers and G. Chaplin, of Hall Green, as ringing members. The Vicar of Hampton-in-Arden expressed a desire to be associated with the Guild and was duly elected an honorary member.

The tower elections of Messrs. G. W. Steere (Sutton, Surrey), Charles Camm (Upton-on-Severn) and Clifford Skidmore (Brierley Hill) as life members, and A. H. S. Renny, of Erdington, as a full ringing member, were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. An invitation having been received to hold a joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th, it was agreed to substitute this for the usual bi-quarterly meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar concluded the business.

The bells were kept going in various methods, and in the evening some good practice for the assistance of the local ringers was put in.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool on Saturday, July 23rd. No doubt the fine weather had something to do with the large gathering, to say nothing of the very warm welcome which is always given to the Guild at Wool. The six bells were available from 3 p.m., but some members found the light going of this peal very awkward. Nevertheless, good practice was obtained by the learners.

The service was very bright, and a full choir, assisted by ladies, was present. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) officiated, and gave a really fine short extempore address. A large congregation was present.

The members of the Guild and friends then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous tea was awaiting them, over 80 being present.

In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) presided at the business meeting. Several apologies for absence were received, including one from the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby). The hon. secretary reported that the next meeting would be held at Frampton in September. A warm welcome was given by the chairman and the Vicar to all present, and especially the visitors.

The Chairman proposed, and the Rev. A. F. Godley seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had made the meeting so successful, and particularly the Vicar for conducting the service and giving such a fine, although short, address. They also thanked the donors of the tea—'The friends of Wool ringers and church'—the choir, organist and blower, and their indefatigable secretary.—The captain of the Wool ringers also joined in giving all a real welcome.—The vote was carried by acclamation.

The Chairman, as a change ringer, suggested that a special method should be practised at each meeting. He would like them to look it up beforehand.—The Deputy Ringing Master suggested that a monthly meeting for practice would help them.

Arrangements were made for some ringers to remain at Wool to help the learners and another band to go on to West Lulworth to do likewise at that tower where the bells had not been rung regularly for some time. These practices continued until late in the evening. At West Lulworth the sound of the bells brought the service ringers stationed there to visit the tower.

The methods practised were Kent and Plain Bob Minor and Grand-sire Doubles.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Charminster, Dorchester, Preston, Stratton, Upwey, East and West Lulworth, Wool and Wyke Regis, and welcome ringing visitors from Southwark Cathedral, Bournemouth, Lytchett Matravers and Maidenhead.

## THE NEW BELLS AT LISS.

## TWELVE RINGERS JOIN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Liss on July 23rd. Those present, who numbered 32, included Mr. G. Williams (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman), the Rev. H. W. Gooch (Rector of Liss), and ringing members from Alton, Blackmoor, Froyle, Hawkley, Liss, New Alresford, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Petersfield, Portsea, Ryde, Steep and Southampton, and two compounding members. Mr. O. Sippetts, of Crawley, was also present. The new ring of bells in St. Mary's Church, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were rung during the afternoon and evening from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major, and in the evening the six bells of St. Peter's Church were also rung. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector. Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's Hall, where, before the business meeting, the company had the pleasure of hearing a record of spliced handbell ringing in five methods by members of the Hertford County Association. Mr. E. J. Munday, of Liss, kindly supplied the apparatus for reproducing this excellent performance.

At the business meeting, the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse presided in the absence of the district chairman. Twelve new ringing members were elected from Liss and two from Steep.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for October 22nd at Chawton. An evening practice meeting was arranged to take place at Steep. A letter of thanks to the anonymous donor of the new ring of eight bells at Liss was sent from the meeting, through the Rector and the Archdeacon of Manchester, who have acted on his (or her) behalf.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Liss, the organist and the caterers.

## BIRTHDAYS.

In honour of the 76th birthday of the local treasurer, Mr. H. H. Peters, and of the birthday on the following day of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the London County Association at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Sunday, July 24th: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, B. R. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, P. A. Corby 7, H. H. Peters 8.

## YOUTH'S GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

## EDWIN A. BARNETT'S 300 PEALS.

A remarkable record has been set up by Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford. Three months before reaching the age of 20 he has rung 300 peals. He completed the total last week, when, at High Wycombe, he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques. What makes his record the more extraordinary is the great variety of methods which have been included. The peals have been rung on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus and in no fewer than 37 Major methods. Many of these, of course, he has only rung once, but in more than a dozen instances he has called this single peal. Out of the 300 which he has rung, he has conducted 48, including one in every Triples method, as well as one or more in each of 28 Major methods.



EDWIN A. BARNETT.

'Teddy' has rung 124 peals in Crayford tower. His unique record of peals is worth giving in detail:—

ON TOWER BELLS.		Rung Cond.		Superlative		Rung Cond.	
Doubles	1	1	Yorkshire	17	3		
Minor	2		Lincolnshire	3	1		
Grandsire Triples	17	1	Pudsey	1	1		
Union	2	1	Staffordshire	1	1		
Bob	2	1	Ipswich	1			
Canterbury Pleasure	1	1	Erith	1			
Stedman	37	1	Crayford	1			
Bob Major	32	4	Ashted	2			
Reverse Bob	1	1	Lutterworth	1			
Double Bob	1		Lessness	1			
Canterbury Pleasure	2	1	Staffordshire	1			
Double Norwich	23	3	Cranbourne	1			
Real Double Norwich	1	1	London	13	1		
Double Oxford	2	1	Bristol	11	1		
Hereward Bob	1	1	4 Spliced Surprise	8			
St. Clement's	1	1	Stedman	2			
Painswick College	1	1	Bob Royal	1			
Ashbourne College	1		Kent Treble Bob	1			
Pulford Bob	1	1	Cam	1	1		
Little Bob	2	1	Cambridge Surprise	2			
Dartford Little Bob	1	1	Stedman Cinques	1			
Erith Little Bob	1	1	Bob Maximus	1			
Northfleet Little Bob	1		ON HANDBELLS.				
Kent Treble Bob	16	4	Bob Major	11			
Oxford	4	3	Grandsire Caters	1			
Spliced Kent & Oxford	1	1	Bob Royal	4			
Granta	1	1	Granta Treble Bob	1			
Cam	1	1	Bob Maximus	2			
Cambridge Surprise	44	3					
New Cambridge	6	2					
				Total	300	48	

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, for evening service on May 22nd, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples was rung by the regular service ringers as a mark of respect to the late Miss C. Allsop, who had passed away on May 21st. She was an earnest churchworker and a close relative to three members of the Darley Dale band: D. Scott (aged 12) 1, R. Allsop 2, B. Allsop 3, H. W. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Ron Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Benton 8. This touch was taken from the peal of Oxford Bob by H. Johnson.



**CLERGY AND RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is with mixed feelings that one reads the current issue of 'The Ringing World.' There is an account of a pleasant meeting held at St. Mary's Church, Acton. Here the ringers were welcomed by the Rector, who spoke well of the ringers' craft and thanked them for their work. Afterwards he invited them to take tea on the Rectory lawn, where a most enjoyable time was spent and appreciated by all. (By the way, the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild were welcomed at Castle Ashby, on Saturday last, by the Rector, in just the same kindly manner. Fifty were entertained to tea, given by him and his good friends, and one came away encouraged for the future of the association.) Then we turn to the letter by 'Ringer and Church Official.' Here we have a Vicar indifferent to his own County Association holding meetings in his tower, but welcoming others. Another Vicar complains of ringers who never enter the east end of the church, etc.

Which of these clergymen are doing the most to raise the standard of the ringers' outlook and furthering the good work of the associations?

It seems another case of the 'poor' parson and church official running down the 'poor' ringer.

Thank goodness there are good ringers, in the true sense of the word, together with good clergy, who are a pleasure to work with.

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Waldron on Saturday, July 23rd, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints', Christ Church, Blacklands, and St. Clement's), Battle, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Hailsham, Uckfield, Lewes, Northiam and Brighton (St. Nicholas). Some good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening. After service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson), tea was served on the Rectory lawn.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupied the chair, and the election of Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, of Fulham, was confirmed.

Mr. W. Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service and for providing such a splendid tea. This concluded the meeting and the ringers then returned to the tower.

**THE OLDEST PRACTISING RINGER.**

In a report of the Rugby ringers' annual outing it was stated that, in entertaining the company with reminiscences of his career, Mr. James George reminded the party that he was the oldest practising ringer in the world.

He had apparently forgotten ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Gloucestershire, who writes that he is 13 months older than Mr. George and rings every week. He rang in a peal of Bob Major at Barnwood early this year when he was four months past his 85th birthday.

G. E. S. writes on the same subject: All due respect to Mr. James George's amazing performances, but he is hardly correct in saying 'that he is the oldest practising ringer in the world.' Mr. Robert H. Brundle, of Ipswich, will be 87 years old in about six weeks' time, and rings at St. Mary-le-Tower on every possible occasion, even including the tenor.

Another correspondent points out that an older ringer than Mr. James George is Mr. Coombes, of the band at All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight, who is 94 years of age.

**NORFOLK RINGERS AT ST. FAITH'S.**

A very successful meeting of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at St. Faith's. About 30 members attended from Buxton, Dersingham, Gressenhall, Garveston, Hethersett, Halvergate, Norwich, North Walsham, Mulbarton, Reedham, Saxlingham, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth. A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Darbyshire-Bowles), and the association's form was used.

Tea was provided in the Church Room, where the business meeting was afterwards held, with the Rev. H. W. Benson in the chair, supported by the Rev. Darbyshire-Bowles, Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary), Messrs. G. Bailey, W. C. Duffield, A. H. Holliday and G. Mayers (members of the committee). The branch secretary apologised for the absence of Mr. W. Clover. Other branches were represented by Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk), Messrs. W. J. Lee and J. G. W. Harwood (chairman and secretary, East Norfolk).

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Faith's for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for entertaining the ringers to tea. Mr. W. C. Duffield seconded and the vote was acknowledged by the Vicar.

The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday, September 17th. A bus can be arranged to take members to this meeting if enough names are forthcoming. The fare will be 2s. 6d.

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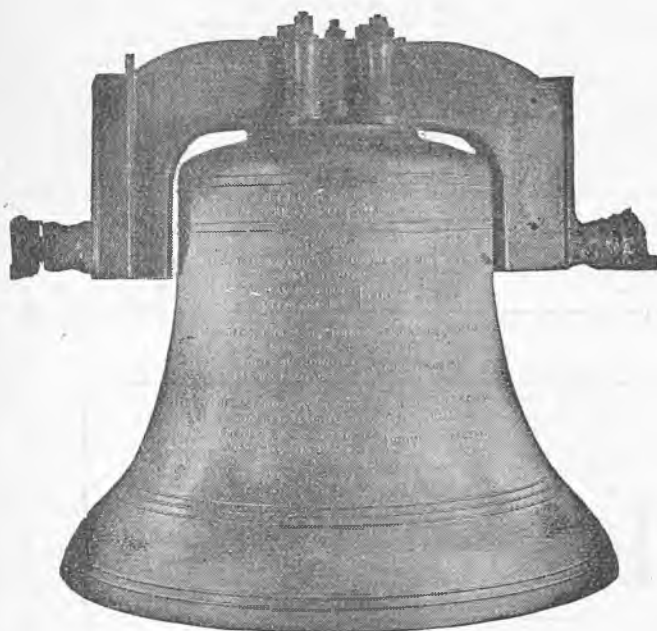
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## BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rector of Culworth, Northants, has introduced the 'Peace' bell, which is now rung daily as a reminder to the villagers to offer a prayer for the peace of the world.

His many friends will much regret to learn that Mr. James George is in A7 Ward, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. He was conveyed there a week ago, suffering from a septic condition of one leg and an operation was performed.

Many older ringers will be sorry to hear that Mr. Charles Wilkins underwent a serious operation in St. Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, on Tuesday of last week, but will be pleased to hear that he is progressing satisfactorily.

Mr. Wilkins in his younger days was associated with the late George Newson and later with the late Mr. W. Pye. With the former he took part in the 13,440 of Double Norwich in 1894, and the first peal of London by the Cumberlands. He is the sole survivor of both these bands. Among many peals with Mr. Pye in which he took part were the 15,072 of Double Norwich in 1899, the first twelve-bell peal by the Middlesex Association—Kent Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in 1900—and the brothers Pye's first peal of London.

Another invalid is Mr. J. H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe. It is not long since he was out of ringing for some months owing to an accident. He has now to return to hospital for medical treatment for a different illness, and is awaiting admission to Guy's Hospital. To Mr. Cheesman, also, ringers will extend their sympathy and good wishes.

A ringing trip in Scotland begins to-morrow. In the course of the tour peals are to be attempted at Inveraray, Paisley, Alloa, two towers in Dundee and St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. The Treble Ten at Inveraray will be the first attempt for a peal on the bells.

## NAMING METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—At the late Council meeting a great deal was said about the 'traditional custom' for the ringers of a new method to have the right to name that method. Is there, or has there ever been, such a 'custom'?

I seem to remember the late Rev. Law James, at the Lincoln meeting, I think, saying that the committee had decided to introduce something entirely new, and to publish certain methods identified by numbers only, and to invite those bands who first rang them to send in a name for each such method.

If this so-called custom was introduced so lately, and on one occasion only as an experiment; and, moreover, if (as we were assured at the meeting) that experiment was a complete failure; how can it be either traditional or a custom?

What has always been the practice, in this and similar matters, is for the person responsible for introducing the thing to be also responsible for introducing the name. If we leave one to the committee to see to, ought we not also to leave the other? If they are jointly responsible for the one, let them be jointly responsible for the other.

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## HOW TO SET A PEAL OF EIGHT.

ISLE OF ELY RECTOR'S COLLECTION OF BELLS.

Recently the Rector of Doddington, Isle of Ely, advertised in 'The Times' newspaper: 'Will anyone give me a church bell for my thirteenth century tower?'

'The advertisement,' says 'Peterborough Citizen,' 'has been the means of putting him on the track of six bells. Three bells have been given him. One, cast of silver, came from Eltham. It was used at Sebastopol. Other bells came from Acton and Newport (Mon.). The Rector has bought another bell, which was found in a garden, and is inquiring about two other bells in a garden near the Great North Road. He wishes to complete a peal of eight bells for his church. A few months ago an advertisement in 'The Times' led an anonymous donor to present to Doddington Church an organ worth £2,500.'

We have doubts about his ability to make a successful ring of eight out of his collection.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

There was only a small attendance at Farnborough on Saturday, July 30th, for the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and everyone present had plenty of ringing on the light, rather noisy peal of six. Standard Minor and Doubles methods were thoroughly explored during the afternoon and again in the evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector of Farnborough (Canon W. A. Challacombe), who gave a short, but very enlightening address. Tea was partaken of in the Railway Hotel, 23 sitting down, following which the business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh). Mr. P. Dadson (Frensham) and Mr. Maull (Hawley) were elected ringing members. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. Cope (Guildford), Mr. G. Gasson (Farnborough), Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham), District Ringing Master, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president).

Votes of thanks to all who had helped towards the arrangements of the meeting concluded the business.

Towers represented included Aldershot, Ash, Farnborough, Cranleigh, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Hawley, Chertsey, Hurst, Kirkby Stephen (Westmoreland) and Bungay St. Mary.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—30.

## CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Among conductors who have done something to break away from the beaten track has been Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington. Under his leadership the band at that Surrey tower have set up new standards in Surprise Royal ringing and have done a good deal to show its practicability. London Surprise Royal has several times been rung, and Mr. Kippin and his band were the first to ring Bristol Royal and four Surprise Royal methods spliced into one peal.

Mr. Kippin is a native of Beddington, where he was born on August 31st, 1905. He began ringing in April, 1920, and rang his first peal on November 5th in the following year at Beddington. He has taken part in a number of noteworthy performances at this tower, practically all of which he has conducted. Among them have been a peal of Grandsire Caters by a band all under 21 years of age, the youngest band to ring a ten-bell peal. That was in October, 1924. In 1932 the first peals of Londonthorpe and Beddington Surprise Major were rung at Beddington, and then followed the development of Surprise Royal. Numerous peals of London Surprise have been rung, as well as, of course, of Cambridge. The first of Bristol Surprise Royal was accomplished in February, 1934, and the first of Superlative Royal for the Surrey Association in September, 1935. This was followed in January, 1936, with the first peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Royal.

Mr. Kippin has called a number of peals for the first time for the Surrey Association, including the first twelve-bell peal, which was Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, in December, 1924, and the first Spliced Surprise peal, rung in four methods, at Godstone. In addition he called the longest peal by the association, a 19406 Double Norwich Major at Christ Church, Epsom, in April, 1926.

Before he was 21, Mr. Kippin rang Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, afterwards unfortunately found to be false, and Southwark Cathedral tenor (50 cwt.) to Stedman Cinques. Altogether he has rung 325 peals, of which he has conducted 215. Ninety-three of his peals have been in Beddington tower.

Mr. Kippin served the Surrey Association as hon. secretary for ten years from 1927 to 1937, and acted for the next year as assistant hon. secretary, while he has represented the association on the Central Council from 1929 to the present time.

Mr. Kippin's father and his two sisters (Mrs. F. H. Housden and Miss Kippin) have been ringers at Beddington, although the former has not rung a peal since he rang the tenor to his son's first peal.



MR. CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

## PRESENTATION TO RETIRED POLICE RINGER.

## MEMBER OF MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BAND.

In the belfry at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Wednesday, July 27th, Supt. Williams, of the Manchester City Police and president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, presented to ex-Constable John Mulliner a chiming clock. It was the gift of his fellow-police ringers of Manchester Town Hall, and he is a member of the National Police Guild. Ex-Constable Mulliner has just retired from Manchester Police Force after 26 years' service.

Supt. Williams said Mr. Mulliner answered a call to fill a vacancy in the band some years ago, and since then had been very consistent in his attention to his duty as a ringer, and he hoped that when he heard the clock chiming it would bring back many happy memories. He also hoped that both he and Mrs. Mulliner would enjoy good health and listen to those chimes for many years to come.—Mr. Mulliner very suitably replied.

There was also present, apart from the Town Hall ringers, three other police pensioner ringers and a few friends.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am interested in Dr. Slack's letter, but his strictures leave me impenitent and I see no reason to modify the statements he criticises.

I said that it has not been proved that a peal of Stedman Triples cannot be produced by common bobs alone, but that such is the fact cannot be doubted; and I think that fairly states the case. Of course, there are some people who will doubt anything.

The law of the Q sets is a universal one which cannot be broken, though at times it appears to work in a somewhat complicated manner. Anyone who has studied the working of this law will not doubt, I think, that a peal of Stedman Triples with bobs only is not possible, but, if Dr. Slack can compose such a peal, I, for one, would be glad to admit that he was far cleverer than the rest of composers. Meanwhile, the onus of proof is with him, and he has no right to accuse me of treating in an 'airy' way a matter on which several competent men have come to a unanimous conclusion. I may, perhaps, be permitted to quote Sir Arthur Heywood, who, with Mr. W. H. Thompson and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, went very deeply into the matter. 'Many arguments can be advanced in support of the contention that the extent in a legitimate method cannot be obtained by bobs, but I am not concerned to say more than that since we have an absolute proof of the impossibility in regard to Grandsire and the kindred methods, we may well rest assured that the same is true of Stedman.'

In his second criticism Dr. Slack misquotes me by the very common method of taking a sentence out of its context and picking it to pieces. I was explaining that it is easy enough to set down the 5,040 rows in 84 true P blocks of Stedman Triples, and I said that in theory to join 84 P blocks together by omits and two singles is not a very difficult thing; but in practice it would be complicated by the man finding out sooner or later that a row he required as a Six end was in the interior of a Six. That exactly expresses what I meant to say. It hardly required a letter from Dr. Slack to point out that the way out of the difficulty would be for the man to choose the P blocks with the right Six ends. But the man who has done that has already solved the hardest part of his problem.

My statement that a peal composed in this way would be difficult to call and the number of bobs would make the length of dodging behind intolerable is perfectly sound.

May I say that I wrote the book for the average intelligent ringer, not for such people as Dr. Slack, and I can assure him that no one and nothing 'compels him to protest' against 'the unscientific way,' I treated 'real problems connected with the scientific side of ringing,' except his own laudable desire that other people should know his opinions.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## FUTURE OF ANNUAL DINNER IN BALANCE.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Draycott on Saturday, July 23rd, when a company of 27 attended from Burslem, Biddulph, Draycott, Kingsley, Loughton, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford and Newcastle. Tea was held in the Schoolroom, where the association was welcomed by Mr. W. Shelley, who said he was glad to see the good number of young members present apart from their own.

Mr. T. Hurd thanked the ringers for their welcome, and Mr. J. Cottrell seconded the vote of thanks. He said he was glad to see with them the Rector-designate of Draycott. He would find the ringers of the church his best churchmen.

The Rev. A. Stanley (Rector-designate) thanked the ringers for their kind invitation to the meeting, and said he was pleased to see the goodwill and fellowship which existed amongst ringers. He was sure bellringing was an important part of the service, and he would endeavour to give every support to the ringers.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. R. Grocott and R. Hulme, both of Draycott.

A committee meeting was held after tea, when a report of the Central Council meeting was given by the secretary.

Arising out of the report was the question of the association taking up their share of payment towards the cost of the publication of the Surprise Major Methods book. This was unanimously agreed to.

One of the main subjects on the agenda was the annual dinner for 1939. There was a long discussion, and the members were very undecided whether to hold one or not, as two of the clergy had protested against it being held on licensed premises. A suggestion was made that an outing should displace the dinner, but the matter still remains to be settled.

The resignation of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, Ringing Master for six-bell towers, owing to the illness of his wife, was read by the secretary. It was moved by Mr. A. Thompson, seconded by Mr. K. Thacker, that Mr. T. Hurd be elected as acting Ringing Master, when Mr. J. E. Wheeldon is unable to be present.—This was supported by all the committee and agreed to.

## 'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAYS.' HOW RINGERS SPEND THEIR OUTINGS. Long Journeys and Much Ringing.

With all the facilities that are now offered for travel, ringers get farther and farther afield when they take their annual 'busman's holiday,' tour the countryside in search of new towers in which to exercise their art, and spend the day in riding, ringing and restaurants. It is no unusual thing now for a party to travel a couple of hundred miles on their outing, and to include anything from six to a dozen towers in their itinerary. Numerous reports are coming in to us of some of these very enjoyable excursions, and below we give extracts from many of them.

### MAKING A DAY OF IT.

For a really 'full' day, commend us to the 'jaunt' undertaken by the Surfleet band. They decided to visit the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow. They left home at midnight, and got back again at 5 a.m. the next day! Were they tired? Ask them!

When the ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, have their annual outing under the chaperonage of Mr. Tom Hibbert, he sees to it with boyish spirit that they, too, 'make it a day,' with 'distance no object.' This year they went east on a real 'steeple chase,' which took them as far as Canterbury. By 8.30 in the morning they were ringing on the twelve bells of Croydon Parish Church. They also rang at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on the ten, before breakfasting on the road to Maidstone, where they were welcomed at All Saints' Church by local ringers. Having 'sampled' the bells, they went on to Leeds, of long peal fame, and the lively ten were soon showing the ringers that the bells wanted handling, several slipping wheel during touches of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. After dinner at the George Hotel they continued the journey to Canterbury. A few short touches at St. Stephen's, Hackington, then the gem of the day. The fine twelve at the glorious Cathedral were theirs for one hour, and Stedman Cinques were rung. The trouble was to get the party away, everyone wishing to see as much of the Cathedral as possible. At last, however, a move was made and Rochester reached one hour late. Tea put new heart into some of the flagging bodies, and soon Stedman Caters were rolling from the fine ten in the Cathedral tower. Three leads of Treble Ten, well struck, finished the day's ringing, and 'Westward Ho' was the cry. Home was reached in the small hours of the morning, but everyone declared it one of the best outings ever. A very pleasant item was the presence at Rochester of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, who was once a 'Reading gal,' and who was very pleased to meet some of the 'old uns.'

### BARHAM'S GRAVE VISITED.

Some Kentish towers, including Maidstone, Leeds and Rochester Cathedral, were also included in the long itinerary of the Helmingham (Suffolk) ringers, who left home at six in the morning and did not get back until after midnight. They were favoured with a perfect day and reached the hop county by crossing Tilbury ferry. They rang Surprise methods on the fine eight at Wrotham, and Treble Ten at Maidstone and Leeds. Lunch at the George in the latter village was followed by a visit to the grave of James Barham, the hero of so many ringing feats in the eighteenth century. Ringing at Chatham and Rochester followed, the party being joined at the latter place by their old friend, Mr. G. H. Cross, who had given great assistance in the making of arrangements. Ringing concluded for the day at Milton-next-Gravesend, where the party received a warm welcome from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association. Although Sunday had just begun before Helmingham was reached, the bells of St. Mary's Church went off into Cambridge Surprise as punctually as ever, before the morning service.

The same ferry boat that took the Helmingham men from Tilbury to Gravesend carried another party of ringers into Kent. These were the band from All Saints' Church, Maldon, accompanied by wives and friends. They rang in the morning at Gillingham and Faversham, and in the afternoon went on to Canterbury, ringing at Hackington and visiting the Cathedral. Recrossing the Thames on the way home they again found themselves in the company of their Helmingham ringing friends.

Breakfast on the road was an indication of an early start also by the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. Twenty-six members and friends made the excursion, and had their first meal at Bramfield, where the round tower stands a distance from the church. This village is near Halesworth, where the party were met by the 'ever-green' Mr. Fred C. Lambert, and the nice eight bells at the Parish Church told a good tale in London Surprise. At Beccles, where, again, the ten-bell tower stands away from the church, a wedding was in progress. Cambridge Royal, Grandsire and 'firing' were performed for the benefit of the happy couple. Cambridge Major and Bob Triples were rung on the newly-augmented peal at Gorleston, and then to dinner at Great Yarmouth, where at the Parish Church Yorkshire Maximus and Stedman Cinques were rung. Reaching Norwich, Bristol Major was rung at St. Giles, a curious touch of London at St. Miles', and then the majority had the pleasure of listening to a well-struck course of Superlative Major on the back eight of St. Peter Mancroft, at which tower a faultless course of Cambridge Maximus was also rung. Turning south, the journey home was interrupted by a 'pull in' at the Ram, Tivetshall, where an impromptu concert was given, showing that ringers can also be singers. Ipswich was reached by midnight, very good going for some of the 'boys,' such as 'Bob' Brundle (87) and some others over three score years and ten.

### A SUNDAY TOUR.

Glorious weather favoured the Woodford (Essex) ringers and their friends when a party of 32 made a Sunday visit to some interesting churches of Hertfordshire, Northampton and Huntingdon. Hitchin was reached in time to ring for morning service. The next call was at Finedon, where ringing at St. Mary's Church was followed by a well-served dinner at the Prince of Wales Hotel, of which Mr. J. R. Hensher is the ringer-proprietor. In the afternoon St. Andrew's, Great Staughton, was visited, and then a short run brought the party to St. Mary's, St. Neots, in time to ring touches prior to evening service on the fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.) which hang in the magnificent tower. The majestic church is a fine example of a Gothic building, with outstanding oak roofs, beautifully carved, with images depicting fishes, mermaids, deer, hares and other peculiar designs. Stained glass windows adorn every wall of this striking edifice, all in keeping with the grandeur of the interior.

After a refreshing tea at the Royal Oak Hotel, Messrs. S. Webb, F. Corney, J. Crampion and C. Morss were specially thanked for arranging a most successful outing, and a reference was made to the two couples in the party, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rann, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Bacon, of Loughton, who recently celebrated their 'jubilees.' The run home was made via Caxton-Gibbett, Royston and Buntingford.

Swindon Parish Church ringers visited Hampshire and Sussex for their outing. Accompanied by a few friends, the journey to Portsmouth was made by train, from which point a motor-coach provided the means of locomotion. They first rang at Havant and then went on to Chichester for lunch, prior to having a pull on the Cathedral eight. Petworth and Petersfield were afterwards visited before returning to Portsmouth for tea. A short spell of ringing took place at St. Mary's, Portsea, and the remainder of the evening was spent in divers ways at Southsea. Swindon was reached at 12.30 a.m. after a most enjoyable day. The West Sussex scenery was much admired, being a contrast to the downs of Wiltshire. The ringing throughout the day was very good, touches in the standard methods and Cambridge Major being rung. Thanks of the Swindon ringers are extended to all who helped to make the outing a success, especially Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsmouth, whose advice on local matters was very much appreciated.

### A RUN THROUGH SOMERSET.

The band of ringers connected with St. David's, Exeter, completed its fiftieth year at Easter, and it seems fitting that an extended tour should have been planned for the outing this year. Somerset has some of the finest towers in the land and many of the peals of bells are far famed.

The party left Exeter soon after 8.30 a.m. There was a good company of ringers and friends, including Mr. Tucker, a churchwarden of St. David's. The first stop was Wilton, Taunton, where the light tuneful peal responded to Grandsire Triples and Doubles. St. David's band ever encourages young ringers, and Mr. Gardner, the captain, helped by Mr. Searle, is always working at recruits to the Exercise.

Leaving Taunton, interest was directed to the Isle of Athelney and the great marshy stretches where the 'Welgar' grows and the impressive centres of Ling and Street. There could be but a passing glance towards the Abbot's Kitchen and what remains of the historic and glorious Glastonbury. St. Cuthbert's, Wells, was the next objective, and the party were made fully conscious of the many archaeological beauties of the sacred edifice by the Rev. Preb. Cooke, who most kindly greeted them. St. Cuthbert's octave is heavy, tenor 28 cwt., and the band contented itself with rounds and Doubles on the back six. Some would have been charmed with hearing these beautiful bells responding to a touch of well-struck Triples.

Nor was the famous Cathedral of Wells forgotten. Some of the visitors admired the magnificent west front, and a few risked a frown from the captain (two o'clock was the time for leaving Wells) by waiting until the famous 14th century clock performed at the hour. Passing through the famous gorge, a halt was called at Cheddar, where a few of the adventurous spirits climbed 'a Jacob's Ladder,' while more sober-minded Mr. Ryle, Churchwarden Tucker and a couple of others sampled Cheddar ice-creams to their satisfaction.

By way of Axbridge, Highbridge and Bridgewater, North Petherton was reached. To the disappointment of all, the bells (a heavy six) were not available, and the party had to be content with listening to the clock chimes from the very fine tower. The hostess of the Clarence served a sumptuous tea, and, in spite of the disappointment of no ringing, there was no grumble. Mr. Gardner was thanked by Mr. Tucker for all his trouble, and all the interest he took in St. David's bells. The whole party heartily agreed that the trip was a 'best ever.' By 7 p.m. the band was busy with the bells at Wellington. Doubles went very well on the front six, with six, seven and tenor beating time behind, and the younger members did quite well. Such outings, when the glorious countryside can be most admired, add a flavour to the Exercise very peculiar and appropriate to itself, and it is the sincere hope of all that Mr. Gardner will be long spared to arrange other such excursions.

### AN OUTING WITHOUT RINGING.

North Shields ringers went to Knaresborough and Harrogate for their outing this year. The weather was not of the best, but they were able to enjoy the lovely walks and gardens in both these towns, finishing up at 'the pictures' as a means of passing away the time until the excursion was due to return. The ringers were greatly disappointed in not getting a ring at Knaresborough. An application

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## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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was made to the Vicar for the use of the bells, but received a reply saying that as a similar request had had to be refused, they could not accede to the application of the North Shields band. This is the first outing on which the North Shields ringers have had no ringing for over 30 years (excepting the war years), and the first refusal excepting York Minster. In that case the application was not early enough, but Mr. Fearnley made arrangements for ringing at Escrick instead. The North Shields ringers would especially have enjoyed a good ring on this occasion, as their own bells had been away at a bell foundry since the week after Easter. It would have afforded a welcome practice, as half of the ringers are also choirmen and cannot visit other churches on Sunday for ringing. However, the outing was enjoyed and the ringers are grateful to the Vicar and churchwardens for defraying the expenses out of church funds.

Members and friends of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Guild enjoyed ringing at six towers when they went on their third annual outing. Southam, Kington and Claverdon were visited in the afternoon. At Claverdon an unusual colouring of sallies—black and yellow—provided an unexpected spectacle. However, they did not detract from the 'go' of the bells.

Tea at the Porridge Pot Cafe, Warwick, was followed by ringing at St. Mary's, where the ten bells would have been rung only to rounds but for the assistance of some local ringers, who enabled the visitors, principally six-bell ringers, to manage a course of Grandsire Caters.

Proceeding to Lillington, near Leamington, the party found an exceedingly well-appointed and beautifully-maintained church. The ringing chamber is somewhat cramped because it housed the organ-blower. Being on ball bearings and light (tenor 9½ cwt.), these bells proved rather difficult of handling, since they were eight in a small space. Finally Church Lawford, near Rugby, offered a light six, also on ball bearings. And so home to Daventry again about 10 p.m. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Powell, who must be thanked for a most entertaining expedition. Nor must the incumbents, steeplekeepers and local ringers who allowed the use of bells and gave assistance in ringing be overlooked in expressions of gratitude.

## A VISIT TO EXETER.

The ringers of St. Peter's Parish Church, Bournemouth, had a very successful excursion to Exeter for their outing. They were accompanied by the senior priest of St. Peter's, the Rev. F. A. Sanders, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Mr. George Preston (Christchurch), Mr. F. W. Townsend (Poole) and Mr. H. Bennett (St. John's) amongst other friends, the party numbering 19.

Proceeding via Dorchester, the first halt was made at Ilminster for a ring on the Parish Church bells and light refreshment. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. D. G. Taylor standing in a short touch of Kent Major, and St. Peter's ringers have made a note of Ilminster Church and bells for another time. Exeter was reached shortly after midday, but owing to the difficulty experienced in getting through the busy city, the party was behind schedule at St. Thomas'. Among other friends waiting was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who took part in a course of Double Norwich before hurrying away to other duties. Luncheon was taken at the Globe Hotel, and, after a short inspection of the Cathedral, the return journey was started via Sidmouth for a short ring on the Parish Church bells. It was noted that the cricket team of this picturesque resort had the 'Test Match' feeling, the very satisfactory score of 236 for six wickets being on the board at 4.30.

Driving through the picturesque countryside via Axminster, Bridport was reached at 6 o'clock for the evening meal and ringing on the much admired peal of eight bells. At nine the party redemptantly made a start for home, and shortly after eleven an empty coach was making its way to the garage. The ringers had enjoyed some good striking in four different towers, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and wish to thank the various incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of their beautiful bells.

## BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN SURREY.

For their annual excursion, the Leighton Buzzard (Bedfordshire) ringers visited Surrey and enjoyed a very full day's outing. By 10.30 a.m. they had arrived at Aldershot, where the fine light ring of eight delighted everyone. They were joined by Southampton ringers, and a combined band rang a splendid course of Cambridge Major. Leaving the Southerners to keep the bells turning, the Bedfordshire men had a short journey to Farnham for the next ring. The tower is a massive piece of stonework, and the ropes are well distributed round the large belfry. After an hour's good ringing the bells were lowered with an excellent rhythm to the delight of all. Lunch was served at the Bush Hotel. The journey from Farnham to Guildford along the Hog's Back is a delight to all lovers of the countryside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' was next on the programme, and the fine-going ten were set in motion to Caters and Royal. Dorking was the next stop, and after some delay in finding the keys, the ringers climbed to the tower and were surprised to find such a small belfry. Calculating the height of the steeple compared with Leighton spire was a good test for the scouts and was revealed as 210ft., or about 25ft. higher than Leighton.

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## A PEAL OF ORIGINAL MAJOR.

MR. G. E. FEIRN'S COMPOSITION.

As we recorded at the time, the peal of Original Major rung at Holesby, Lincs, on May 29th, was the first in the method with 4th's place bobs. It was composed and conducted by Mr. G. E. Feirn, and here are the figures, the number of changes being 5,004:—

123456	M	2	1	W	H
163542	—	—	—	—	2
561342	—	—	—	1	1
631542	1	—	—	—	1
351642	1	—	—	—	1
653142	—	—	—	1	1
156342	—	—	—	1	1
614532	—	—	—	—	—
463152	—	—	—	—	—
345612	—	—	—	—	—
A 531462	—	—	—	—	—
435162	—	—	—	1	1
315462	1	—	—	—	1
145362	1	—	—	—	1
341562	—	—	—	1	1
543162	—	—	—	1	1
413562	1	—	—	—	1
153462	1	—	—	—	1
451362	—	—	—	1	1
354162	—	—	—	1	1
514362	1	—	—	—	1
134562	1	—	—	—	1

5A 641523, omitting last five courses of 5th A Block, and calling 1st course of 1st A Block M 2 1 W H\*.

5A 123564, calling 1st course of 1st A Block as # above and omitting the 2nd course.

5A 123645, calling 1st course of 1st A Block M 2 1 W H.

5A 123456, called as previous part.

A 4th's place bob is made throughout, and there are 720 bobs. A bob at 2 is made when the tenor is leading, and a bob at 1 is made when the 7th leads.

## 5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY C. W. ROBERTS.

23456	B	M	W	H
35264	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

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A very good tea was served by Mrs. Benson in the Church Hall. The next stage of the journey to Kingston-on-Thames proved, for the first part, to be at snail's pace, owing to holiday traffic. Ringing at Kingston Parish Church was, however, worth waiting for. The fine peal of ten, hung reversed, was thoroughly enjoyed. The journey home was made by way of Ealing, Barnet and St. Albans, and ended a grand day's outing. Thanks are extended to all tower secretaries, etc., who did so much to make the excursion such a success.

**FALSE PEAL REPLACED.****RINGERS REVISIT SURFLEET.**

A year ago a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Surfleet by a band collected from many places. Later on, the composition was found to be false. The company had visited the famous Lincolnshire church as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and last Saturday as many of them as possible accepted an invitation to replace the previous performance with a true peal and to enjoy once more the generous hospitality of the 'Mayor and Mayoress.'

The vanguard arrived on Friday evening, and the remainder rolled up at odd times the next day. The last to arrive was a gentleman who, on one former occasion, had gone astray, and it seemed as if he must have missed his way again, so long did he delay his coming. But this time it really was the fault of the railway company.

Everybody was tremendously pleased to have with them again Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, in completely restored health. It was his first peal attempt since his long illness. There was, however, regret that indisposition kept away Mr. John Holman, of Sheffield, and at the last minute Mr. George Ladd, from the neighbouring village of Pinchbeck, kindly stepped into the breach. Mrs. Richardson, who last year stood down to allow Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Birmingham, to ring, was in the band, but the other ten were the same as twelve months ago.

Although the peal was 'the thing,' it did not cause half as much trouble or excitement as some of the competitions which took place on Glyn Garth lawn during the week-end. A year ago tennis was the vogue, and Rupert, it was learned, had gone into training for renewed combat. But some of the rest subtly suggested that bowls would be more in keeping with their advancing years. Actually they thought Rupert could not stoop in comfort. But they were deceived. He can send down a useful 'wood' as well as throw a pretty dart, and, although he was not on the winning side, he 'won the war' when it came to 'reparations.'

On Monday a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Spalding, where, in the Vicar (Canon B. G. Nicolas), the Birmingham men met a former curate of Christ Church, West Bromwich, in the days when the late Samuel Reeves was in charge there, and a photographic group of those days recalled pleasant memories.

The break up of the happy party came all too soon, but, having been elected members of the Glyn Garth Society, they will be at liberty, subject to the payment of their subscriptions, to 'come again next year.' The thanks of everyone were given to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, but words cannot convey the appreciation which all felt for the lavish kindness extended to them on yet one more occasion.

**RECTOR REGRETS NEGLECTED BELFRY.**

The cycling brigade was much in evidence at Ockley, a pretty Surrey village, when the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held its usual biennial meeting there. The fine weather helped the attendance, but the long spell of drought must have affected the 'go' of the bells, the back ones especially keeping one guessing as to whether they were going up or dropping back.

It seems a pity that there is no local change ringing band at this church, for the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Martin) is himself an hon. member of the Guild and can handle a bell and takes an interest in ringing and ringers, though not a change ringer, coming from Cornwall, where rising and falling in peal are the thing.

In his address the Rector said how sorry he felt sometimes when his end of the church—the choir, etc.—was well manned, and the other end—ringing being done on the ground floor and open to the church—was sadly neglected.

Tea was served at the King's Arms, 23 sitting down, many more than a pessimistic secretary had anticipated, and the Rector took the chair for the short business meeting which followed.

The election as a compounding member previous to a peal at Dorking of Mr. E. A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, was confirmed, and then followed a discussion on a circular as proposed at the Ashted meeting to stimulate a drive for hon. members. The secretary read a draft copy, which, with one amendment, was accepted, and it was decided to enlist the co-operation of the other districts.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business and the tower was again visited for a short time, but owing to the long journey home many were glad to get away early and the bells were lowered in peal just before 8 o'clock.

Owing to the uncertainties of the 'going,' ringing did not reach a high standard, but methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, and ten different towers (not all in the district) were represented.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Members of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild had a very pleasant meeting at Barrow-on-Humber recently, and there were a number of visitors from other parts of the county. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Officer), who also presided at the meeting, in the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), who, he was glad to say, was progressing very favourably. The Vicar also gave the members a warm welcome to Barrow.

**TWO SURPRISE METHODS.**

Members of the Herts County Association have recently rung a number of new Surprise methods. Here are two of them, composed and conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore—Kendal Surprise on May 21st at Bushey; Hitchin Surprise on May 24th at Hitchin.

KENDAL	HITCHIN
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12346857	12346857
21438675	21438675
24183657	24183657
42816375	42816375
24186357	24186357
42813675	42813675
24831657	24831657
42386175	42386175
43281657	43281657
34826175	34826175
43862715	43286715
34687251	34827651
36478215	43872615
63742851	34786251
36724581	37468521
63275418	73645812
62357481	37654821
26534718	73568412
62543178	37658142
26451387	73561824
24653178	75368142
42561387	57631824
24516378	75613842
42153687	57168324
24513678	75618342
42156387	57163824
41265378	51736842
14623587	15378624
41263857	51738264
14628375	15372846
14263857	15738264

16423857=Bob

13578264=Bob

**THE COMPOSITIONS.**

5,184 KENDAL	5,056 HITCHIN
23456 M B W H	23456 B M W E
42356 — — — —	35264 — — — —
34256 — — — —	42563 — — — —
24536 — — — —	52364 — — — —
52436 — — — —	43265 — — — —
56234 — — — —	23564 — — — —
26354 — — — —	53462 — — — —
32654 — — — —	24365 — — — —
63254 — — — —	32465 — — — —
23564 — — — —	54263 — — — —
Twice repeated.	25463 — — — —
	45362 — — — —
	63254 — — — —
	52436 — — — —
	43526 — — — —
	54326 — — — —
	32546 — — — —
	53246 — — — —
	45236 — — — —
	34256 — — — —
	25346 — — — —
	42356 — — — —
	35426 — — — —
	23456 — — — —

**HOBERT DEAN'S BIRTHDAY.**

When Dean Rivers, of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, celebrated his 81st birthday, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church rang the Cathedral's new bells in honour of the event. Doubles and Minor were rung, as well as some good rounds, and the bells were listened to by a large number of people, for, as it was Friday evening, there were many visitors in the city from the surrounding district, and a mail steamer from Sydney had brought many more.

After the ringing the Dean received the ringers and entertained them to supper. He was congratulated by Mr. Quarmby (Ringing Master) and thanked for his hospitality.

The Dean, in reply, expressed his gratitude to the ringers and remarked upon how beautiful the bells had sounded.

Seven members of Holy Trinity Society were present, as well as two of St. David's band and the Precentor (the Rev. M. J. May).

The Cathedral bells are very noisy in the ringing chamber, and it is hoped something may be done to reduce the effect. The volume of sound outside the tower has been modulated by blocking up the windows.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held at Wragby on August 6th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—K. M. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Head Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

DARTMOUTH, ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH, DEVON.—The ring of eight bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6th.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., near church. All ringers welcome.—R. Sharpe and F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GAINSBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH, Lincs.—The ring of eight bells rehung by John Taylor and Co. will be reopened at evening service on Sunday, August 7th.

CHETTON, SALOP.—Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the ring of six bells, restored by John Taylor and Co., will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7th, at 3 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for August: Sunday, Aug. 7th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 15th and 29th, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary, Lambeth, 30th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: St. Lawrence Jewry, 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 11th;

\*St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; St. Magnus, 18th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Hatfield, on Wednesday Aug. 10th. Bells (10) available 8 to 9 p.m. Look up Cambridge Royal for this meeting.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 3. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Notify for tea.—W. H. Thomas, Hon. Branch Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Redlands, Bristol 6.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The meeting arranged for Saturday, Aug. 13th at Braunston, has been unavoidably cancelled. Next meeting will be announced shortly.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. P. Shaw, 36, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Anchorage 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. McRobie, Bank House, 12, Swinburne Street, Gateshead, by Aug. 11th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—J. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Granger Street, West Hartlepool.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Happisburgh on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please be sure to send names or numbers, as it is important this time. Buses leave Norwich and Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at South Marston on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Postcard for tea, please.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory. Business meetings follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, near Wakefield, not later than Wednesday, August 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, August 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Come and take advantage of a "good-going" eight.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yeate, Bristol.

**ABBOTS LANGLEY.**—Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells open from 3.30 (6 bells). Tea at 5.30. Excellent bus service to village. Nearest rail King's Langley (1 mile).—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts Association.)

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bishampton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The tower has recently been repaired and the bells rehung by Taylor & Co. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—Next meeting Repton, Aug. 20th. Full particulars to follow.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Ser-

vice 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m, Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—St. Nicholas' Church.—For the benefit of ringers visiting Yarmouth the practice night will be Wednesday, till the end of September; time 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing 10 a.m., 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice. — The annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) are now available, and may be obtained from branch masters and secretaries, the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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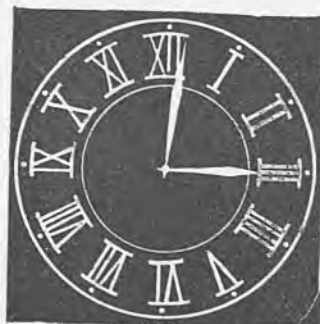
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A useful suggestion is made by the Rev. H. Drake, in a letter in another column, in regard to the Surprise Methods book. It is that it should be issued at a reduced figure to those who subscribe before publication, and that those who purchase afterwards should be charged the published price. This is often done in the case of books which have only a limited public—it was done in the case of the history of the College Youths, published by 'The Ringing World' last year. It is a means of gauging, to some extent, current demand, and it offers an inducement to keen readers and students to 'come in on the ground floor.' Up to the present the Council has been content to sell its various publications round about cost price. This, of course, is not an economic proposition, for there are not only numerous minor expenses which are not

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 5
WILLIE GREEN ... .. 2	*ERNEST BROOKES ... 6
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
*ARNOLD COLE ... .. 4	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HARDY.

Conducted by D. SMITH

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

**(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

*At THE PARISH CHURCH,*

**A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JESSE HARRISON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 2	*WILFRED EDWARDS ... 6
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by REV. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

**THATCHAM, BERKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	JESSE HARRISON ... 6
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 6
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal of London.

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**DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM**

**LIMERICK, IRELAND.**

**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

*At St. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,*

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

**PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM FARRELL ... Treble	*FREDERICK E. DUKES, M.I.E.T. 5
THOMAS MCMORRAN ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 6
REGINALD GEORGE ... 3	JOSEPH E. ATKINSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. WILSON ... 4	ROBERT TAIT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* First peal.

**CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,*

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

**PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CYRIL F. TAPLIN ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 2	JAMES H. JARVIS ... .. 6
†FREDK. W. P. BROWNING 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD LUCK ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
*HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bell.

**GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ALI SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RONALD G. BUGG ... Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 5
†WALTER SOUTHGATE ... 2	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... 6
MRS. W. A. ROUSE ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. W. J. Nevard's 450th peal.

**BROADSTAIRS, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, THANET,*

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

**PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

**MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.**

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

*At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 5
DAVID VINCENT ... .. 2	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 7
HERBERT A. MCKINNELL ... 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

Rung for the anniversary of the tenor ringer's wedding.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER... ..Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
RONALD A. SALTER ... .. 3	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 7
HENRY HARRISON ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. RICKWOOD ...Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRETT.

## SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OWEN H. GILES ... ..Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 2	KEITH HART ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED JAMES ... ..Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 5
EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 2	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 6
*FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 3	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7
SYDNEY HUMPHRIES ... .. 4	†BASIL F. GLAYSHER ...Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL ... ..Treble	HARRY WILD ... .. 5
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 2	ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
ARTHUR SKELTON... .. 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. 7
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER... ..Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

The conductor's 100th peal.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ..Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5
ALFRED KING ... .. 2	HARRY SEAR ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	WALTER SEAR ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE &amp; CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BERSON ... .. 6
JAMES TOPP ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by FRANK W. ROGERS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. This peal contained 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol and 640 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 122 changes of method.

## PEALS IN KENT.

The following peals were rung for

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

## SELLING, KENT.

On Sunday, July 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	*EDWARD WEBB ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal.

## CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... ..Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. A. Graham, who was recently inducted as Vicar of Edenbridge.

## BEXLEY, KENT.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT ... ..Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth's birthday.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... ..Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 7
*JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
*CHARLES A. BASSETT... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
HUGH MACKINDER ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal. Birthday peal for Mrs. and Miss Kitchenside.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ARBON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 4
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*E. ROBERTS... .. Treble	H. SUTTON ... .. 4
†A. CROSBY ... .. 2	E. BOFFEY ... .. 5
W. C. SUTTON ... .. 3	S. SUTTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SUTTON.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. A compliment to the Vicar's son on his first birthday.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MISS C. MORIEL ORLEBAR Treble	BERT STANDEN ... .. 4
†CHARLES A. BASSETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 3	FREDERICK BAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. KITCHENSIDE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise; (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (3) Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Single and Double Court; (6) Plain Bob; (7) London Surprise.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BLACK ... .. Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOOD ... .. 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN SIMS ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

The first peal of Norwich Surprise in the county and by the association.

LINCOLN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

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

Being seven 720's: (1) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Double Court; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Oxford Bob; (6) Double Oxford; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*KENNETH W. MAYER ... Treble	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 4
*JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
*JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods in the city of Lincoln.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Viz.: An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

GEORGE A. ANDREWS... Treble	*MISS VIOLET A. FROST ... 4
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 5
*MRS. W. A. ROUSE ... .. 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal in seven methods.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN MAYES ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK G. POPPY... .. 4
†VERA GOODERHAM ... .. 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
†LEONARD LOCK ... .. 3	†WILLIAM A. LOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHOTESHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Comprising 12 extents (four callings) of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

*SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONS ... .. 3
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First attempt for a peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Comprising two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONS ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 350th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being an extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD BUSBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOOPER ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
*JOE READER ... .. 2	†RICHARD REECE... .. 5
CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. 3	†HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE,

\* First peal in seven methods and of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND  
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Seven different callings.

GEORGE BROOKER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 4
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	JAMES POWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES POWELL.

First peal for the Hawkhurst Guild. Rung after the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bishop, only daughter of Mr. H. Bishop, a member of the local band.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being one 2,160 (No. 141 C.C. Collection) and four different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 4
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP... .. 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all except the tenor ringer, and first peal of Minor as conductor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Reverse College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 4
RONALD C. FOWLER ... .. 2	L.-CPL. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 'TRENTWOOD'

**A PEAL OF SPLICED ORIGINAL, REVERSE, DOUBLE, GAINSBOROUGH, LITTLE & PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY... .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 7-8

Arranged by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in six Major methods by all the band and for the Guild. Every course was rung with one lead each of the methods as given above, and there were 377 changes of method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 7th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): D. Laud (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Bullock 2, A. W. Dix 3, C. J. Kazer 4, S. H. Hoare 5, H. G. Cashmore 6, R. G. Bell (conductor) 7, D. S. Pearson (first quarter-peal) 8. The first quarter-pealers are in their early 'teens.

**PEAL NOTES.**

**A CLEVER HANDBELL PERFORMANCE.**

There will be congratulations for the clever performance of the North Lincolnshire ringers who, on handbells, last Saturday rang a peal in six plain Major methods, all of which were spliced into every course. The methods were Original, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob.

Six methods spliced into a peal would be a good performance in any case, even if they were all constructed on the same basis, but the performance at Burton-on-Stather was not as simple as that. In Little Bob, of course, the treble only goes up to fourth's place. In Gainsborough it turns back on reaching 6th's, and to add spice to the mixture there were both fourth and sixth's place bobs with the treble concerned in the bob making in Original. As a handbell performance this must rank very high indeed.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the famous bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, as well as the first in Norfolk, in which all the band have been annual subscribing members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, was rung on Bank Holiday. All but three of the ringers, also, rang their first peal of Cambridge Royal.

Not too old at more than four-score years, Mr. W. J. Nevard, who recently restored the bells at his Parish Church of Great Bentley, Essex, rang his 450th peal on Bank Holiday at Great Holland, where, at the same time, both Messrs. U. W. Wildney and A. R. Andrews completed their 'circle' of the tower.

Twenty-five years ago the bells of Boreham, Essex, were increased to eight, and last Saturday a peal of Bob Major was rung on them to commemorate the silver jubilee of the augmentation. When the two trebles were added in 1913 the present 6th and 7th were recast.

Mr. Nolan Golden rang his 350th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association, of which he is hon. secretary, on August 4th at Long Stratton, Norfolk. It was the second peal which he and four others of the band rang that day.

The other was a peal of Doubles at Shotesham, Norfolk, the first peal on the bells. There are various opinions as to the weight of the tenor at this church. The Vicar estimates it at 19 cwt., the local ringers think it is 14 cwt., the conductor (Mr. Golden) puts it at 11 cwt.

By ringing the treble to a peal in seven methods at Thorington, Essex, on August 3rd, Mr. G. A. Andrews 'completed the circle' to peals in his Sunday service tower.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD'S FIRST PEAL.**

A few months ago the Hastings and District Guild changed its name to the Hawkhurst and District Guild, and the first peal under the new title was rung on Saturday at East Peckham, Kent, for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Bishop, only daughter of Mr. H. Bishop, a member of the local band.

The Hawkhurst Guild is one of the minor organisations which operate on the borders of Sussex, Surrey and Kent, and do a good deal to keep alive interest in ringing in that area. The other societies are the Romney Marsh and District Guild and the East Grinstead and District Guild. The change from Hastings to Hawkhurst was made principally because of the limited number of towers within range of Hastings.

Some of the younger members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Limpsfield, Surrey, on Saturday.

Mr. William Ambler, of Queensbury, Bradford, rang his one hundredth peal on August 5th, when he called a peal of Double Norwich in Holy Trinity tower, of which he is hon. secretary. Nearly all Mr. Ambler's peals, more than half of which he has called, have been rung for the Yorkshire Association.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter's, Thanet, on August Bank Holiday, in which five members of the Dobbie family took part.

On the previous day the same band, or at any rate the majority of them, found by experience how difficult it is to ring a peal on a Sunday afternoon, when all Christians should be taking a siesta. They started out for a peal of Cambridge Major, but it 'went west,' because one of the band tried to get his Sunday afternoon nap in the second course.

Then they attempted Stedman Triples, and somebody else then went to sleep. So they tried Grandsire Triples, as being easier still, and, after an hour or so, apparently, they all went to sleep. Sunday afternoon was always a bad time for peal ringing, especially in warm weather.

The new band at Stoke Ash, Suffolk, are making good progress under Mr. E. F. Poppy, and four of them scored their first peal of Minor at the first attempt on August 4th at Thornham Magna, where they rang seven extents in three methods. Another recruit who took part was John Mayes, of Thornham, who rang his first peal. Years ago his father was an accomplished ringer at Thornham, but he lost his life in the Great War.

A Chester Guild band on July 30th celebrated the first birthday of the Vicar of Acton's son. They rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles and afterwards were entertained by the Vicar.

Mr. Daniel Smith, who is hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society, has called many peals on six bells, but it was not until last Saturday week that he conducted one on eight bells. This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Penistone.

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**FARTHEST WEST.**

(Continued from previous page.)

The Irish Association has rung the 'farthest west' peal in the British Isles. On August Bank Holiday, a peal of Grandsire Triples was accomplished at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. It was the first attempt for a peal on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1673.

They have been recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the peal was attempted at the special request of Mr. W. E. G. Hewson, of Castle Hewson, Limerick. Mr. Hewson is not only a ringer, but also a great benefactor to St. Mary's Cathedral tower, and the band were sorry he was not well enough to be present. The peal served as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Wilson.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on August 2nd, was specially arranged for Mr. W. L. Rickford, of Thetford, Norfolk.

Another peal of Spliced Surprise Major by Mr. J. Topp, of Portsmouth, was rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, on August 6th, for the first time. It contains, in its full length, 5,120 changes, and can be reduced to 5,056 (in which form it was rung) by omitting three bobs and two leads of Bristol in the fourth course of any one of the five parts. Here are the figures:—

23456	M	W	H	Methods
35642	—	2	—	L C B L
32546	2	—	—	L B C L
36245	2	—	—	L B C L
26543	—	—	3	L C L B B
64352	—	2	—	L C B L
24653	2	—	—	L B C L
56342	—	—	—	L C L
62345	—	2	—	L C L B

Four times repeated. C=Cambridge or Superlative.

Nine methods were incorporated in the seven 720's of Minor rung at Glinton, Northants, on Bank Holiday.

Peals of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire Surprise were conducted by Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, during the holiday. Four other ringers, including the Vicar of Beaconsfield, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, rang in both peals, one of which was at Beaconsfield and the other at Thatcham. The former was a birthday compliment to Miss M. Wingrove.

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Ipswich, standing in a peal at Framdsen at the last moment on Bank Holiday, owing to the indisposition of Miss Sylvia Bowyer, rang what he thinks was his first peal of London. The composition, by Mr. C. J. Sedgely, was rung for the first time.

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**A BUSY WEEK IN KENT.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Frank Bennett got some of the Kent men busy last week. Just a bit of holiday ringing, we suppose, but it resulted in half a dozen peals. Kent was always a happy hunting ground for Mr. Bennett, who, although he lives at Brighton and has no bit of Kent within 30 or 40 miles, must have rung peals in as many hop county towers as almost any resident.

Mr. Harry Parkes took part with Mr. Bennett in all six peals, Edwin A. Barnett was in five of them and four other ringers were in the four rung over the holiday week-end. The second peal on Monday, rung at Edenbridge, was Mr. Bennett's 1,450th. There's only one other living man in front of him—Mr. G. R. Pye.

The peal at Bexley on August 4th was rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth. She was a subscriber to these bells.

The first peal of Norwich Surprise Minor in Bedfordshire and by the Bedfordshire Association was rung on Bank Holiday at Henlow. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Bywaters, one of the ringers at this church.

Mr. Harry Hoverd, of Dartford, Kent, although he has rung over 400 peals, rang his first peal in his native county of Oxfordshire on Bank Holiday, when he took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Chipping Norton.

The first peal in eight Minor methods in the city of Lincoln was rung on August 2nd at St. Botolph's Church. It was a birthday compliment to Kenneth Mayer, who rang the treble. Rung in 2 hours 32 minutes, it was the quickest peal on the bells.

Ringers from three counties, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey, met at Dunstable on Saturday to ring a peal of Double Norwich Major for the Royal Cumberland Youths. The idea had been in the minds of some of them for five years or so, but it was only last week that it was acted upon, and Miss Evelyn Steel rang her first peal for the society, as also did Mr. W. J. Robinson, of Guildford.

It was the first peal by the Royal Cumberlands on the bells, but the College Youths rang a peal at Dunstable over 160 years ago. The Ancient Society rang the first peal on the bells on August 20th, 1776. It was a peal of Bob Major, conducted by Charles Purser.

Peals at Wrexham, in North Wales, are not of frequent occurrence, but a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there on August 3rd under the dual auspices of the North Wales Association, to which four of the band were elected before starting, and Chester Diocesan Guild. It was a birthday compliment to Mrs. Mather, wife of one of the ringers.

The peal of Minor in seven methods rung at Hitcham, Bucks, for the Royal Cumberland Youths, on Saturday, was specially arranged for Corporal Tocock, of the Royal Tank Corps, who was home on leave.

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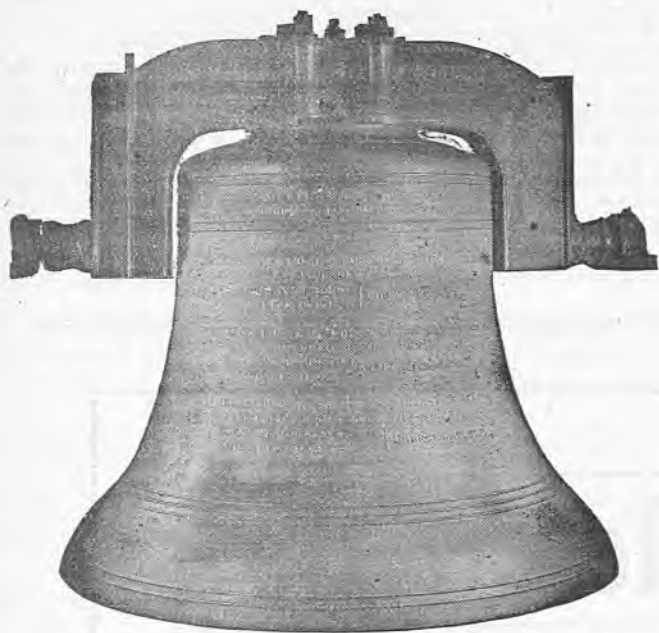
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of five ringers returning to Lincoln after a day in the Halifax district of Yorkshire on Bank Holiday had to spend the night at a watchman's hut, for their car broke down about 10 p.m. and they found themselves stranded.

Item, 'Guessing the weight of the Vicar and churchwardens, £1 3s. 6d.' This is not an extract from an ancient parish record, but from the balance sheet of a church fete at Surfleet recently.

Guessing the weight of a pig brought in over £3, but while you can eat a pig if you win it as a prize, you can't very well eat a vicar and churchwardens.

It isn't everybody who would cycle 143 miles just to ring at two fresh towers, but Mr. F. Hopgood (Wimbledon) did this during the holiday week-end, ringing at St. Mary's, Portsea, and All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight. This brought him to his 250th church. Last year Mr. Hopgood cycled to South Wales and rang at four towers there. To do this he covered well over 400 miles.

There will be no immediate need for the floor of the ringing chamber at Dunstable Priory Church to be tested as to its stability. Last Saturday, in the course of a peal, a well-known ringer went up with his rope at three separate times, in order to get his bell back into its place, and came down on the floor with both feet with such effect that any defect in the joists beneath the boards must of a certainty have been discovered.

The Somerset holiday ringing week resulted in four peals being rung and four lost. Over the first week-end the party numbered 22, but they were gradually reduced as the week proceeded until only nine were left. The peals rung were Cambridge, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

## THE BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I elaborate my suggestions about the publication of this book?

First, that the subscription price be less than the published price. If the book can be produced for four shillings, let that be the price to subscribers, but on publication the price to be raised to, say, five shillings.

Next, that the associations obtain and send in, as far as they can, the names of those so subscribing.

Lastly, that the names of all those so subscribing be printed on a page at the beginning or end of the book. This would not only tell us to-day who are the people who are interested in these matters, but it would be something of historical interest to those who come after.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

## AN OLD PEAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the peal of Bristol, stated to be composed by H. G. Cashmore, and published in 'The Ringing World' of August 5th, is an old peal of Treble Bob, by J. Patrick, which can be found in Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II., page 86. The only difference is that Mr. Cashmore has started the calling at the 17th course of the original peal.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. T. Coles informs me that the composition rung at Bushey on July 28th is a transposition of a peal produced by J. Patrick many years ago.

I am not surprised, as I had doubts as to its originality, although I did not know of the earlier peal.

This is undoubtedly the minimum number of calls for a Treble Bob method, although one could go much lower by using a Double or Triple-dodging hunt.

Watford.

H. G. CASHMORE.

## THE OLDEST PRACTISING RINGER.

The distinction of being the oldest practising ringer brought, last week, letters calling attention to the fact that Mr. James George has one or two seniors in this direction, but Mr. George's claim, he tells us, is to being the 'most active veteran peal ringer' in the world. His old friends, Mr. Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, and Mr. Joseph Williams, of Newent, exceed him in age, but whereas they ring only one or two peals a year, Mr. George, for instance, rang 30 peals between May, 1937, and May, 1938, while only on the 13th of last month he rang the 7th to a peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent, where the tenor is 28½ cwt.

## THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Thursday, August 4th, in celebration of the 38th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung by A. Hardiman (first in the method) 1, C. Wells 2, J. Read 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8. The ringer of the treble belongs to the Alton band.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—31.

WALTER F. JUDGE.

The revival of ringing in Oxford in recent years owes a great deal to the enthusiasm of Mr. Walter F. Judge. From the early days of change ringing, Oxford has, from time to time, played a part in ringing history, if not in the towers of the city itself, by the ringers it has produced or who have resided there. In the intervals Oxford ringing has relapsed into the shadows, but now it is emerging again and is, in fact, in some directions excelling anything which the city has known before. While he was Ringing Master of the Oxford Society from 1930 to 1932, Mr. Judge revived the ringing in the city from a very indifferent condition to a stage where the society was able to provide well-rung Stedman Cinques for the Cathedral services. Now, as captain of St. Martin and All Saints' band, he has organised practices at which Spliced Surprise ringing takes place regularly.

Mr. Judge was born at Kidlington on November 16th, 1895, and learned to ring at the tower of his native village, where in 1899 the much disputed record peal of Double Norwich Major, composed and conducted by that giant of the Exercise, J. W. Washbrook, of Oxford, was rung.

Mr. Judge began ringing when quite a youth, and scored his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Kidlington on November 6th, 1912. Then came a break, and he did not ring another peal until 1919, having meanwhile served in H.M. Forces in the Great War.

His first peal as conductor was only his fourth peal in all, and in this he called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Kidlington on December 30th, 1922. Since then he has conducted peals on all numbers of bells from six to twelve, and among the peals in which he has taken part was the record 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton on December 27th, 1932. Altogether Mr. Judge has rung 205 peals, of which he has conducted 120.



MR. WALTER F. JUDGE.

## TYNEMOUTH BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of Tynemouth Parish Church were rededicated on Saturday, July 23rd, by the Bishop of Newcastle. The bells had been away to the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for cleaning and tuning and they have been rehung on iron headstocks with ball bearings and new fittings. During the service there was a procession into the churchyard, the ringers following the crossbearer from the chancel to the tower, where they broke away and went up into the belfry and rang the bells for five minutes, giving the congregation time to gather at the east end of the churchyard, where the service was concluded. The service was attended by the Deputy Mayor and several councillors, and an address was given by the Bishop.

After the service the bells were well rung until 9 p.m., many visitors taking part, including Messrs. C. L. Routledge, William Storey, J.P., H. Walker, John Anderson, J. Keen, C. E. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas. A social evening followed with refreshments at the Parish Hall.

During the week a thanksgiving collection was taken, and the Vicar (Canon Milner) sat at the church door on Saturday afternoon to receive gifts, the purpose being to clear off sundry debts upon the church and its mission churches. A total of £32 was reached. The money for the bells had been raised previously. There was general approval of the work done to the bells and satisfaction was expressed.

## A DIAMOND WEDDING.

At All Saints' Church, Banstead, Surrey, for evensong on Sunday, July 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Burberry on the occasion of their diamond wedding: M. E. H. Pitstow (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Cheesman (first quarter in the method) 2, F. G. Woodiss 3, A. E. Cheesman 4, N. Hobden 5, T. Norman 6, H. N. Pitstow 7, A. J. Adams (first quarter in the method as conductor) 8.

## DEATH OF MR. W. T. PATES.

RINGER AT CHELTENHAM FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS.  
Conductor of Record Peals.

At the advanced age of 85 years, Mr. William Thomas Pates has passed away at Cheltenham. He was one of the leading ringers of the country at the end of last century, and Gloucestershire ringing circles have lost a notable figure.

Increasing years caused Mr. Pates to retire from active ringing in 1936, and a tablet placed in Cheltenham Parish Church, and erected only last November, bears permanent witness to his long service. It records that from 1873 to 1936 he rang in Cheltenham tower and for 45 years was Ringing Master.

Mr. Pates had played no unimportant part in the development of ringing in Gloucestershire, and the esteem in which he was held in ringing circles was manifested when the Central Council was formed in 1891 and he was elected one of the first honorary members. Three years later, however, he resigned. He had rung a considerable number of peals, many of which he conducted. Some of them were his own compositions. He rang his first peal in 1876 at Cheltenham Parish Church and was the last survivor of that band.

His first peal as conductor was a Stedman Caters record, Henry Johnson's composition of 13,054, which was rung at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888, in 8 hours 16 minutes. Charles Hattersley, of Sheffield, a martinet in the matter of striking, used to declare that this was the finest peal he ever rang. Among others who took part were the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and G. F. Coleridge. In April, 1889, several of the same band put up a new record in Grandsire Caters. It was 15,227, rung in 9 hours 43 minutes. Mr. Pates, when he called this peal, had never previously called a bob in Grandsire Caters. That record stood until 1932.

## BELLS AT THE FUNERAL.

A large congregation, including many representatives of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, attended the funeral service, which was conducted by the Rector of Cheltenham (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), and Canon J. Baghot-De la Bere (Vicar of Prestbury), on Saturday.

The hymns, 'The King of Love my Shepherd is' and 'Abide with me,' were sung, and as the cortege left the church Chopin's Funeral March was played on the organ.

In the course of the service, the Rector paid tribute to the service Mr. Pates had rendered to the Church over so many years through his gift of bellringing and leadership, saying that he had well conducted his means of proclaiming the Gospel.

Ringers who had assembled in the Parish Church tower were members of Mr. Pates' old band, assisted by Mr. J. Austin and Mr. S. E. Romans, of Gloucester, and ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent.

Before the service they rang muffled touches, and at the graveside handbells were rung by S. E. Romans, J. Austin, ex-Sergt. J. Williams, W. Dyer and A. Handoll.

Returning to the tower after the interment, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (composed by Mr. Pates) was rung by the following: L. Williams (relieved by M. Bridgman) 1, A. Humphris 2, S. E. Romans 3, J. Austin 4, W. Brinkworth 5, W. Dyer 6, —, Harley 7, A. Handoll 8, ex-Sergt. J. Williams 9, S. Hayward (relieved by L. Williams) tenor. To conclude their tribute, the ringers stood and dropped the bells individually, the tenor being tolled 85 times, corresponding to the age of Mr. Pates.

The family mourners were Mrs. K. M. Clements and Miss Pates (daughters), Miss M. E. Pates, Mr. V. T. Pates and Miss Joan Pates (grandchildren), Miss E. Merrett (niece), Mrs. F. H. Pates (daughter-in-law), Mr. Pates and Mrs. W. Wright (cousins), Nurse Evans, Miss Southwood, Mr. A. W. Humphries, Mr. E. Treleven and Mrs. G. H. Hooper (friends), Mr. L. S. Webley (cashier, W. T. Pates and Sons).

The coffin, on which was placed a beautiful wreath in the shape of a bell, from his daughters, was borne by employees of W. T. Pates and Sons, and the cortege was headed by employees of the firm, who lined the entrance to the church.

Many representatives of Cheltenham organisations and business firms were present, and Mr. A. W. Humphris, who was among the mourners, had been a ringing friend of Mr. Pates for nearly 60 years. They first rang a peal together in 1883, and Mr. Humphris rang the tenor to the two record peals mentioned above.

Among the weaths were tributes from St. Mary's and other ringers, the Rector, churchwardens and friends of the Parish and St. Matthew's Church, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London).

## NINE DAYS TO A 'WEEK.'

A 'week's' peal ringing, organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, in Staffordshire and Shropshire, begins to-day, when the following towers will be visited. It will be noted that the week has been stretched to nine days.

Friday: Tettenhall.

Saturday: Penn and Walsall.

Sunday: Church Stretton.

Monday: Bridgnorth and Claverley.

Tuesday: Shifnal and Coalbrookdale.

Wednesday: Wombourn and Wednesbury.

Thursday: Broughton and Market Drayton.

Friday: Codall and Willenhall.

Saturday: Brewood and St. Luke's, Wolverhampton.

## ON THE ROAD.

### STORIES OF ENJOYABLE EXCURSIONS.

#### HOLBORN RINGERS VISIT LATE RECTOR'S GRAVE.

The annual outing of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild provided members and friends with an excursion into Surrey and Berkshire. Leaving Paddington by train, they reached Reading at 9.25 a.m. and transferred to a motor-coach, which took them on their country tour. The first call was Bagshot, where they were welcomed by Mr. J. Corbett, who had everything in readiness. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung before going on to Aldershot. Various methods were rung on these light bells before adjourning to the Imperial Hotel for lunch. Here the party found the Rector of St. Andrew's and Mr. A. A. Hughes awaiting them. After lunch the health of the Rector was proposed and duly honoured. The Rector, in reply, said how pleased he was to be with the ringers and hoped to see them more often.

After a most delightful run through beautiful country, the ringers arrived at Grayshott, and after an hour's ringing, from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise, went on to Weston Patrick, where the late Rector of St. Andrew's (the Rev. E. C. Bedford) lies buried. Here they were met by Mrs. Bedford and members of her family. Proceeding to the church, a wreath in the shape and colour of St. Andrew's cross was placed on the grave and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. E. G. Fenn, J. C. Truss, F. C. Shorter and A. A. Hughes. The Rector of St. Andrew's offered prayers, and the hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung to handbell accompaniment.

Afterwards Mrs. Bedford kindly entertained the visitors to tea, which was much enjoyed. Time passed all too quickly, so, taking their farewell, the party left for Basingstoke, where they met Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert. After the two rings of eight had been rung in various methods, the party returned to Reading, where at The Shades they enjoyed a social hour and discussed the day's programme, everyone being unanimous that they had had a glorious excursion. Paddington was safely reached at 11 p.m. This opportunity is taken of thanking all the incumbents for granting the use of the bells, also those who had everything in readiness at the various towers.

#### THREE TOWERS LEFT OUT OF NINETEEN.

The Lyme Regis ringers confined their attention this year to their own home county of Dorset and its Bournemouth border and had a very pleasant trip. Departure time was 7.30 a.m., and Dorchester was made the first stop, where coffee and cakes proved very acceptable. The first ringing of the day took place at Wool, an easy going ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), before moving on to the ancient town of Wareham, where some time was spent in examining many points of interest both within and without the church, which is now one of three still existing out of 19 (so they say) in olden days. The bells are a good ring of eight with a well-furnished ringing chamber, but the tenor (21 cwt.) needs attention from the bellhanger. Here Mr. H. W. Saunders welcomed the party, and the Rev. R. P. Farrow looked in from Lulworth and took part in one or two touches. Lychett Minster, six bells, with tenor 11 cwt., was next on the programme. The fifth has to be rung on the stairs, but that handicap did not interfere with the accomplishment of a good course of London Minor. Bournemouth was reached in time for luncheon, and after that the party dispersed for the afternoon to visit the shops and other numerous attractions, meeting again for a late tea as the prelude to sampling the choice towers on the evening programme.

The fine restored ring at St. Peter's (tenor 20 cwt.) came first, the visitors being warmly welcomed by Messrs. A. Davis, H. Mitchell, P. Whetham and others. The ringing here was much enjoyed and the tower was left reluctantly, but St. John's, Surrey Road, had to be fitted in, and, as it was, the arrival there was behind time. This musical ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) provided some good touches, and then the final move was made to Poole, where there is now a delightful ring of ten (tenor 18 cwt.) and a most enthusiastic band, many of whom, including Messrs. F. Townsend and J. Davis with their Rector, were waiting to welcome the party. The assistance of the local ringers in touches here was much appreciated, as it enabled the visitors to taste the joy of Caters and Royal, in which they rarely have the opportunity to participate. Home was eventually reached at midnight and concluded one of the happiest outings in the records of the Lyme Regis Guild, splendid weather favouring them the whole day.

The members who took part wish to express their truest thanks to all the incumbents who so readily granted permission to ring, and also to the ringers in the various towers for their very kind arrangements and their most sympathetic welcome and help. The methods rung during the day included London Minor, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Minor, Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge Minor and Major.

#### A NOBLE CHURCH.

A very happy party of 26 joined in the annual outing of the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, under the leadership of the genial Ringing Master, Mr. H. R. Cobbin. They set out for Holbeach, via Melton Mowbray, Oakham, Stamford, Market Deeping and Spalding, passing through lovely country, including the magnificent scenery of the Vale of Belvoir. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the way, and with just a stop for a 'snack' en route, Holbeach was reached at 11 a.m. The bells at the Parish Church were found to take a little handling owing to the long draught of rope, but some good touches of Triples and courses of Major were rung.

After lunch at Surfleet, where the visitors were joined by Mr. R. Richardson, and ready sale of coupons, there was ringing at Pinchbeck, where the Ladies' Guild were holding a meeting. The return journey was begun after tea at Surfleet, the party making for Bottesford, via Donington and Grantham. On arrival they were met by the Vicar and Messrs. A. Ward and J. Kirton.

Bottesford Church is truly a magnificent structure, both internally and externally. The noble proportions of the interior and the particularly graceful octagonal pillars of the aisle arcades are chief points of its grandeur. The church contains a large number of monuments commemorating deceased members of the families of De Roos and Manners. The eight Earls of Rutland from 1543 to 1679 are represented by effigies in the varieties of armour and costumes which succeeded one another.

The tower, 87ft. high, stands out nobly from the church, and is capped by an octagonal crocketed spire rising another 123ft. There is a noble peal of eight bells, the tenor of 22 cwt. bearing the inscription:—

The fleeting hours I tell; I summon all to pray.

I toll the dead man's knell, and hail the festal day.

This peal was made full use of during the 45 minutes' stay, during which Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Later a call was made at Whatton-in-the-Vale, where a convivial hour was spent in singing and handbell ringing, and the party arrived at Nottingham at 10.30, having spent a most enjoyable day.

The ringers wish to thank the incumbents at the different churches for the use of their bells, and all those gentlemen who had everything in readiness.

#### ESSEX RINGERS IN SURREY.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, visited Surrey when they had their annual outing. Accompanied by the Vicar, churchwardens and some friends, 35 in all, their first halt was made at Barking; then on to Mitcham (Surrey), where some very nice bells were set going to Treble Bob Major, three of the local band being at the church to meet them. Then they visited the bell foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Croydon and were received by Mr. Stevenson. The inspection of the foundry and of the work in progress proved to be very interesting.

In the afternoon they were met at St. John the Baptist's Church by Mr. D. Cooper, and the very fine bells were set going to Grandsire and Treble Bob. Going on to Mersham, where they were met by three of the local company, some very nice Minor ringing was enjoyed. In the evening they visited Redhill, where they were again met by members of the local company, and then to Reigate, where the finest pull of the day was experienced. Once more there were three local men to meet them. The ringers much regretted the absence from the party of Mr. B. Webb, a member of the local company, who was in hospital awaiting an operation and therefore unable to join them. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents and steeplekeepers for the use of the bells and having all in readiness.

#### CHESTER GUILD AT SHREWSBURY.

What has now come to be looked upon as an annual outing by members of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild took a party of 30 ringers and friends this year to Shrewsbury. The first stop was made at Wem, where the handy ring of eight was made good use of, and at the next halt, Clive, the beautiful, heavy ring of six gave delight to everybody. After tea at Boots' Cafe, Shrewsbury, Mr. W. Bibby proposed a vote of thanks to the 'mainspring' of the party, Mr. Cecil Raddon, for his untiring enthusiasm and the able way in which he made the arrangements for the trip. This was agreed to by acclamation. The ringing concluded on the fine twelve bells at St. Chad's Church. The towers represented were Grappenhall, Frodsham, Daresbury, Runcorn, Witton, Davenham and Farnworth.

#### VISIT TO WEST OXFORDSHIRE.

St. Michael's, Tilehurst, ringers visited West Oxfordshire for their outing. The outward journey was made via the Berkshire Downs and Vale of the White Horse, returning through Abingdon. Ringing took place at Clanfield, Bampton, Burford and Buckland, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, with rounds for the beginners. The party consisted of 20 ringers and friends, accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Sherwood). Tea was partaken of at Burford. A fine day and easy going bells contributed to the success of the outing. Thanks are due to the various steeplekeepers who had the bells ready, and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

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## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

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## A HALF-DAY IN 'ZUMMERZET.'

A party of about 50 from the churches of Mangotsfield and St. Ambrose, Bristol, combined for their annual outing. They went by motor-coach to Wells, where they rang the Cathedral bells before evensong; then on to Glastonbury for tea, after which Burnham-on-Sea was visited, where the bells were made good use of. Those not interested in ringing were treated to a real Burnham 'Sou' Wester, which nearly blew them off the Esplanade. On the homeward journey a call was made at the Ringers' Hostel at Wrington, where 'mine hostess' had prepared an excellent supper, after which the all too short time remaining was spent in playing skittles and a 'sing-song.'

## IN THE 'FRUIT COUNTRY.'

Saturday, July 23rd, and the Willesborough and District Youths set sail for a cruise in the 'fruit country' on their eighth annual half-day. At Upchurch the bells were raised in peal and kept going in various methods for an hour. Then around backways and by-ways to Bobbing, where is quite a musical little six, which apparently know quite a number of methods. Another hour's good ringing and away up hill and down dale to Milton Regis with its fine old tower; up the stony way to the ringing chamber and a nice lot of bells well spread out. No fear here of knocking your elbow or poking your fist through the other fellow's rope. Forty minutes' good ringing, a peep at the bell frame and then to Teynham Vicarage Church Fete for tea. A look round the sideshows, some trying to find the hidden treasure, others having a smack at the cats, some round the dart board, etc. Afterwards to the tower to sample the little six. Boughton-Blean was the last call. The handy little bells were raised in peal and an hour's good ringing enjoyed. The Stedman, Kent and Grandsire were really good for 'a bundle of six bellers.' Seventy miles' run through delightful country, five fresh towers, bells all in good going order, nine methods, made up an enjoyable outing, which was not so bad for youths ranging from 15 to 75. They wish to thank the incumbents, the tower secretaries and all who helped to make the arrangements, especially the Vicar, Mr. Page, and the good ladies at Teynham.

## ANOTHER KENTISH TRIP.

The ringers of St. Bartholomew's, Bobbing, and St. Margaret's, Rainham, combined for their annual outing, and, with their wives and friends, visited Folkestone and East Kent. The party left Rainham soon after 8 a.m. by motor-coach, and called first at Eastwell, where they were met by the Vicar. The next stop was at Cheriton, where they were received by a former ringer. After lunch in Folkestone the ringers visited the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, where they found a good going peal of eight. At New Romney they were welcomed by two ringers, and afterwards went on to tea at Dymchurch. On the homeward journey a call was made at Woodchurch and Smarden, where they were greeted by Mr. F. Macey, an old friend, Rainham being reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. The ringing during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The ringers, through 'The Ringing World,' would like to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, also the ringers who assisted them.

## OUTING FIRES LEARNERS' ENTHUSIASM.

The St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, Society is fortunate at present in having many learners among its members, and these appeared to a man to participate in the annual outing for the first time. With a neighbouring Ringing Master, Assistant Ringing Master and a district secretary as guests, a 20-seater coach was filled, and a course set for Godstone, Surrey. The church is situated in a quiet backwater, away from the roar of the main road traffic to the seaside, and an hour's ringing enjoyed, in fact one conductor would have liked to have started for a peal then and there.

Edenbridge (Kent) was next on the list, where the visitors were met by two local stalwarts and had another hour's ringing. Then on through the beautiful Ashdown Forest they reached Uckfield (Sussex). At the Bell Hotel a hot lunch awaited the party, after which a move was made to the belfry for an hour. Whilst ringing was in progress a thunderstorm broke and caught the wives while busy shop-gazing.

Due at Burgess Hill at 4 o'clock, the excursionists were a little early, so the enthusiasts watched a cricket match on the spacious common for a time. When ringing commenced, Mrs. F. I. Hairs put in an appearance and recalled old times at Fulham tower. Even the lady's persuasion would not spur her who never attends a practice at Putney to attempt a touch of Double Norwich. After tea in the Parish Hall, at which Mrs. Hairs joined the party, the journey was resumed on the somewhat long run to the charming village of Shere, where some of the ringers found refreshment very cheap.

All the bells rung during the day were good going eight, and if the ringing was only confined to simple touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, with plenty of rounds for the learners, the outing was worth while in that the latter had their first opportunity of ringing in strange towers, and were fired with determination to master the methods and be more useful on the next outing. The best thanks are due to the incumbents for permission to ring, and to the local ringers who met the party at the various churches.

## 190 MILES THROUGH SIX COUNTIES.

The outing of the Hillingdon ringers this year was their thirteenth. The superstitious may have expected the worst, but all the efforts of the Evil One resulted in but one mishap, a broken stay! Some six towers and six counties were visited, 190 miles covered, occupying nearly 15 hours of carefree enjoyment. What a blow-out at Lewes! Mrs. Muzzell knew the voracity of ringers for 'vittals' and catered accordingly. Outing secretaries might do well to remember the name—The King's Head, Southover. The Angel at Petworth, too, is another place where a man may obtain a proper satisfaction for his hunger. At least two dozen did on this particular day! The bells rung during the day were all very good, East Grinstead (8), Fairwarp (8), and what a grand view from the top of this tower, Lewes (10), Shoreham (8), Petworth (8) and Haslemere (10), and some wonderful trebles here). The weather was mixed, but no interference with the programme occurred. Altogether a very enjoyable trip, for which the travellers offered their thanks to the 'secretary bloke.' He was rewarded by being taken home to his very door. In case this sounds suspicious, it would be as well to state that his wife was with him!

## A PEAL IN SIX PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

INTERESTING COMPOSITION BY G. E. FEIRN.

On handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, a peal was rung in six spliced plain Major methods. Every course had a lead of Original, Reverse, Double, Gainsborough, Little and Plain Bob, and the following composition, by Mr. G. E. Feirn, was used:—

23456	3	4	5	6
65324	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—

Five times repeated, with S at 5 instead of B in 8th course of 3rd and 6th parts. Three courses must be inserted in one part, by calling S at 6 in 5th course, thus:—

63254	3	4	5	6
42653	—	—	—	S
26453	—	—	—	—
64253	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	S

The calls in Original are 6th place bobs.

## A RINGER'S FAILING.

## HUDDERSFIELD ASSOCIATION COMPLAINT.

The July meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Heptonstall on the last Saturday of the month. There was a fair attendance of members from Lindley, Longwood, Elland, Brighouse, Rippenden, Sowerby, Halifax (All Souls') and the local tower.

A short service was held prior to tea, conducted by the Vicar of Heptonstall. The president of the association, the Rev. T. Mathieson, read the lesson.

There was a 'gorgeous spread' for tea, and the ringers did full justice to it, but it speaks badly for the ringers when the local secretary announced that only three applications for tea were made. This state of affairs, says the secretary, really must not continue, as it makes it very difficult for the local ringers and for those who very kindly undertake to cater.

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, the practice meetings for the ensuing month were arranged to be held at All Souls', Halifax, on Wednesdays, where the method will be Kent Treble Bob, and Lindley on Tuesdays, with Stedman.

Ringing continued throughout the evening and several good touches were brought round.

## RINGER FOR SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

The death occurred on August 1st at Pirbright, Surrey, of Mr. Daniel Cheesman, who was a ringer at Pirbright Church for 62 years, and verger for over 50 years. He was 80 years of age.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week, when the bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service. The local ringers attended, and Mr. W. Cope (hon. secretary of the Guildford District) represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Cheesman was a foundation member, having previously been a member of the old Winchester Diocesan Guild.

On Sunday evening, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled in his memory: Miss P. Sayers 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, J. Avenell 3, J. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, H. P. Sparks 6.

### COLLEGE YOUTHS ABROAD. A CORNISH HOLIDAY.

Three country members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, together with the wife of one and the parents of another, recently spent a most enjoyable week in Cornwall. The visit was not intended to be a ringing tour, but the party hoped to ring in a few towers in the evenings, and through the kind assistance of Mr. C. E. Lanxon one peal attempt was arranged. The latter failed, after 50 minutes' ringing, owing to a shift course, in which one of the visitors, who should have known better, was involved.

Nine towers in all were visited, including Truro Cathedral and St. Mary's, Penzance, where the tenor was rung by the above-mentioned ringer's wife, who had not touched a rope for four years, but who proved the soundness of her early training by the stylish way in which she rang her bell.

Sennen, the farthest west, and Landewednack, the farthest south, were among the other towers 'bagged,' and the only disappointment of the week was at St. Buryan. Permission to ring was readily granted at the Rectory, and the party were informed that there were five bells in the tower. Only four, however, were to be found in the belfry, and there were, alas, no ropes!

One experience the visitors will remember all their lives. They had the great privilege of ringing, both on hand and tower bells, with Dr. John Symons, a fellow-member of the Ancient Society, who called the first peal ever rung in the Duchy, and whose keenness and interest in all matters appertaining to the art of ringing put to shame many a younger member of the Exercise.

None of the programme could have been carried out without the kind co-operation of the members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, some of whom travelled many miles in order to make up a band. The visitors would like to take this opportunity of thanking them most heartily, and in this connection would particularly mention Miss E. Symons, Mr. P. Williams and Mr. P. J. Hitchens.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, when members attended from Arundel, Brighton, Chichester, Heene, Lymminster, Lower Beeding, Rudgwick, Storrington, Shipley, Twineham, Warnham, West Grinstead and the local band. There were also three visitors from London and Surrey. Although the weather was hot, there was plenty of ringing during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Fraser in the absence of the Vicar.

At the business meeting following tea, a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist who came three miles for the service, and to the local band for the arrangements they made to make the meeting a successful and enjoyable one.

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## NOTICES.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for which a small charge will be made, at 5 p.m., for which please notify Mr. P. Shaw, 36, Church Road, Rainford, near St. Helens.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Branch. — A meeting will be held at Happisburgh on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please be sure to send names or numbers, as it is important this time. Buses leave Norwich and Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Postcard for tea, please.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Rectory. Business meetings follows.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, August 14th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Every ringer welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 16th; St. Magnus, 18th; Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Burrington on Saturday, August 20th. The bells will be available throughout the evening from five o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Newton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bishampton on Saturday, Aug. 20th. The tower has recently been repaired and the bells rehung by Taylor & Co. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, August 20th. Bells ready 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Woodchurch (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD** (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Grittleton on Saturday, August 20th, at 3 o'clock. Sir Audley Heeld will kindly open his gardens to ringers and friends. Visitors please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, August 20th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 9, Crescent, Tanfield Lea, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than Thursday, August 18th? All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 20th, at Lewisham. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. at St. Mary's (8 bells, tenor 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.). Ladywell station or 108, 36, 136 and 54 bus. Arrangements for tea at 5 p.m. have been made at a nearby restaurant. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Cheddleton (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service (by request of Vicar) at 5 p.m. Tea in the Churnet Hall at 5.30 p.m. Notice of attendance to be sent to Mrs. Lawton, The Rond, Ostler's Lane, Cheddleton, Leek, Staffs, not later than August 17th.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held with St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Meat tea provided at the Stowe Cafe (opposite church) at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. a head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Beckett Arms at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Tuesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**ABBOTTS LANGLEY, HERTS** (6 bells).—Saturday, August 20th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. As arrangements have to be made for tea, please let me know by August 17th. Excellent service to church from all parts. Nearest train, King's Langley, 1 mile. Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hardington-Mandeville on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashbrittle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Tharp Arms, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—Repton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 in Court Room. This will only be provided for those who notify me by Thursday, August 18th. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy an afternoon in the country.—F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Bed-

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**WEDNESDAY MEETING at ALDERSHOT** on August 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Service 6 p.m. All welcome! A postcard, if you require tea, by Monday, the 22nd, to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Diddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Bedford. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (S. & W. District), GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District), OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m. Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m. St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE,** calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.' Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

**WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.**—The re-dedication of these bells will be on Saturday, August 27th. Further details next week. Note the date and come to 'Blanket Town.' A grand fete also on after the dedication service.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Please send your names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, 75-77, Oxford Street, Whitstable, not later than Wednesday, August 24th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.**—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, August 23rd, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Alveston on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 24th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Please note that the address of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, is now 17, Grange Road, Dudley, Worcs.

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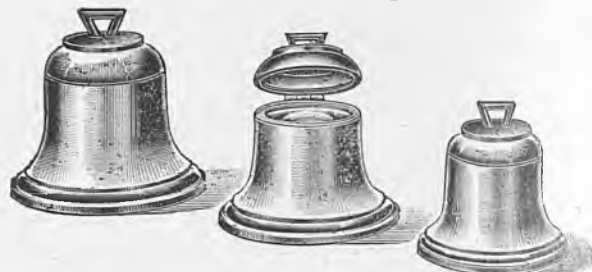
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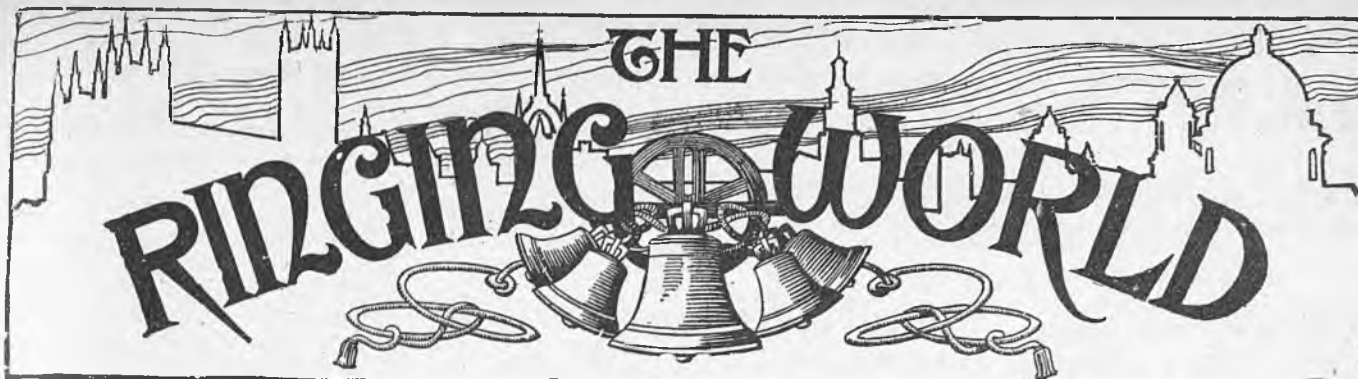
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Here are some of the things which have happened this summer, and of which we have authentic information: Parties arriving without previous arrangement and expecting to be allowed to ring; one company of unexpected visitors had actually taken possession of the tower before their presence was known to the authorities. Others have walked into the churchyard smoking; in one case non-ringing friends went into the ringing chamber with hats on and lighted cigarettes in their mouths, while some of them took a stroll round a neighbouring garden without permission. Then there have been ringers who on these occasions have made their ringing a 'practice,' without consideration of the public, to whom their visit in such a case may be anything but a pleasure. We also have information of another party of 'litter fiends' who threw the accumulated rubbish out of their coach and left it at the entrance to the church.

All these things are, to say the least, rank bad manners and hardly to be expected from ringers, who would probably be the first to resent it at their own towers. Such actions give a 'handle' to all who would find fault with ringers, and the general body of well-behaved and reverent members of the Exercise have their reputation besmirched by the careless conduct of just a few. Unimpeachable behaviour is essential in the precincts of the church at home; it is no less important when ringers are visiting other towers.

As we have said, the great majority of ringers appreciate the opportunity of ringing at other churches as a privilege and their conduct is above reproach; it is a great pity if their reputation has to suffer from the actions of the thoughtless few. The instances we have quoted may only be isolated ones, but the bad impres-

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On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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THOMAS R. WHORTON ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... 6
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 2	WILLIAM GREEN ... 7
*JOHN GOODMAN ... 3	NORMAN G. LEECH ... 8
†FREDK. V. NICHOLLS ... 4	HENRY GOODMAN ... 9
HENRY HUBBALL ... 5	GILBERT T. GUEST ... Tenor

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On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
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Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
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On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

EDWIN R. GOATE ... Treble	LEONARD G. WEBB ... 5
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 2	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 6
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UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Holt's Original.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Bewley Weaver ... .. Treble	Charles E. Fisher ... .. 5
Frederick C. Nichols ... .. 2	*Edgar C. Pizey ... .. 6
Frank L. Fisher ... .. 3	Frank W. Corney ... .. 7
Lewis H. Bywaters ... .. 4	† Philip Bicknell ... .. Tenor

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Edgar J. Barrett ... .. Treble	Herbert A. Holden ... .. 5
Edwin A. Barnett ... .. 2	Geoffrey V. Murphy ... .. 6
Ernest H. Oxenham ... .. 3	Cyril Brett-Smith ... .. 7
Derek M. Sharp ... .. 4	Philip A. Corby ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by G. V. Murphy.

\* First peal on eight bells.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Wilfred P. Ockendon ... .. Treble	Norman F. Grinham ... .. 5
George Green ... .. 2	*Horace J. Mansfield ... .. 6
Harry Warn ... .. 3	Arthur H. Everett ... .. 7
*John M. Gayford ... .. 4	Percy Green ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Percy Green.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

Ernest F. Poppy ... .. Treble	William J. Groom ... .. 5
Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher ... .. 2	George A. Fleming ... .. 6
Miss Kath. E. Fletcher ... .. 3	William C. Rumsey ... .. 7
Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer ... .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe ... .. Tenor

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*A. E. F. Trotman ... .. 2	Jesse Harrison ... .. 6
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Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Thomas H. Francis ... .. Treble	Herbert A. Holden ... .. 5
Ernest W. Furbank ... .. 2	Edward D. Smith ... .. 6
James E. Davis ... .. 3	Harry Hoverd ... .. 7
Edwin A. Barnett ... .. 4	Philip A. Corby ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by P. A. Corby.

\* First peal of Major.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Miss Phyllis Knights ... .. Treble	Walter L. C. Barlow ... .. 5
Mrs. F. W. Housden ... .. 2	†Howard S. Ireland ... .. 6
Miss E. Jessie Angwin ... .. 3	Mrs. G. W. Fletcher ... .. 7
Rev. A. S. Roberts ... .. 4	George W. Fletcher ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher

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

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

Arthur Knights ... .. Treble	Frederick Cardwell ... .. 5
John E. Turley ... .. 2	G. Gordon Graham ... .. 6
Sidney Briggs ... .. 3	Walter Allwood ... .. 7
Benjamin A. Knights ... .. 4	Sidney F. Palmer ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Arthur Knights.

The composition, No. 408, was rung for the first time.

SOMERSET TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a ringing tour in Somerset for  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.

On Monday, August 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

John B. Woolley ... .. Treble	Arthur Reed ... .. 5
Christopher W. Woolley ... .. 2	*Christopher R. Walker ... .. 6
Norah G. Williams ... .. 3	Stephen H. Wood ... .. 7
Stafford H. Green ... .. 4	Joseph T. Dyke ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton.

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BANWELL.

On Tuesday, August 2, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ... .. Treble	Frank W. Perrens ... .. 5
Edith K. Fletcher ... .. 2	Christopher R. Walker ... .. 6
Christopher W. Woolley ... .. 3	Joseph T. Dyke ... .. 7
Stephen H. Wood ... .. 4	George W. Fletcher ... .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood.

Conducted by C. W. Woolley.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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## CHEWTON MENDIP.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 5
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 7
ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.  
\* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHEW MAGNA.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SOUTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 40 of Grand-sire, with 12 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SAMUEL P. BISHOP ... .. Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. MARSH ... 5
STANLEY GUPPY ... .. 3	*ARTHUR PEACH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. Treble	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 4
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* First peal.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILFRED BROADHEAD... .. Treble	DANIEL SMITH ... .. 4
ROLAND HILL ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3	ERNEST BROOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 5
EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 3	*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. JENNINGS.

\* First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

## THARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight extents (four callings) of St. Simon's, eight extents (four callings) of Bob, and 26 extents (ten callings) of Grand-sire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	*THOMAS SIMMONDS ... .. 3
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in three Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. E. BANKS JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

JOHN O. BUCKINGHAM ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 5
HARRY R. A. APPLETON ... .. 3	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT ... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	*ROBERT W. COOKE ... .. 5
*GEORGE A. COOKE ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in six methods.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores (ten callings).

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY ... .. Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 4
WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 5
EDWARD STERLE ... .. 3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Mrs. M. Shelley, mother of the tenor ringer.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*AMOS INGALL ... .. Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4
WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
JOHN F. PEARSON ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal and first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal, rung in 95 towers.

HOOE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grand-sire (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... .. Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

First peal on the bells. First peal in two methods on five bells by all the band.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Being seven extents in 21 methods, viz.: (1) Frodsham and Windermere; (2) London Bob, Lytham, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (3) Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck and Double Bob; (5) Court Bob and Oxford Bob; (6) Double Court and Hereward Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENTRY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 21 methods by all. There were 206 changes of method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (4) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob; (5) Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES W. LAWTON ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 20 methods. There were 27 changes of method.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Double and Single Court; (3) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F.

PERCY HOLMES ... .. Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 4
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in 12 methods by all except the conductor. First peal in 12 methods as conductor. There were 45 changes of method.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 13 in D.

JOCELYN B. GARDINER ... .. 1-2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 3-4
IVAN B. GARDINER ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

The conductor's first peal 'in hand.' First peal of Bob Doubles by all.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**BELL SILENCERS.**  
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**RINGERS AND THE CHURCH.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Like those ringers who think the control of all belfries rests with the associations and not the church authorities, Mr. Bigley 'puts the cart before the horse' when he asks, 'which of the two types of clergymen mentioned in his letter is doing the most to further the good work of the associations.' Rather should his question have been, 'Which of the two clergy are doing the most to further the good work of the Church?' In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I wrote giving what I maintain to be some of the reasons for diocesan committees being indifferent to accepting ringers' advice on bell restorations, and further commenting upon what I had said to me by one or two clergy—remarks which I notice Mr. Bigley very conveniently refrains from discussing, but simply turns aside to talk on the social side of ringing. There are two sides to ringing as to every other branch of church work—the spiritual side and the social side. The Holy Scriptures tell us (do they not?), 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God'—then all these other things shall be added unto you. Another scriptural passage tells us, 'I am the vine, ye are the branches,' but how many ringers do we find treat the social side of their art as the vine and the spiritual side as the branches? It is no exaggeration to say that with two-thirds of ringers the only time they ever attend a divine service is at an association meeting, and many would shrink that if they could! I know of an association not a great way from where Mr. Bigley lives who, several years ago, were persuaded by a certain clergyman to hold a service prior to their meeting. They did so for a time, but it was not long before they fell back into the old way. I know of another guild who started the idea some years ago of issuing a card to every belfry, upon which was written prayers to be said by the captain before and after all ringing. That, too, was like the old saying about 'a new broom.' . . . Go round to those belfries to-day and you will find scarcely one in twenty who still possess that card, much less repeat the prayers. In my business travels I have come across numerous papers and journals where bishops and clergy alike have complained during the last year or so about the ever increasing number of people who belong to the Church simply for the organisations, with little or no desire for worship. Only a week ago I was staying in a town, and, picking up the local newspaper, read an article by a clergyman with the prominent headline, 'Church-folk who prefer to be entertained.' There the Vicar had a grumble about members of his Boys' Brigade only attending service once a month, when they were due on church parade, and yet when a social or anything of the kind was to be given, would turn out in full force. Were that clergyman to read Mr. Bigley's letter I am afraid he would have much the same impression about ringers. I suppose, upon reading this, Mr. Bigley will try to hold up to me as an example the case which has been given such wide publicity at Walgrave in his own county, where there are five bells with eleven ringers—one a churchwarden, several in the choir, several on the Church Council and so on. Will he, at the same time, state how many others there are where the ringers just simply go to ring and walk out? Were this practice to be permitted with sidesmen there would soon be an outcry, and I quite believe ringers would be among some of the people to cry 'shame' on it. To my mind, the office of a ringer is just as sacred as that of a sidesman, and the sooner ringers realise this the sooner will they win the support of the diocesan committees which they so earnestly desire. There are some customs in the Church which are good, and others which are bad and ought to be done away with—and the custom of ringers going to ring and walking out is one of them. Whatever ringers may say about feeling tired and so on is, I contend, no excuse.

Churches were not built to be treated by members of the public as 'museums' or belfries as 'places of amusement' for ringers. 'My house is a house of prayer' are we not told? The social side of all church life is very nice, but it has a tendency to be abused.

'RINGER AND CHURCH OFFICIAL.'

**EARLY CHANGE RINGING RECORD.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the letter of Mr. C. K. Lewis in your issue of August 5th on the peal of Bob Minimus, I was recently shown by Mr. F. C. Lambert, of Halesworth, Suffolk, an old churchwarden's book, dated 1611, in which was written on the front page the following extent on four bells. The date beside these figures is 1621. Mr. Lambert believes they were written by one of the Brends, of Norwich, who did some repairs to the bells at that time.

This must be one of the earliest records of change ringing in existence, the novelty being the extent without a dodge.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

1234	4321
—	4312
2134	4132
2314	1432
2341	1423
3241	4123
3214	4213
3124	4231
1324	2431
1342	2413
3142	2143
3412	1243
3421	1234

**A 'FIRST' IN WALES.**

At Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, July 17th, after a peal of Cambridge Minor had come to grief, 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by A. Devonald 1, J. E. Bloxham 2, T. Roderick 3, H. Boyce 4, E. Phillips 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of London on the bells and by all the band. It was also the first in Wales by a resident band.

## PEAL NOTES.

### NOISY BELLS.

The deafening noise from the bells in some towers makes peal ringing—indeed, any ringing—a trying and, in fact, almost a distressing job. Such a place is Great Ryburgh, Norfolk, where there the tenor is 11½ cwt. and there is only one boarded floor between the bells and the ringers, in a short round tower.

Only one peal had been rung there prior to last week, and that was 36 years ago. A Norwich Association band went there for a peal on August 11th, but took the precaution of using a set of 'silencers.' Even then the conductor had to use the full power of his lungs to make himself heard. A peal in six methods of Minor was rung. The previous peal was in one method only.

The peal of Minor at Sproughton on August 6th was rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Staines, one of the ringers, on the occasion of his wedding with Miss Josephine Phoenix, which took place the same day at Sproughton. The methods rung in the peal were St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Ronald Steward rang his first 720's of both St. Clement's and Kent.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Helmingham, Suffolk, on August 8th, was Mr. T. W. Last's 300th peal. Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, rang their first peal in the method, indeed they had never before struck a blow in it. The peal was both composed and conducted by Mr. Sedgley.

The first peal on the bells at Tharston was rung on August 10th. There are five bells in the tower and three methods were rung.

Another tower in which the first peal has been rung is Hooe, an East Sussex village. There are five bells, cast originally at Whitechapel in 1789, but recast in 1899.

Originally it would seem there must have been some disagreement about the bells, for on the fourth, in addition to the founders' names, were the inscriptions, 'Peace and good neighbourhood' and 'Not to repeat what's gone and past; For the five bells are come at last.'

The two brothers Jocelyn and Ivan Gardiner, of Marple, Cheshire, who, as recorded a fortnight ago, rang on handbells 210 extents of Bob Minimus, have now, with Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, rung a peal of 42 six-scores of Bob Doubles. It was the conductor's first peal on handbells, but only the other day on tower bells he called a peal in 84 spliced Minor methods.

The death occurred, after a short illness, of Mrs. M. Shelley, mother of one of the Draycott, Staffs, ringers, Mr. Frederick Shelley. She was laid to rest on Sunday, August 7th, and on August 11th a peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a parting tribute of respect at Drayton Parish Church.

A peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung at Fobbing, Essex, on Saturday, and the ringers are much indebted to the Rev. Gardner for allowing them the use of the bells. They desire to express their thanks to him and also to Mr. A. Ockendon for having everything in readiness.

### RETURNING TO CANADA.

Mr. A. E. F. Trotman, who was one of the earliest ringers at the Cathedral at Victoria, British Columbia, when the bells were installed about a couple of years ago, and who has been in England for some time, is on the point of returning to Canada. A farewell peal was arranged for him at Long Crendon, Bucks, and he scored his first peal of Bob Major.

By a sad coincidence, both the Rector of St. Margaret's, Lowestoft (Canon H. J. Enraght) and his churchwarden (Mr. T. H. Thistle) died within a few days of each other. A half-muffled memorial peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Margaret's Church on August 9th.

It was Mr. C. F. Sayer's 100th peal and his 70th with Mr. E. R. Goate, of Beccles.

There were 45 changes of method when 12 methods were rung in a peal of Minor at Welton, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, five of the six ringers ringing their first in that number of methods, and the conductor, Mr. Jack Millhouse, calling a twelve-method peal for the first time.

Another instance of the way in which 'multi-method' peals of Minor are 'catching on' was provided on Saturday, 21 methods being included in seven extents at Pebmarsh, Essex. In this case there were no fewer than 206 changes of method, and it was the first peal in 21 methods by all. It was called by Ralph Bird, who rang his 40th peal and his 25th as conductor.

By contrast, a peal in 20 methods at Marple the same day had only 27 changes of method. It all depends, of course, how you 'mix 'em.' The Marple peal was a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. P. Fethers. Spending a holiday in Suffolk, the Misses Dorothy and Kathleen Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, rang a peal of Superlative at Debenham and were elected members of the Suffolk Guild before starting.

The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal at Gilmorton on July 17th was J. Leslie Willars, not Williams.

Half the band, including the conductor, in a peal of Bob Major at Edmonton on Saturday were ladies.

Fifteen ringers took part in the four peals rung during the 'Somerset week.' Peal ringing is not the primary object of the tour, but the holiday party had a really good time. The peal at Chewton Mendip, on one of the most glorious rings of eight in the country, was Miss Norah Williams' one hundredth.

(Continued in next column.)

## ASSOCIATION GUIDE.

### SECRETARIES' NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

The following are the names and addresses of the secretaries of the principal associations of ringers. The list will be useful in many ways, but its publication is chiefly in order to facilitate the scheme for keeping ringers, who remove from one area to another, in touch with ringing and bringing them into contact with the tower nearest to their new place of residence. When a ringer goes to live in the area of another association, the local secretary should forward his new address, either through his own general secretary, who will pass it on, or direct to the secretary of the association to which the member has gone, and, through him, the ringers in the town to which the member has removed will be able to hunt up the newcomer—if he needs it.

Another purpose of this list is to enable ringers to know where they may obtain information about towers in any district they propose to visit.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck, Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.  
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Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.  
Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.  
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### ONE HUNDRED PEALS IN 95 TOWERS.

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Mr. Pat Cannon rang his 100th peal on August 12th at Branston, Lincs. He has the exceptional record of having rung these 100 peals in no fewer than 95 towers in 18 counties. In 74 towers he has rung the tenor and 'turned in' 68 of them—the tenors, not the towers. The peals have been rung with 308 different ringers. He has conducted 52 peals out of his century.

We are informed that in the peal of Spliced Plain methods rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, all the bobs were made in Original, and were thus all 6th place bobs.

The report of a peal of Doubles by the Norwich Diocesan Association, rung on August 11th with the bells half-muffled for the late Rev. Maude Roxby, has been sent in without the name of the place where it was rung.

Mr. Cecil Pipe, who thought the peal of London at Framsdon on August 1st was his first in the method, rang a peal of London at North Mimms on September 6th, 1930, with the late Mr. W. Pye. The information comes from Mr. E. W. Pye.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Ufford, Suffolk, on August 10th, was specially arranged for Mr. F. W. Corney and Mr. B. Weaver, of Woodford, and Mr. L. H. Bywaters, of Bedfordshire, who were on holiday in the district.



**ASSOCIATION GUIDE.**

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**A CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOUR.**

The Lavenham Society spent a long day in Cambridgeshire for their 16th annual outing. They travelled by motor-coach and called first at Ickleton, where Mr. Percy Webb greeted them, and they were soon busy with the ropes. At Sawston, where more courses were 'tapped off,' luncheon was taken at the Unicorn Inn, followed by handbell ringing. Proceeding to Cambridge, the party were there met at the Roman Catholic Church by Mr. R. Lathbury and Miss K. Willers. After a few courses on the fine eight, a short run brought the party to the University Church of Great St. Mary's, where Mr. Quinney gave them a hearty welcome. A few courses were rung on the back eight, and a course on the back ten. At Newmarket the party visited the eight-bell tower, and, with Reggie Sharpe, tapped off the final courses for the day, the ringers being too tired to try the peal of six a few yards away. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major, and Grandsire Caters. Thanks of the party are extended to the incumbents and friends for their kind help, and especially to their genial secretary for another 'best ever.'

## APPRECIATION

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Yours faithfully,  
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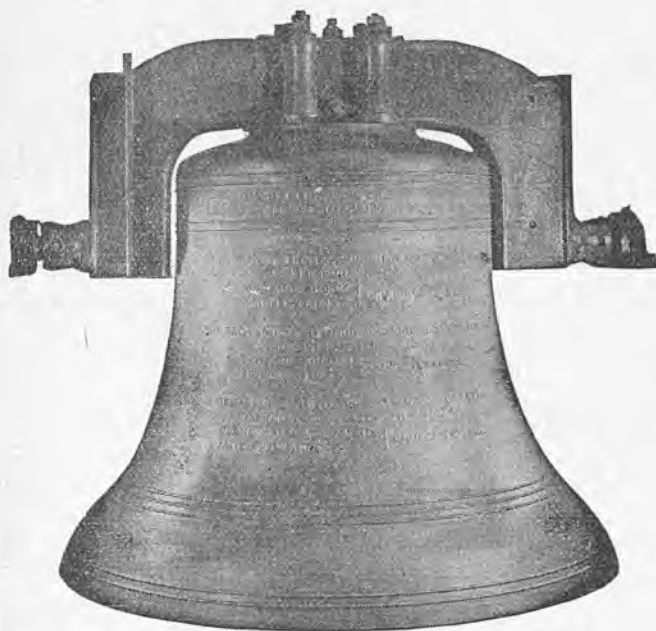
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are just completing, at the Croydon Bell Foundry, a great carillon of 44 bells, which is to be dispatched shortly to San Francisco, for erection in the tower of the Golden Gate International Exhibition (1939). The carillon is subsequently to be installed at Grace Cathedral in that city.

We are pleased to say that Mr. James George is steadily improving after his recent operation. He has been discharged from hospital and is now at his home at 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

The Bellringers' Festival, with special sermons both morning and evening, is to be held at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on August 28th. This is the way in which, once a year, the parishioners recognise the services of their ringers. The offertories throughout the day are given to the bellringers' fund.

Since the Hawkhurst and District Guild was formed out of the old Hastings and District Guild earlier in the year, 25 new members have been elected.

A notice of a meeting at Hinckley invites ringers to bring their wives and girl friends, and adds 'if they don't ring, you can "park" them at the local "wakes."' We hope this will not mean that the ringers will afterwards have to wake them in the local parks.

The meeting of the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association is to be held to-morrow (Saturday); not on the 26th as advertised last week.

There is one other living ringer, besides Mr. G. R. Pye, who had rung 1,450 peals before Mr. Frank Bennett, and that is Mr. George Williams, who reached the total a few months ago.

Mr. John Goodman rang his 200th peal on Saturday when he called a peal of Grandsire Caters at his own Parish Church of St. Thomas, Dudley. It was in honour of his birthday and of the 52nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Green. Mr. Green rang the 7th to the peal.

The peal was also one of farewell to Mr. Cyril B. Sheppard and his family, who are shortly returning to South Africa after a holiday in this country. Mr. Sheppard is the son of the popular hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild (Mr. Herbert Sheppard).

## AN AMERICAN FAMILY'S INFECTION.

DOROTHY SAYERS' NOVEL CREATES INTEREST.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Through the happy accident of reading Dorothy Sayers' 'The Nine Tailors,' and finding that the neighbour we had recently moved next to was a bellringer, we first became interested in this art with a mysterious language all its own. During the past three years we have progressed by easy stages, which included watching the ringers at Groton and Watertown here in Massachusetts, to an earnest desire to learn to ring handbells. 'We' in my own family includes my father, my mother, my husband and me; and others in Bridgewater have been gathered in to a circle which met regularly all last winter.

Our neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. James Laker, have most patiently and expertly guided us to a little understanding of what it is all about, using bells sent from Mrs. Laker's father in Wickhambreaux, Canterbury. In spite of our clumsiness, I think we have all learned a little of the magic of 'The Ringing World'—in this case I do not refer to your publication!—and we hope to continue.

I would be happy to have you use the enclosed. It may be of interest as an example of how thoroughly contagious the 'ringing' infection is!

DOROTHY K. HINCKLEY.  
(Mrs. Edward B. Hinckley.)

44, Mt. Prospect Street, Bridgewater, Mass.

## A SIMILE.

**TO MY HUSBAND.**

I'll ring the changes on my love—  
An easy thing for me to do,  
For I have known plain hunting since  
The day I saw—and hunted—you!  
Ah, me! How wise the novice feels  
Who learns this simple, graceful art!  
He does not guess the minor part  
It plays in really ringing peals!  
When duties called us from the hunt  
We fired the bells, and no mistake!  
In spite of all our confidence,  
How many peals we failed to make!  
Alas! I found I was inclined  
To come too quickly down to lead,  
And therefore had an urgent need  
To learn smooth dodging up behind!

We've added bells since those first days,  
And learned to do a neater job;  
We've even double-dodged at times,  
When Fate has called a sudden bob!  
Sometimes we even guess the sound—  
The chiming, mingled harmony—  
That shall be ours eternally  
When, at the last, the bells come 'round.'

DOROTHY KUENZLI HINCKLEY.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—32.

### CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Member of the band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where twelve-bell ringing has long maintained a high level of excellence and Maximus methods have been exploited more than anywhere else, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley has had no mean share in the successes which have come to this celebrated band in recent years. He began his ringing well over 30 years ago, but he did not take up conducting seriously until 1930. Since then he has called 48 out of the last 100 peals he has rung.

He was born at King's Lynn, Norfolk, in 1887, son of the late Mr. J. W. Sedgley, secretary of the local company of ringers, who rang many peals. It was natural, therefore, that he should take early to ringing, and he scored his first peal at Stow-Bardolph, Norfolk, on August 6th, 1906. Mr. Sedgley went to reside in Ipswich in 1909, at the time that James Motts was at the height of his career, the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus having been rung in 1908. In the St. Mary-le-Tower band Mr. Sedgley found every encouragement, but there was at that time no inducement to take up conducting. He was, however, interested in composition, and as early as 1911 Mr. Motts called one of his peals of Superlative. He has produced numerous compositions since.

Mr. Sedgley had rung 68 peals before he called one, and this was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Henley, Suffolk, in 1921, when he rang the 4th. Indeed, practically all the peals which Mr. Sedgley has conducted have been called from a working bell. The second peal he conducted was Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman Triples, his third, another peal of Stedman, Carter's No. 33, the next a peal of Stedman Cinques, and the next a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus—all from working bells. Mr. Sedgley also called the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus ever rung. In addition he took part in the first peals of Superlative, Pudsey, New Cambridge and Rochester Surprise Maximus, in which methods he has also conducted peals, as well as calling peals of Cambridge, Double Norwich and Duffield Maximus. His peals on twelve bells number over a hundred, and include no fewer than 13 Maximus methods.

In 1934 Mr. Sedgley took part in a 'Charles' peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Ufford, and on November 11th called a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Helmingham, rung by a band of ex-Service men, all of whom had served overseas. Altogether Mr. Sedgley has rung 242 peals, of which he has conducted 54.

On the formation of the Suffolk Guild in 1923 he was elected Ringing Master, and has held the office ever since, and he has represented the Guild on the Central Council since 1927.

### GAINSBOROUGH BELLS OVERHAULED.

After a silence of nine weeks, the bells of All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, Lincs, once again rang out on Sunday, August 7th, for evening service, and for about an hour afterwards. During the interval they have been rehung with new gudgeons, ball bearings, etc. The clappers have been rebushed and fitted with screw down lubricators. The rope rollers have been replaced with new ones, running on enclosed ball bearings. The steelwork of the bell fittings, bell frame and supporting girders have been thoroughly cleaned and painted. The housings of the bearings, specially manufactured by the founders, are made so as to contain a reserve supply of lubricant which will last approximately 12 years, during which time the bearings will require no attention whatever.

The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., to whom great credit is due for the efficient way in which they have completed the contract. Those who took part in the ringing expressed complete satisfaction with the way in which the bells go.



MR. CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### COMMITTEE ANXIOUS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

#### Annual Meeting at Macclesfield.

The annual festival and meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Macclesfield on Bank Holiday and attended by about 50 ringers and friends from all the branches of the Guild. The proceedings commenced with a service in St. Michael's Church, when the Vicar (the Rev. N. A. Vesey) delivered an inspiring address.

At the business meeting held after the service the statement of accounts and report were adopted.

The statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £54 6s. 1d., including £4 6s. 2d. from interest on investments, £44 2s. 6d. from branch subscriptions, £1 8s. from non-resident members, £4 4s. from advertisements in the annual report, and 5s. 5d. bank interest. The expenditure was £142 2s. 9d., but of this £84 17s. was contributed to the Cathedral Bell Fund, towards the provision of the two new treble bells, and £8 11s. 4d. the expenses of the jubilee dinner. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £79 5s. 11d., while there is also invested £102 12s. 7d.

The report recalled the fact that 1937 was the jubilee of the Guild, which was fittingly celebrated. It added: We are able to report that the general work of the Guild compares most favourably with other ringing organisations. At the same time the committee feels a little anxious about the reduction in membership, and an appeal is most earnestly made to all interested in ringing to join the Guild so that the strength of the organisation can be maintained.

The care of church towers and bells is the work of specialists. We, therefore, suggest that each incumbent whose church possesses a peal might reasonably join the Guild and call upon it from time to time to examine and report on the bells of his church.

The strength of the Guild now stands at: 2 honorary life members, 38 honorary members, and 616 ringing members. We regret the decrease of 21 ringing members, due in the most part to unpaid subscriptions.

The financial statement includes this year as special items: (1) The cost, to the Guild, of the jubilee dinner. (2) The payment of £84 17s., the balance of the account for the two new bells at the Cathedral. The Guild is pleased to be able to report that it was in a position to pay such a handsome figure to so worthy an object as the bells of the mother church of the diocese.

#### INCREASE IN PEALS.

For the fourth year in succession we are pleased to report an increase in the number of peals rung by members of the Guild, the total being 101, the second time the century has been passed, the first time being in 1929, when 113 peals were rung. This makes a grand total of 2,011, the 2,000th peal being rung at Wistaston on November 27th, the only successful peal by the Guild on that day. Thirteen peals were rung for the Coronation and another four were rung by a touring band later in the year. One peal of interest was one of Kent Treble Bob Royal at the Cathedral on December 11th, when at least one representative of each branch was in the band. This was the second attempt, the first being doomed when the belfry was put into darkness after half an hour's ringing. There were 195 ringers taking part in the 101 peals as against 163 in 77 peals last year; 24 rang their first peal, 18 last year; there were 29 conductors; 19 last year; while 28 rang peals in new methods. The multi-method band again increased the number of methods in a peal to 73 Treble Bob methods, the greatest number possible in seven extents. Mr. K. Lewis headed the list of peal ringers with a total of 31, and Messrs. James A. Milner, J. Worth and P. Swindley with 29, 27 and 27 respectively, while J. Worth conducted 18. For the first time we record a peal of Major in four Plain methods, consisting of Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Little Bob.

As already reported, the bells at the Cathedral have been augmented. The bells at Cheadle, near Stockport, have been rehung and were opened in November. No report has been received of any other restorations or improvements, although the opportunity is taken to draw the attention of those concerned to see that their bells and fittings are in order. There are one or two cases where expert examination is necessary.

There have been two cases of reproduced bells reported in the diocese. The calling of people to worship by the amplifying of gramophone records of bells is to be deplored and should not be encouraged.

The committee wish to place on record their gratitude and appreciation to Mr. J. W. Clarke for his work in connection with the augmentation at the Cathedral and also for his excellent broadcast on July 20th. The bells at the Cathedral, on this occasion, were a pleasure to hear, good striking and good reception.

In concluding, the committee take the opportunity to thank all the branch officials, the librarian and the peal recorder for their valuable assistance and co-operation, which is very much appreciated at all times, and also to all other members for their interest and encouragement to the younger ringers, and to the honorary members who, by their support, enable the affairs of the Guild to be carried on.

All the officials were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. W. Milner, Master; the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Vicar of Tarvin, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. H. Parker, hon. report secretary; Mr. J. W. Clarke, auditor; and Mr. R. W. Worrall, peal recorder. Messrs. J. Swindley (Chester) and

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**N.U.T.G.'s RECORD EXCURSION.****FIVE HUNDRED MILES AND FIFTY-ONE TOWERS.**

Members of the N.U.T.G. (short for National Union of Tower Grabbers) spent an enjoyable week awheel in search of new 'scalps,' and rang in no fewer than 51 towers. That, indeed, should be enough to satisfy the ambition of the most enthusiastic 'grabber.' In the course of their tour they cycled through the counties of Gloucester, Monmouth, Glamorgan, Brecon, Hereford and Worcester and covered a distance of 500 miles. Here are the towers they visited, after meeting at the assembly point, Windrush, near Northleach:—

Saturday: Windrush (6), Sherborne (6), Chedworth (6), Rendcomb (6), Elkstone (5), Great Witcombe (6), Upton St. Leonard (8) and Brockworth (6).

Sunday: St. Michael's, Gloucester (10), Lydney (8), Chepstow (8), Mathon (6).

Monday: Caldicot (8), St. Woolos', Newport (10), Cardiff (10), Llandaff Cathedral (10), Cowbridge (8) and Llanwit Major (6).

Tuesday: Bridgend (8), Newton Cottage (6), Aberavon (8), Baglan (6), Neath (6), Cadoxton (6).

Wednesday: Aberdare (8), Merthyr Tydfil (8), Ebbw Vale (8), Abergavenny (8) and Llangattock (8).

Thursday: Llanarth (middle six of a peal of eight), Tregare (5), Dingestow (5), Monmouth (8), Goodrich (6), Ruardean (8) and Longhope (6).

Friday: Ross-on-Wye (8), Holme Lacy (8), All Saints', Hereford (8), Lugwardine (8), Ledbury (8), Malvern Priory (8), Malvern Link (8) and Madresfield (6).

Saturday: Powick (6), St. John's, Worcester (8), Pershore (8), Evesham (10), Badsey (8), Chipping Campden (8) and Stow-on-the-Wold (8).

The week was full of interest and incident, and the ringing took place on many grand peals of bells. At Cardiff an American gentleman went up into the tower while ringing was in progress and asked, 'Say, how do you play these instruments?' At Baglan the first course of London Minor on the bells was rung, while Ebbw Vale, with one of the finest as well as newest Taylor eights, was the 900th tower for the 'Grand Mug' and the 300th for the 'Queen of the N.U.T.G.'s.' We hear they 'pushed the boat out' that night.

Great interest was taken in the tour by the many clergy and local ringers, and the cyclists received generous hospitality at many places. Local towerkeepers had everything in readiness, and to everyone who helped in any way to make the excursion such a success the party wish to express their sincere thanks, especially to the gentleman whose organising genius made the trip such a delightful one.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The August meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Wragby on Saturday, when members attended from Badsworth, Barnsley, Darfield, Felkirk, Rotherham, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath, Wentworth and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and after tea the business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Moxon (vice-president).

Ackworth was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held on September 10th. The usual vote of thanks was passed to all who helped to make the meeting a success, and ringing was resumed in a variety of methods, with plenty of rounds for the recruits.

The church, which is a beautiful old building, stands among lovely surroundings within the grounds of Nostell Priory, but the bells are not of the best and no doubt are in need of attention by a bell founder.

**MIXED.**

Members of Alford and Mablethorpe (Lines) towers arranged a combined practice on Wednesday evening, August 10th, the sole object being to play joint-hosts to Mr. Fred Jeffrey, a member of the Burton-on-Stather band, who was spending a holiday at this resort.

However, arrangements went astray in that three Alford members travelled to Mablethorpe to find no one at the tower, and the Mablethorpe members, accompanied by their guest, arrived at Alford to find no one to meet them.

After the Alford members had given the practice up as a 'bad job' and were waiting for a bus to return to Alford, the Mablethorpe ringers returned, and, although the hour was late, short touches of Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and helped somewhat to smooth the troubled brows of the two ringers between whom the misunderstanding arose regarding the venue.

**VISIT TO CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.**

By the kind permission of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., thirteen ringers from All Saints' Church, Isleworth, together with the curate (the Rev. C. A. De Jong) and three friends, paid a visit to Croydon Bell Foundry. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent in going through the various departments. A carillon bound for San Francisco, the forming and baking of bell moulds and cores, the mechanism for the tuning of bells, all proved to be subjects of the greatest interest. The party are very grateful to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for allowing them to visit the foundry, and to their representative who kindly showed the party round.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****GATESHEAD VICAR DEPLORES MECHANICAL USE OF BELLS.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday. Ringers were present from Fenham, Newcastle, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, South Shields, West Hartlepool, Epsom and the local men. The bells were kept going from 2.30 to 8 p.m., the methods rung being Kent and Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. A substantial tea awaited the ringers in the Anchorage, after which a short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president, being in the chair, supported by Canon Stephenson and his curate, the Rev. Rose.

After the loyal toast, the chairman moved a vote of condolence, passed by the meeting standing in silence, to the widow and family of Mr. Johnson, of Durham, who passed away suddenly.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Massey and Master Massey, of Epsom, to the meeting, and said he was glad to see so many members present.

Mr. Storey moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and said the ringers owed a debt of gratitude to Canon Stephenson for his kindly interest in them.

Canon Stephenson replied in a happy little speech and said he was always pleased to see the wonderful team spirit that existed among the ringers. He went on to deplore the mechanical use of bells in some places, as ringers were very important members of the church.

Mr. May proposed a hearty vote to the ladies for the splendid tea.

This being the last district meeting before the annual, Mr. R. L. Patterson was again nominated for vice-president of the Eastern District.

Mr. Rose, the curate, who is going to Hong Kong, was wished 'God-speed' by the ringers, and he thanked them for their good wishes.

It was a very happy meeting, and all had a most enjoyable time. Mr. C. Pollard, president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, visited the belfry during the evening, calling there on his way to Edinburgh.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District at Elsham brought quite a good number of members, the towers represented being Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Bigby, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby, Barrow, Barton and local members, with ringing friends from Lincoln and members from the Gainsborough district. The handy ring of six were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Peacocke), who gave a very interesting address on the history of the bells and the chording of the octave. After the service members adjourned to the school, where an excellent tea was awaiting them, 34 sitting down, including the Vicar and Mrs. Peacocke.

Before being voted to the chair in the absence of the president (Archdeacon Parry), the Vicar of Elsham was made an honorary member.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 7s. 8d.

A discussion took place about the proposed Surprise Major books. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. Bray) explained the position with regard to the Guild and was thanked.

Included in the vote of thanks was the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address; Mr. G. Elsom and the ladies for the excellent catering, and Mrs. Peacocke for her presence at tea.

The Vicar said how very glad he was to welcome the Guild to Elsham and also to become an honorary member.

Mr. G. Blanchard was asked to convey the members' best wishes to the president for a speedy return to health and to say how pleased they were to hear he had returned home.

The usual handbell ringing took place, and further ringing on the tower bells brought a very happy meeting to a close.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(Continued from previous page.)

J. Cooke (Rock Ferry) were elected as representatives on the Central Council. Messrs. A. Crawley and H. Parker reported on the Central Council meeting held at Leeds, and, in accepting the report, it was agreed that the Guild subscribe £1 towards the cost of publishing the book on 'Surprise Major Methods' according to the C.C. conditions.

A discussion ensued on the date of the dinner, which it had been decided to hold annually. Runcorn was selected for the annual festival on Whit Saturday, 1939.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar of Macclesfield for his address and for allowing the meeting to be held at St. Michael's; to the Vicars of Christ Church and St. James', Sutton, for the use of the bells, and to the Master for his interest in the Guild and his able chairmanship.

Luncheon was served at the Angel Hotel, after which the various peals of bells were open in the afternoon and evening.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### A RUN THROUGH SOUTH DEVON.

When the ringers of the Thiorverton Parish Church take their annual outing, 'Marshal' Ridler sees to it, with an ever youthful zest, that they 'make a day of it' without question of distance. This year the objective was Plymouth, noted for its beautiful 'belles' to run with or from, as the case may be. By 8.30 a.m. on August 6th a bus load of expectant ringers with wives, sons and daughters set out in high spirit. Mr. Laver (secretary of the Devon Guild) and Mr. Smale (treasurer) were picked up at Exeter. By 9.30 a.m. the octave at Chudleigh were going merrily in a touch of Triples. In the meantime other members of the party explored the interesting 14th century church and the Plymouth Inn, which is a remnant of the palace alienated by Bishop Vesey in 1550. The Parish Church was dedicated by Bishop Bronscombe in 1259, and the rather 'squat' Early English tower is probably all that remains of that dedication.

Thence the party headed for Plympton, and every member must have appreciated the charm of the scenery. Haldon Hills had been compelling and the valleys of the Teign and Dart were inviting, while the prospects of distant Dartmoor presented vistas not easily forgotten. Being well ahead of time, timekeeper Pook dodged the Crewys Arms, and by noon the party arrived in Plympton. Plympton was made a stannary town in 1328 and sent two members to Parliament from the time of Edward I. to 1832, Sir Christopher Wren being a member in the reign of James II.

After lunch the ringers visited Plympton St. Mary, a noble church with a fine octave, tenor 25 cwt. Many points of interest were described by the verger, Mr. F. Comer. The church was anciently the Chapel of St. Mary, and stands in the conventual cemetery of the college, founded by a Saxon King and afterwards a priory of black canons founded by Bishop Warlewast, circa 1131. The college was abolished in 1255, because the canons resisted the edict of celibacy and for 200 years previously had done so. At the time of the dissolution, 1540, the Priory in consequence of the patronage and benefactions of the Earls of Devon was the richest monastic institution in the county and its income was valued at £912 per annum.

The ringers particularly admired the bells at Plympton St. Maurice, a peal recently recast by J. Taylor and Co. This church was originally a chantry chapel of the Castle, of which the ruined keep on a high mound and the bailey remain. No bells were rung in Plymouth, rather was it a walk on the Hoe. After tea, some of the ladies tired themselves by shop-gazing, perhaps bargain-hunting, but the more sober-minded menfolk enjoyed the charm of a stroll by the sea. Towards evening, with a brilliant sun dipping to the west, the party journeyed through Tavistock to Okehampton, where a halt was called for 'fish and chips' or a glass to cheer, and at 10 p.m. a very tired, satisfied and happy company returned to Thiorverton.

'Thankfulness is the mark of a generous spirit,' and all thank Major Cory, Treasurer F. Milford, Timekeeper Pook and Marshal Ridler for a very happy day; further, appreciation must be accorded the incumbents, who allowed the use of their bells, as well as the vergers and steeplekeepers who kindly welcomed the ringers and gave valued assistance.

### VISIT TO INTERESTING SUSSEX CHURCHES.

Members and friends of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, visited West Sussex for their annual tour on August Bank Holiday. They had with them Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, formerly members of the society. Mr. W. J. Ladd from East Grinstead, and Messrs. A. Ryman and V. Wood from Hartfield. The party in all numbered 26. They first visited Slaugham, a little village right off the beaten track. Here was found a splendid little ring by Gillett and Johnston, with a tenor of about 11 cwt. The bells were quickly put in use to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich Major, not forgetting rounds and call changes for the learners, of which they had the pleasure of taking three.

The next stop was at Billingshurst, where there is an interesting church. It is built on the site of a Roman church, and several Roman bricks are to be seen built into the buttresses. The tower is Early English with a fine shingled spire, 120ft. high. The roof is of Horsham stone, and the beautiful ceiling is of the 16th century. Roman remains, including coins, have been found at Billingshurst. The bells are a nice handy ring, tenor 13 cwt., by Mears. They were rung to Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. After ringing, 15 minutes was allowed for refreshment. One or two of the party, however, suffered the inconvenience of being unable to tell the time, and search parties had to be organised to find and tell them. However, only 15 minutes late, the journey was resumed via Pulborough and through magnificent scenery over Bury Hill to Arundel.

There was no ringing at Arundel, but lunch, which, judging by certain indications, was equally as important. This was partaken of on the lawn at the Castle Inn. It started off in quite an orderly manner, but, apparently, the sun was too much for some of the more lively members, and they found it necessary to remove bread rolls from one part of the table to another, sometimes with a considerable amount of speed. One lady was seen loading a piece of paper with plum stones, with the same purpose in mind. Order was restored at

length, and after lunch there was some handbell ringing. Then the party wandered off to see the various points of interest in which Arundel abounds, far too many to set down here. Mention must, however, be made of the Castle, the home of the Duke of Norfolk. The Saxons had a strong place here, and the first Norman Castle was built by Roger de Montgomery, soon after the Conquest. In 1580 it passed to the Howards, Dukes of Norfolk. The Castle has known the stress of siege, surrendering in 1102 to Henry I., in 1139 to Stephen, and to Waller in 1644, who reduced the south buildings to ruins. The rebuilding of these in the Early English style was completed early this century.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Philip Neri, built by the late Duke, is striking inside and out for the delicate artistry in the Early Decorated styles. The unfinished tower, designed to have a spire reaching to a height of 280ft., is rather a blemish on the exterior view, and the state of the subsoil will probably prevent the architect's plan being realised.

The next part of the journey was started without any search parties, the heat driving the members back to their seats in the coach, which, however, were found to be almost too hot to sit upon. The route lay through the Downs by Cissbury and Chanctonbury rings (the sites of ancient earthworks) to Steyning. At the time of Alfred, Steyning was a royal city, and when Domesday was written the town was one of the largest in England.

The church is surely the gem of the West Sussex churches. There was a wooden church here in the eighth century. The present Church of St. Andrew contains traces of Early Norman work, but the greater part was built in the reign of Henry I. The large and beautiful nave, with its exceptionally high (38ft.) chancel arch, and eight columns rising to capitals of different designs, and supporting rounded arches with zig-zag mouldings, was built c. 1150. The flint and stone tower is of the 16th century and contains eight bells by Mears.

Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were nicely tapped out before a move was made for Henfield. The first thing of interest here was Cruttenden's Bakeries, where a splendid tea was found laid out on the lawn. Mr. Cruttenden is himself a ringer, and understood what might be required, which turned out to be just as well.

The Church of St. Peter is in the Early English and Perpendicular styles, and has a fine ring of bells by Taylor. These were considered to be the last word in quality of tone and go. The tenor is about 16 cwt. in E. Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Superlative Surprise Major were tapped out in full justice to the bells. Throughout the day the card index system was used to much advantage, everyone knowing what touch to ring in, and which bell to take at the various towers, saving a good deal of time.

East Grinstead was the last stop of the day, and reached via Cowfold, Bolney, Cuckfield, Balcombe and Turner's Hill. No ringing was done here, but a general wind up, with refreshment and biscuits and cheese, and the usual chatter about the happenings of the day, pronounced by one and all to be 'the best ever.'

### LIVERPOOL RINGERS' EXCURSION INTO CHESHIRE.

On a recent Saturday the ringers of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, accompanied by ringing friends from Southport, Wallasey, Bootle and Huyton, had a most enjoyable trip into Cheshire. The first tower to be visited was Stretton, where a nice peal of six was made good use of and a new tower was added to the list of most of the party of twenty. Great Budworth, too, where the fine peal of eight was much enjoyed, was next visited, and it was with reluctance the party left this old-world church and village. At Northwich they enjoyed ringing on a pleasant peal of eight so much that they were able to persuade Mr. Johnson to allow them to return after tea. An excellent meal had been arranged by Mr. H. Parker, and the visitors were all indebted to him for his kindness in arranging everything so well. They were also privileged to ring at Mr. Parker's tower of Davenham before returning home, and a variety of methods were rung on this pleasing ring of six. Liverpool was reached just in time for the Southport contingent to catch their last train home, all having had a most enjoyable day. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' they would like to thank the clergy of the various churches for granting permission to ring, and the towerkeepers who met and received them so cordially. Mr. Devonport at Stretton, Mr. H. Dickens at Great Budworth, Mr. Johnson at Northwich, and last, but not least, Mr. H. Parker, of Davenham.

### FORMER DEPTFORD VICAR'S DEATH

Many ringers will regret to hear of the death of the Rev. T. Pitman, formerly Vicar of St. Nicholas', Deptford, which occurred on July 23rd. He will be remembered by many for his hospitality at ringers' meetings held at his church. He was in failing health for many years, and his indisposition ultimately led to his resignation early this year.

Half-muffled touches were rung on St. Nicholas' bells on August 3rd as a last tribute of respect by J. R. Forwood (the only member of the local band), E. J. Barrett and D. G. Brown (Penge), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), G. E. Rawlings (Deptford St. John), G. W. Foyden (Beckenham) and P. A. Corby. The very hot weather and the bad state of the bells rendered a long length impracticable.

**TWO MORE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.**

Below we give two more of the methods that have recently been rung for the first time. They were rung within two days of each other, Cranbourne Surprise at Egham, Surrey, on June 16th, for the Middlesex Association, and Southall Surprise at Bushey, Herts, on June 18th, for the Hertford County Association. The former was conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink and the latter by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, and in both cases the peal was rung without any previous practice.

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**Southall**

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63425	—	—	—	3
32654	—	—	—	3
32546	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	3
23645	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	3
35426	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

5,024 by A. Knights.

23456	M	B	W	H
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46325	2	—	1	2
23645	—	—	2	2
52436	—	—	2	2
65324	—	—	2	2
46253	—	—	2	2
23564	2	—	2	2
32465	—	1	2	2
25463	1	—	2	2
32654	2	—	1	2
56234	1	—	2	2
64235	1	—	2	2
25346	2	—	2	2
23456	1	—	2	2

**WEDDING BELLS.****FEN DITTON RINGER MARRIED.**

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Fen Ditton, Cambs, were rung on Saturday, August 13th, for the wedding of Mr. H. L. Martin and Miss A. Snow, the bridegroom being a member of the local band.

Among the congregation attending the ceremony were several members of the Ely Diocesan Association, who afterwards joined with the local ringers in several 120's of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles.

Mr. Martin is a member of the Ely District Committee, and in the past has helped with Sunday service ringing at St. Bene't's, Cambridge.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Northampton Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, August 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by August 23rd to me, please.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.

—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Leesfield, Oldham. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please do your best to attend. You are very welcome.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Derker, Oldham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.

—The branch will meet at Newton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Worsley St. Mark's on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A

combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 1s. each. Ringing visitors to the Fylde coast heartily welcome. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., A. Blogg, Preston Branch Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be

held with St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Knowle on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Meat tea provided at the Stowe Cafe (opposite church) at 5 o'clock at 1s. 3d. a head.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.

—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Corringham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at the Beckett Arms at 5 p.m. — E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hardington-Mandeville on Saturday, August 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of

Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Tharp Arms, 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton

District.—Repton, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 in Court Room. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Eversholt on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Everyone welcome. Come and enjoy an afternoon in the country.—F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Wadenhoe on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**MINOR CHANGES** sometimes have Major results. Try a change at Abbots Langley, Saturday, Aug. 20th. Tower open 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Nearest rail Kings Langley, 1 mile. Excellent bus service to church from all parts. Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham (6 bells) on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Bedford. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for August, at 7.30 p.m.: Southwark Cathedral, 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 30th.—\*Business meetings afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Beddington on Wednesday, August 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. per head will be provided at the Village Hall at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Wallington, by Monday, August 22nd. All ringers and friends welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING** at **ALDERSHOT** on August 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Service 6 p.m. All welcome! A postcard, if you require tea, by Monday, the 22nd, to C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A combined practice will be held at Essendon on Thursday, Aug. 25th. Bells (6) available at 7.45 p.m.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE,** calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.'. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. & W. District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District), **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m., Stanwell (6) 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who send a p.c. to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Please send your names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, 75-77, Oxford Street, Whitstable, not later than Wednesday, August 24th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.**—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, August 23rd, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. If requiring tea, please advise me not later than the 24th.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepath on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers, requiring tea, please notify me, by morning, 25th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

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**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Salehurst, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Various matters of interest to be discussed at business meeting. It is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 24th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual times for ringing and service. Tea, at a local café, will be arranged for all who notify me by first post on Aug. 27th. Moderate charge for tea. Meeting in tea rooms afterwards. All ringers welcome. Bring your wives and girl friends with you. If they don't ring, you can 'park' them at the local 'Wakes.'—Postcards, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Culcheth, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting. Tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby (5 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who will require it. These are a very good going peal of bells, so keep this date open and let us have the record meeting of the year.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Combined practice at Tring, Tuesday, Aug. 30th., 7.45, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge. Visitors welcomed.—W. Ayre, Hon. Dis. Sec.

A **WEDNESDAY MEETING** of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Withyham on Aug. 31st. The bells, a fine ring of eight, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by the 29th. All members and non-members are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Names for tea (1s.) to Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, by Thursday, Sept. 1st. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Will those desiring tea, please advise not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st, Mr. H. Pendry, Brook Farm, 542, Rayners Lane, Pinner.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Please note that the address of Mr. Harry Baxter, Kettering Branch Secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, is now 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Musician V. A. Jarrett, having retired from the Royal Engineers Band, Chatham, is now Mr. V. A. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham.

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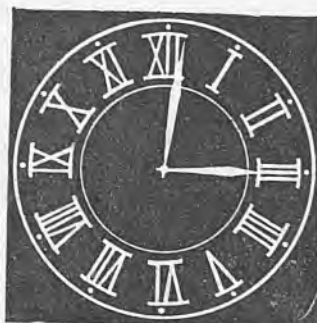
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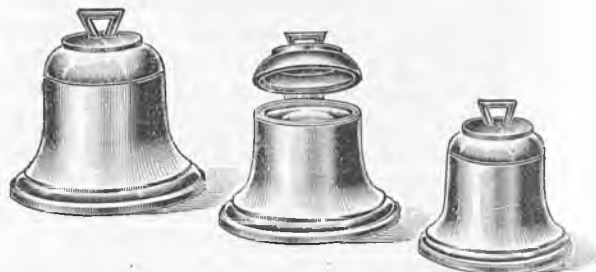
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We know of one or two instances where keen ringers, who are proud of their church and their bells, are gradually compiling histories of their towers and the important ringing which has taken place in them. It means a lot of patient work and research, but we believe the effort is thoroughly worth while, and we would like to see it undertaken far more widely. There must be many ringers who have sufficient interest to add this branch of investigation to their hobby. They could search the ancient churchwardens' accounts, which often reveal quaint items of expenditure, for information con-

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cerning their bells and tower, and they could compile a list of peals rung at any rate during the last sixty or seventy years by a search through the files of the ringing papers. It would take time, but it is one of the things that need not be hurried or made too much of a labour. At the same time, it would, we are sure, provide a pursuit of great interest and be a basis for keeping a record of future happenings. And not only might this be done in connection with the bells themselves. At any rate concerning the ringers who have passed on and who were known to the present generation, a brief biography would be of intense interest to those who come after, and to whom the earlier ringers might be only so many names, or not even that. We commend the suggestion to those who have an interest in anything concerning bells beyond their own personal achievements.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 8
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FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

WASHBROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. Treble	LESLIE W. STEPHENS... .. 5
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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

*LAURIE WITTON... .. Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... .. 5
†EDWIN C. BUCK... .. 2	PERCY TOMPKINS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM SYMONDS ... .. 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (175). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major away from the treble.

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On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY YOUNG ... .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 5
GEORGE W. TEMPLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT... .. 6
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GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 4	BERTIE WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt in A.

ALFRED LOVERING ... .. Treble	*BRIAN PIDGEON ... .. 5
*JOHN DEEM ... .. 2	CHARLES G. WOODLEY ... .. 6
*REGINALD A. REED ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7
JOSEPH BREALY ... .. 4	CHARLES SANDFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ROBERT WOOD ... .. Treble	JOHN H. GODFREY, SEN. ... .. 5
*JOHN H. GODFREY, JUN. ... .. 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6
*VICTOR PYNE ... .. 3	†EDWARD MARKS ... .. 7
CHARLES G. WOODLEY ... .. 4	†CHARLES TURNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 2	CECIL E. CARR ... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 7
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 4	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

First peal of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by all the band except ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Major as conductor.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

RICHARD WHITE ... .. Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

MRS. EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 5
*SAM HELLIWELL ... .. 2	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 6
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 3	FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 7
†CHARLES PARKER ... .. 4	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. DRAKE.

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 4	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PAKKER.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	ROBERT HARRISON, SEN. ... .. 5
JOHN THORPE ... .. 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 6
JOHN FLINT ... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN ... .. 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

The composition, No. 243, was rung for the first time. The peal was arranged to commemorate the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Stenton, the oldest member of the local band.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CRAYFORD COLLEGE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... .. Treble	WALTER DORKING ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... .. 6
HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 6
JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Ernest H. Kilby, a member of the Willesden band, to Miss Vera Hawkes.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

ALEC A. WALKER ... .. Treble	STOKER F. BRANCHFLOWER ... .. 4
EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: D. Laud (first of Major) 1, C. J. Kazer 2, W. G. Paul (conductor) 3, K. C. Davis (Blagdon, Somerset) 4, E. B. Hartley (Willesden) 5, S. H. Hoare 6, R. G. Bell 7, H. G. Cashmore 8.

## MICHELDEVER, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

LESLIE A. TREMEER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 4
RICHARD SMITH ... .. 2	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 5
REGINALD DOLTON ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 extents of Bob Doubles (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*ROBERT H. BARBER ... .. Treble	*CEDRIC CURSON ... .. 3
ERNEST SHORTING ... .. 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 4
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

\* First peal of Doubles. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. Maude Roxby.

## PATSHULL, STAFFS.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 18lb.

*H. GORDON HOWELL ... .. Treble	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 4
†AUBREY PICKERING ... .. 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal. † First 'even bell' peal.

## GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4
FREDERICK FLUCK ... .. 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 5
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal of Oxford Bob Minor by all the band.

## BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED ... .. Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... .. 4
*CHARLES BALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
LESLIE A. TREMEER ... .. 3	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL COOPER.

\* First peal on a working bell.

## UFFINGTON, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising six extents each of Reading, New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt in F.

*EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 3
†MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	†NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4
†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in seven Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.

## ELSHAM, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 43 methods:—

- (1) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwell and Lytham.
- (2) Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Court Bob.
- (3) Chalfont, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham Alliance and Crayford Little Court.
- (4) Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammas, Olney Alliance and Little Bob.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., and Willesden Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
- (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 43 methods by all; 128 changes of method.

## MAULDEN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Norwich, Beverley, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*BRIAN SIMS ... .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 2	*FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* The first peal in seven Surprise methods.

## HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED L. RYMAN ... .. Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... .. 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

## ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six of Lindoff's, seven of Pitman's and eight of Morris' 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 2	A. BRYAN ELSMORE ... .. 5
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

## BITTERS WELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 4
*J. EDWARD CLOUGH ... .. 2	*JOHN A. TIMSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

\* First peal in three methods and first attempt.

## THE STAFFORDSHIRE AND SHROPSHIRE TOUR.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK VARTY ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 8
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 10
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, August 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 2	*FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	*HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the association and in the county.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	FRANK VARTY ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells and by the association.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	REV. C. E. WIGG ... .. 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. 9
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. BURFORD. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by the society.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 2	FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of London on the bells.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
*FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	*HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Norfolk. First peal in the method on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 6
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. 9
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	FRANK VARTY ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

**THE SCOTTISH TOUR.**

PAISLEY, RENFREW.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
TONY PRICE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major.

INVERARAY, ARGYLL.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in C.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 6
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 9
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal on the bells.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 3	TONY PRICE ... .. 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. The first peal of London in Scotland.

EDINBURGH.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 2	R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7
*HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method.

**A "CAMBRIDGE" WEEK.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

On the Stelfox Eight.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. HATTERSLFV.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

All the above are members of the Cathedral band.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

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

Seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY WAYNE ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 3	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 10, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5
*HARRY WAYNE ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 3	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 12 lb.

*SAMUEL COTTON ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	*C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 9
*MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 4	*FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 10
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 5	*ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 6	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung as a compliment to William Willson on his 70th birthday. All the above are members of the Cathedral band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HARRY WAYNE ... .. Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2	C. FERGUSON HOWITT ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 9
LOUIS E. ALLEN ... .. 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

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**'STEDMAN.'***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to point out the following errors in the new edition of 'Stedman'?:—

Page 55.—Peal of Triples, No. 14. The singles at vi. in the second half should be after 'quick' instead of after 'slow.'

Page 69.—Touch of Stedman Caters, 1,001 changes, is false. On page 94 I carefully pointed out a trap in the proof of Stedman Caters, and on page 69 I fell into it myself.

Page 65, Note.—For 'Half Turn' read 'Whole Turn.' There are one or two other small printer's errors (e.g. page 5, 'tune' for 'turn'; page 131, Snowden for Snowdon). They are very annoying to us who thought that everything that could be done in the way of proof reading had been done, but they will not deceive the ordinary reader, who probably will not notice them.

My thanks are due to Messrs. A. N. Wood and Maurice Swinfield for pointing out these errors.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AT DUNSTABLE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of August 12th is recorded a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, which is stated to be the first peal rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at that church.

On looking over my list of peals I find that we rang a peal of Double Norwich at the church on January 23rd, 1909, conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett. The late Canon Baker held the living at the time.

A. HARDY.

**WEDDING BELLS AT BIDDULPH.**

On Saturday, August 13th, the wedding of Mr. Elliot Cooper and Miss Annie Elizabeth Hulse took place at the Parish Church, Biddulph, Staffs. The bridegroom is one of the Sunday service ringers. On entering the church, Mr. Cooper was greeted with Cambridge Surprise from the bells. The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Myers Bridge, and the organ was played by Mr. Alec Wright (former organist).

On leaving the church, Mr. Cooper and his bride were given a good send-off by the firing of the bells and a short touch of Norwich Surprise.

Among the presents received was a case of cutlery from his brother ringers.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Cheddleton on Saturday, when a company of 25 attended from Biddulph, Burslem, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Cheddleton, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Sutton and Stafford.

A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Cheddleton (Rev. W. G. Burgis). The association form of service was used, and the Vicar omitted the address. Although only hymns and prayers formed the service it was very interesting and suitable for a ringers' gathering.

Tea was held in the Church Hall, where the Vicar welcomed the association, and said if they found anything wrong with the bells he wished to be notified, so that he could have it seen to.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon thanked the Vicar and ringers for the opportunity of holding another meeting at their tower, as the last meeting to be held there was in 1925.—This was supported by Mr. J. Cottrell.

The Rev. W. G. Burgis (Cheddleton) was elected an honorary member and Mr. H. Sutton (Cheddleton) a ringing member.

After the meeting the subscription for five Cheddleton ringers was paid, and they will be elected as members at the next meeting.

**THE COLLECTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Why cannot the Publication Committee ask, through 'The Ringing World,' all those who will guarantee to take one or more copies to signify their willingness to do this to the committee by postcard? This should feel the pulse of the fraternity, and ought to be of assistance.

A. NASH.

Rotherham.

**SOUTHALL SURPRISE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The method you publish in this week's 'Ringing World' under the name of 'Southall' was discovered by Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, on June 7th, 1900, and, I believe, published in 'Bell News' shortly afterwards as 'Victoria' Surprise. I cannot give the actual date, as I have not the old papers by me.

E. A. RIDGWAY.

BLETCHLEY.—On Saturday, August 20th, a quarter-peal of Superlative: H. Ridgway 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Green 3, H. Sear 4, T. Roberts 5, W. Sear 6, J. A. Green 7, J. Marks (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Superlative by 4th and 6th.

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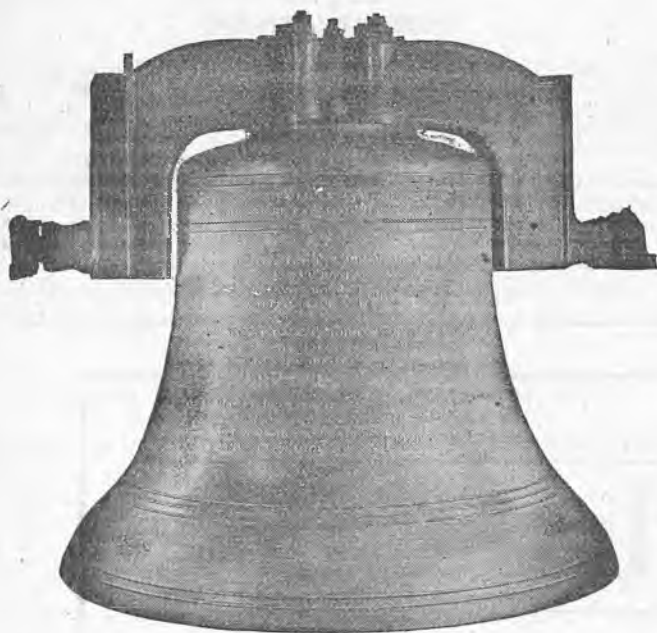
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret to say that that fine old Birmingham worthy, Tom Miller, who recently took part in a peal in celebration of his 80th birthday, is seriously ill in Dudley Road Hospital (Ward A3). He is suffering from pneumonia. He will have the best wishes of everyone for his recovery.

Tom has figured in Birmingham ringing for sixty years, and has taken part in a great number of peals, both on tower and handbells.

There was a pilgrimage to Worcester on Sunday, when ringers from many places in the Midlands met to ring before evensong at the Cathedral. It was a bit late when they finally parted, but we have their autographs on a postcard, in case the police want information.

The late Mr. Hugh Ashley Longbotham, of Ordsall, Notts, a coal factor and originator of the King's Roll National Scheme, left estate valued at £91,364. Among his bequests were £500 to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, 'in admiration of the work he is doing in the parish,' and £3,000 to the governors of Queen Anne's Bounty to augment the stipends of poor clergy.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson is a vice-president of the North Notts Association, which he represents on the Central Council.

## ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

There is a correction to our list published last week. The secretaryship of the Swansea and Brecon Guild changed hands last month. The hon. secretary is now Mr. D. G. Williams, Floral Bank, Tan-y-Lan Road, Morriston, Swansea.

The address of Mr. M. E. Wilson, hon. secretary of the Sheffield and District Society, is 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

## CLERGY AND RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Most people agree that anonymous correspondence should be ignored. However, I hope you will allow me space for a final reply to 'Church Official.' My letter was in support of our guilds or associations, for which your correspondent seems to hold very little respect, therefore my question was quite in order for unbiased minds.

The guild to which I belong has three objects: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing.

To reach these objects, members and clergy must work in harmony. Like all other branches of Church life, we have members who are not putting first things first, but that is their own sin, and all well-wishers for the objects mentioned hope that through working together some good may result.

Most of our Church authorities are in support of our guilds, and they know how well we appreciate their efforts on our behalf. Like all other privileges, however, they are abused by the few.

A. BIGLEY.

Irthlingborough.

Sir,—As a ringer, I object to the columns of 'The Ringing World' being used by people who consider they have a mission to put all things right inside the Church and outside, including the Boys' Brigade.

Attempts to play off one set of Church officials against another are, in my opinion, not in good taste.

W. BIBBY.

## THE OLDEST WRITTEN CHANGES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The method given by Mr. G. E. Symonds is the 'Plain Changes' on four bells. Plain changes is the oldest form of change ringing, and consisted of moving only one bell at a time among the others, which remained stationary, except when they had to make way for the hunt and except that an 'extream' change was made when the hunt was leading and lying. There is therefore no dodging.

According to Richard Duckworth, in the "Tintinnalogia," the Sixes on three bells were invented in this way about 1610; and so, if the Halesworth figures are dated 1621, that would probably be about the time that change ringing was introduced into the Suffolk towers; and Mr. Lambert's suggestion that these figures were written by William or John Brend, the Norwich bellfounders, is an extremely likely one.

These figures at Halesworth are, I believe, the oldest written changes in existence.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## OCTOGENARIAN HONOURED.

On the 86th birthday of Mr. H. S. Hawkins, of Marlow, father of Mr. Joe Hawkins, of London, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday evening, August 14th: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, Robert Green 3, T. Bannister 4, A. C. Darnell 5, W. J. Norton 6, E. Brett 7, U. Wildney 8.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—33.

### HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

One of the most active and capable ringers in Kent is Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford. He has been for some years among the foremost peal ringers in that county, and, while the total number which he has conducted stands only at a modest figure, it is not for lack of ability in this direction. Except when necessity has demanded it, Mr. Audsley has seldom sought to call a peal, but has been content to leave this part of the business to others. Mr. Audsley has rung no fewer than 709 peals, and two men, with whom he has been closely associated throughout his ringing career—the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., and Mr. J. H. Cheesman—have called approximately five hundred of them.

Mr. Audsley is a native of Crayford, where he was born on January 31st, 1900, and where he first learned to ring under Mr. Barnett just before the war. He did not, however, take up ringing seriously until he returned from Germany in 1919. Then he quickly took to the art, rang his first peal, Grandshire Triples, on January 10th, 1920, and his first as conductor, Kent Treble Bob Major, on September 30th in the same year. Both were at Crayford.

Including ten handbell peals, Mr. Audsley's total is made up of two on six bells, 608 on eight bells, 47 on ten bells and 58 on twelve bells. Among them have been no fewer than thirty different first performances by the Kent County Association, and four peals non-conducted, each of them the first for the association, viz., Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. He also took part in the first peals 'in hand' by the association of Stedman Cinques, Oxford Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Other notable performances in which he has taken part were the famous 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, in 1925, the first peal of Cambridge Maximus at Winchester Cathedral in 1929, and the first peal of Stedman Cinques by the Devon Guild at Exeter Cathedral in 1927. In 1929 he was one of the band who, at Crayford, rang the quickest peal on eight tower bells, when a peal of Stedman Triples was knocked off in 2 hours 14 minutes.

Mr. Audsley's peals have been rung in 107 towers, in fourteen counties, for fourteen associations.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LEWISHAM.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District took place at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, the attendance of some 40 members and friends (including visitors from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire) being gratifying in view of the holiday period. Ringing on this fine peal of eight (tenor 22½ cwt.) commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and with a short break for tea and the business meeting, continued until 8 p.m. A good standard of striking for a meeting was maintained and the ringing included Grandshire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Superlative, Yorkshire and London Surprise, and a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major in the usual four methods. The first touch, Grandshire Triples, was the only one lost during the day.

A private room had been reserved for tea at a nearby restaurant, and at the ensuing business meeting, with the District Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, in the chair, the following were elected members: Mrs. A. M., Miss M. I., and Mr. R. W. Rawlings, of Beckenham, Mr. G. E. Rawlings, of Deptford, and Mr. J. R. Forward, of Deptford Park. It was announced that the next meeting would be held at St. Mary's, Battersea, on October 15th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Harry Warnett for his much appreciated assistance in making the arrangements for the meeting and to the Vicar for the use of the bells.



MR. H. E. AUDSLEY.

## ANOTHER GREAT CARILLON.

### CROYDON FOUNDRY'S LATEST PRODUCTION FOR AMERICA.

#### Bells for San Francisco International Exhibition.

A great carillon of forty-four bells, which will doubtless become famous in America, since it is to be set up first in the four hundred feet high 'Tower of the Sun' at the Golden Gate International Exhibition at San Francisco next year, and will be heard not only by visitors to the exhibition but throughout the continent by wireless, stands completed at the Croydon Bell Foundry. It will be shipped to the United States in about three weeks' time.

The carillon will be one of the most important in U.S.A., being the fifth largest that has been installed in America by the Croydon Foundry—the two largest being the Rockefeller Memorial carillon at Riverside Church, New York, and the carillon at the Chapel of the University of Chicago, which are the two greatest carillons in existence. It will be the premier carillon on the West Coast of America, and, in fact, the only one of any size in the State of California.

In the 'Tower of the Sun,' which is to be located in a great square in the centre of the exhibition, to which 2,000 fully grown trees have been transplanted, the bells will be approximately 230ft. above the ground.

The donor of the carillon is Dr. Nathaniel T. Coulson, who is 84 years of age. He was brought up in Lostwithiel, Cornwall, and went at an early age to San Francisco, where he graduated at Berkeley University and subsequently practised as a dental surgeon. He has retained through life an affection for his English home town, and some years ago presented Coulson Park to Lostwithiel, adding a chalet to the Park in 1935 to commemorate King George V's Silver Jubilee. He also defrayed the cost of recasting Lostwithiel church bells in 1924, a work which was also carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

At the close of the Golden Gate Exhibition the carillon will be transferred to its final destination, the Grace Episcopal Cathedral, San Francisco, where Dr. Coulson has already been responsible for erecting one of the new twin towers, and intends to add the other. These towers are massive structures, 150ft. high, of steel and reinforced concrete, and form part of an enlargement scheme of the Cathedral.

#### OVER EIGHTEEN TONS OF BELLS

The total weight of the 44 bells themselves is over 18 tons, and together with the frame, fittings and gear, the complete installation will weigh in all 34 tons. Forty-three notes represent three and a half chromatic octaves, rising by semitones from C, weighing 2½ tons, to high G, weighing 12lb. The 44th note is low G, a Bourdon bell, weighing nearly 5½ tons.

The massive steel framework, which itself weighs 10 tons, is in two sections, the lower part carrying the Bourdon alone, and the upper structure, arranged to carry the 43 bells in six tiers, is 24ft. high.

The frame is being reinforced against the risk of earthquakes, and is unique in that it has had to be designed to suit two distinct towers, at the exhibition and the Cathedral. In fact, the order has involved dual handling in every respect, for the requirements of the architect, the engineer, and the electrician have had to be satisfied for both buildings, whilst considerations of transport, erection, egress of sound from the towers, proper access to the bells, and easy manipulation of the carillon have been studied to conform with the two locations.

The whole carillon is to be played by remote control from an ivory keyboard at the organ console, when it is erected finally at Grace Cathedral. An automatic player will also operate the bells by means of music rolls travelling over a roller and perforated with any desired tunes.

The Bourdon can be utilised by the carillonneur in any bass accompaniment to the remainder of the carillon, and it is also being fitted with the firm's patent equipment for automatic swinging, a small switch setting the bell in motion or bringing it to rest by means of an electric motor.

Judge George E. Crothers, late of the California Supreme Court, has acted throughout the negotiations as 'guide, philosopher and friend' to the donor and as the representative of the Cathedral, and M. Lefevre, the famous carillonneur of Riverside Church, New York, was commissioned by the Cathedral authorities to test the bells for tone and tune before returning to New York from a holiday in his old home in Malines, Belgium, where he was formerly assistant carillonneur at St. Rombold's Cathedral. M. Lefevre has cabled to San Francisco his approval of the carillon, and that the bells are perfect in both tone and tune.

#### INSCRIPTIONS.

Ten of the largest bells have been named and inscribed with a special motto, whilst coins were sent from the Bishop, the Dean of the Cathedral, the donor and other interested San Franciscans, to be thrown into the molten metal. One coin was a spade guinea of George III.'s reign, whilst others were Chinese coins sent by the Rev. Dr. L. B. Ridgely, formerly a missionary in China, and now a Canon of Grace Cathedral.

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## THE SAN FRANCISCO CARILLON.

(Continued from previous page.)

The names and mottoes are:—

- No. 33.—'Sympathy.' Abigail Santo ('Jesus wept').  
 No. 35.—'The Golden Rule.' Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them.  
 No. 36.—'Benevolence.' Let us do good unto all men.  
 No. 37.—'Prayer.' Hear my prayer, O Lord.  
 No. 38.—'Thanksgiving.' It is a good thing to give thanks.  
 No. 39.—'Wisdom.' Prove all things: hold fast that which is good.  
 No. 40.—'Joy to the world.' Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

- No. 41.—'Loving kindness.' St. Francis of Assisi.  
 No. 42.—'Isaiah.' Nation shall not lift sword against nation.  
 No. 43.—'Paul.' Love never faileth.

No. 43 also records the gift in the following terms: 'Carillon of 44 bells, gift of Dr. Nathaniel Thomas Coulson, to Grace Episcopal Cathedral, of San Francisco. Edward Lambe Parsons, Bishop; J. Wilmer Gresham, Dean.'

On No. 44 is inscribed, 'Bourdon Bell of Carillon for Grace Cathedral, a Cathedral for the Community. First installed in great tower of Golden Gate International Exposition, February 18th, 1939. Gift of Dr. Nathaniel Thomas Coulson, born at Penzance, Cornwall, England, August 6th, 1853, graduated University of California, 1885.'

On Monday there was a Press view of the carillon, when the fine quality of the bells was heard and the huge construction viewed with interest. Mr. Cyril Johnston received the guests and gave a vivid explanation of all that was involved in the carrying out of the important contract, and the carillon was skilfully operated by Miss Housman.

Afterwards an inspection of other work in progress in the factory completed a very instructive afternoon for the numerous visitors. They saw the various processes of bell making, and among other things a chime of ten bells for the Metropolitan United Church at Victoria, British Columbia, and a peal of eight bells for Vanclose, Sydney, Australia, as well as the Andrew Carnegie Centenary Memorial peal for Dunfermline Abbey, various restoration jobs for English churches passing through the works, a set of bells for Loxwood, Sussex, a large bell and special gear for lighthouse equipment, and a clock with four 14ft. dials for Imperial Airways new Terminal Building at Victoria, S.W.1. The factory is also busy upon work for the Air Ministry and Admiralty.

Absence from the country on holidays prevented the American Ambassador from attending on Monday.

## A NEW SPLICED MINOR EXTENT.

(Continued from next column.)

North Lincolnshire ringers are going ahead with Spliced Minor, and on Aug. 17th put 43 methods into a peal, with 128 changes of method. Are they after the record, since the South Lincolnshire men find themselves handicapped by removal of one or two of their band?

One of the 720's, by A. G. Driver, was rung for the first time in a peal. It has a change of method at 51 out of the sixty leads. Here is the 720:—

	23456 Double Bob	56324 Lytham
	56342 Fulbeck	43256 Wavertree
S	46235 Childwall	S 62453 Canterbury
A	24563 Double Oxford	25634 Reverse Bob
S	53246 Reverse Bob	C S 53426 Thelwall
	34562 Canterbury	45632 St. Clement's
B	46325	64253
S	62543 London Bob	S 23645 Double Bob
	35462 Wavertree	45362 Fulbeck
	24635 College	D 62534

34256

Twice repeated, substituting Thelwall at A, Double Oxford at C, and Double Bob at D in the 2nd and 3rd parts, and Reverse Bob at B in the 3rd part only.

When learners get the 'bug' it is generally worth while to give encouragement in their efforts to get on. F. Fluck, of the Ombersley (Worcestershire) band, is a ringer who is troubled with this elusive 'microbe.' On Saturday, August 13th, a peal of Oxford Bob Minor was arranged for him at Grimley, Worcestershire, where he was successful in ringing the method to a peal.

Six towers were represented in the Devon Guild peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Littleham on August 16th.

On the following day another peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the Guild at Ottery St. Mary. In this case all the band belongs to the local tower, except Mr. C. R. Lilley, who was the conductor in both performances.

The Ottery St. Mary peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. B. Stallard. An attempt for it was made a month previously, but it came to an abrupt termination in the last 500, when the treble rope broke. Messrs. L. Hine and W. Dommett, who were in the first attempt were unable to take part in the second, and their places were taken by Messrs. C. G. Woodley and J. H. Godfrey, sen. Three ringers rang their first peal and two their first of Grandsire.

## PEAL NOTES.

WHERE RECORDS WERE MADE.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, was rung on Saturday. Mottram is famous for three record peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, two true and one false.

The Bethnal Green record of 15,840, set up by the College Youths in 1868, was broken by the Ashton-under-Lyne Society at Mottram in 1884, when, under the late Mr. Sam Woods' conductorship, they rang 16,608. In 1906 a 16,800 was rung at Mottram by the Chester Guild, and then, in 1922, came the unfortunate performance of 18,240 by the Lancashire Association with a composition, afterwards proved false.

The present Treble Bob Major record is 17,280, made at Over, Cheshire, in 1923.

A peal of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Enderby, Leicestershire, on August 15th. Folks are still in the habit of calling this way of ringing the two methods 'spliced,' but the Central Council says they mustn't.

A welcome to the new Vicar of Twerton-on-Avon, Bath (the Rev. Herbert A. Barnett), who was inducted on August 12th, a peal of Grandsire Triples on August 18th, also celebrated the jubilee of Mr. George Temple, who rang his first peal in the tower on May 20th, 1888, and the birthday of Mr. G. H. Harding. Messrs. Temple, Sam Hector (Trowbridge) and Tom King have now rung 50 peals together.

A peal of Bob Major on August 17th, for the 21st birthday of Edwin C. Buck, of Baldock, was his first peal of Major away from the treble.

## FIRST RUNG AFTER 55 YEARS.

Mr. H. Stenton, the oldest member of the band at South Anston, Yorkshire, has just reached his 80th birthday, and Yorkshire ringing friends celebrated the event by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in his honour on Saturday.

It is interesting to notice that the peal was called by one of his oldest friends, Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, and that the composition, also by Mr. Knights, was rung for the first time. It was a peal produced nearly 55 years ago, in December, 1883, to be exact. Fancy being 'pigeon-holed' all that time! But there, the Chesterfield wizard seems to have been turning out a lot of his old papers in the last year or two.

The College Youths' peal of Stedman Triples at Harwell was rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Dr. Richard Rice, father of the ringers of the 6th and tenor, who has been churchwarden and choir-master at this church for about 47 years, and still carries on. It was also rung as a birthday compliment on his 70th anniversary to Mr. Walter Hitchman, who has been a ringer at Harwell for over 50 years, and for the greater part of that time foreman. He has also been parish clerk and a member of the choir for the same period.

Although he had rung a number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and taken part in two peals on the old six, Mr. Hitchman, owing to physical disability, has never been able to participate in a peal on the present ring, which, when augmented to eight six years ago, fulfilled his great ambition. The peal on Saturday also enabled five members of the band who took part in the famous 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922 to enjoy a good pull together once more.

Seven methods of Doubles were rung in a peal at Uffingham, Berkshire, a five-bell tower, on Friday. It was the first peal on the bells, was rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and called by the hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association. None of the band had previously rung a peal in seven Doubles methods, and they didn't hurry over this one, either. It took them 3 hours 20 minutes.

## SUCCESSFUL TOURS.

Thirteen peals were rung during the nine days' 'week,' spent in Staffordshire and Shropshire, and which ended last Saturday. The successes included three peals of Cambridge Surprise Major, two of Superlative, two of Yorkshire, and one each of Norfolk, London and Bristol Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques.

The first five peals were got home, and then came a bad patch in which three peals were lost, London Major, Cambridge Royal, and Norfolk Surprise Major, the last by a broken rope at Wombourne.

It was an unfortunate experience for the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, who joined the party on Monday and rang one peal. Then he lost three in succession, and had to return to his parish. After his departure, every other attempt was successful.

The peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Walsall, and it is interesting to note that the twelve ringers came from twelve different counties, while the composition was a peal by a ringer of yet another county.

Another successful tour was that in Scotland, which ended a week earlier. Four peals were rung, including the first peal on the new bells at Inveraray and the first peal of London Surprise in Scotland, at Alloa. Three ladies took part in the tour.

Mr. J. P. Hyett, who must surely hold the record for the number of peals of Grandsire Doubles that he has called, has now conducted a peal from each of the six bells in Almeley tower, Herefordshire, and Mr. J. T. Randle has now rung each bell there to a peal.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts rang his 350th peal as conductor when he called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crawley, Sussex, on August 17th. It was Mr. Nelson Elliott's 300th peal and Miss Florrie Wyman's 50th.

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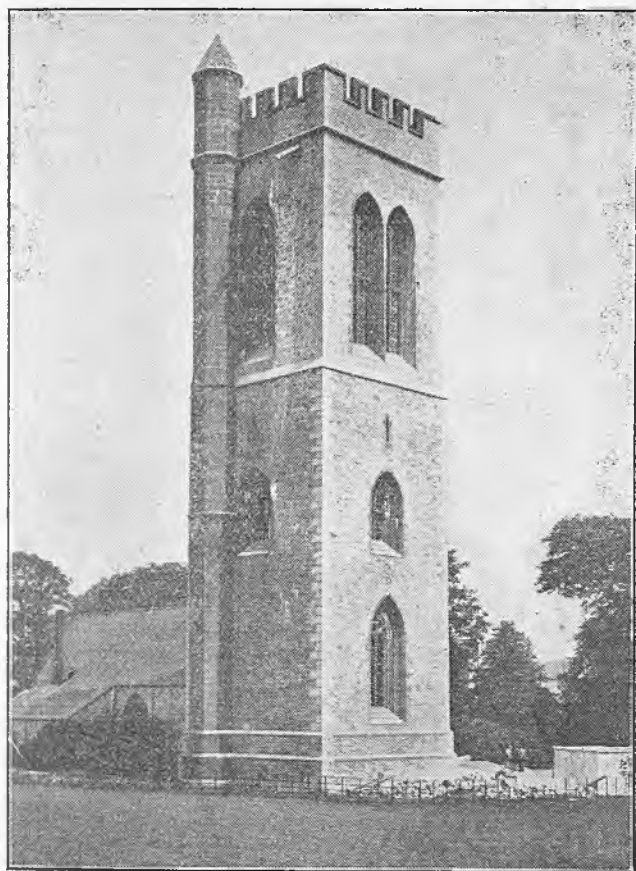


## THE BELLS OF INVERARAY.

### A NOTABLE SCOTTISH PEAL.

The feature of the tour in Scotland made by ringers from the South of England was the first peal on the new bells at the Church of All Saints at Inveraray. The tower was raised and the bells provided by the efforts of His Grace the Duke of Argyll, whose seat is at Inveraray Castle. The tower is a massive structure, 126ft. high, with the bells hanging 73ft. from the ground. The cost of the tower alone was something like £18,000. Its dimensions are impressive; the walls at the base 8ft. thick, and internally the tower is 22ft. 9in. square.

The bells were cast in 1920 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., but for some years had to wait for the completion of the tower, and were meanwhile hung in a temporary bell house. The Duke of Argyll himself gave the front seven bells, the eighth was given by his neighbour and vassal, Sir John Noble, of Ardkinglass, the ninth by eighty of the Duke's friends and clansmen of the Campbell name, and the tenor, which is a bell of over 41 cwt., by two Campbells.



THE NEW TOWER AT INVERARAY.

In accordance with ancient custom, each bell is dedicated to and bears the name of one of the Celtic saints, who founded parish churches, chapels or monasteries in the immediate neighbourhood. We take the following descriptions from notes on the bells compiled by the Duke of Argyll:—

'The treble bell which leads the peal is appropriately dedicated to St. Moluag or Malew, first Bishop of Argyll or Lismore, the primitive founder and patron of the very parish, within whose "Claodh" or burial place of Killmalew for at least thirteen centuries all that is mortal of the people of his parish, from sire to son, have been laid to rest.

'The second is St. Columba's, the first great Abbot of Iona (Icolm Kill).

'The third bell is St. Mund's. Patron of the Campbell Clan—to whom a chapel in Glenaray, one on Lochavich, one on Lochaw, the Island of Eilanmund in Loch Leven, and Kilmun Collegiate Church on the Holy Loch are dedicated, the last being founded by Duncan, Lord Campbell and Lord of Lochaw, August 14th, 1422, for the repose of

the soul of his eldest son Celestine, and of his own first wife Marjory, daughter of Robert Duke of Albany, and for other faithful departed. St. Mund was the champion of the Celtic Easter and Tonsure at the Synod of 631, against St. Molaise.

'The fourth is St. Brendan (of Clonfert) the famous sailor saint, on whose feast and during its Octave, one of Inveraray's ancient and still kept fairs was granted by Royal Charter. He founded many old churches in Argyll and the Isles, and is patron of the little modern church at Furnace, nine miles away. His voyages were for years in quest of the Isles of the Blest, the "Tir n'an Oge" of the Gael; and his story was told all over Western Europe.

'The fifth is to St. Maelrubha, the famous Abbot of Applecross, patron of the MacLachlan Clan, primitive founder of the Parish Church of Strathlachlan, and of numerous other holy sites up and down the Highlands.

'The sixth is to St. Blaane, first Bishop of Kingarth in Bute, and founder patron of Kilblaan in Glenshira, three miles away, but his church and burial ground were destroyed in a spate in the 18th century, not far from the farm of the same name. His chief foundation was Dunblane.

'The seventh is to Our Lady as Star of the Sea. "She above whose maiden brows, seven stars make seven glows—seven stars for seven woes," as a certain poet has written.

'The eighth is to St. Murdouch; an early anchorite Bishop who founded the ancient Parish of Kilmorich at the head of Loch Fyne; formerly much of Glenshira lay in that parish. The patronage thereof was given to the abbot and monks of Inchaffray, in 1241, by the Chief of the MacNachans. Of the saint little is known, save that he led a "hermit's life by the shores of Loch Fyne."

'The ninth is to St. Brigid or Bride. Patronesses of many ancient parishes and sites, of which the nearest is Kilbride at the mouth of the Douglas Water, a disused burial ground four miles away. She was the first Abbess of Kildare, the friend of St. Patrick, and was known to the Scots as the "Mary of the Gael," and, mystically, the foster mother of Christ.

'The tenor bell is to St. Molaise, Abbot of Leithglin, in his capacity as patron and founder of Strachur alias Kilmolais, in the lordship of Cowall on the other side of Loch Fyne, which embraced the lands of Saint Catharine's where Duncan the first Lord Campbell founded a chapel for his use in 1450, in a spot described as 'a very wooded place,' just as it is to this very day. St. Molaise was the opponent of St. Mund over the Celtic Easter and Tonsure questions at the Synod of the White Plain in 631, and, as Molios, appears in the well-known cave and chapel at Lamlash and Holy Island, off the famous Island of "Arran of the Peaks."

'Each bell has an "intention," and is in memory of those who fell in the Great War or in former wars, who came from the parishes or glens where the above saints laboured, or to whom one of those parishes was dedicated, and placed under his or her invocation and protection, by the piety of after generations in the days when the Robe of Christendom was seamless and unrent.'

The first peal on the bells was rung by the visiting ringers for the Scottish Association on August 9th, Mr. C. H. Kippin calling a 5,000 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which took 4 hours 3 minutes to ring.

### 'DOWN THE VALE.'

The ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, and a few friends had their annual outing on August 13th, and, after travelling by train to Wolverhampton, had a coach tour through the Vale of Evesham, which, as is well known, is remarkable for the wealth of its beauty, and is the centre of the fruit-growing and market gardening industry. On arrival at Evesham it seemed as if the party were to 'be sent empty away,' for they were informed at the Northwick Arms Hotel that there was no dinner for them; they had been booked (by mistake) for the following day. However, all's well that ends well, and a hot luncheon was served in record time. Afterwards the ringers visited the Abbey tower, where they spent a short time in ringing on the famous peal of ten bells, the tenor being 31½ cwt. The 'tower' is a structure of great beauty, facing the river Avon. The visitors were met and welcomed by the local captain (Alderman J. Hemming, J.P.), and his son, who joined in the ringing. Thence they set off for Tewkesbury, where tea was partaken of, and afterwards went on to Kidderminster, via Worcester and Droitwich, driving through the beautiful Severn Valley. At Kidderminster they visited St. Mary's Church, where some of the Crewe ringers had their first experience of ringing on twelve bells. They were welcomed by the towerkeeper, Mr. C. H. Woodbury, his father and other local ringers. The journey to Wolverhampton was completed via Bridgnorth, with a stop on the way for supper at the Nautical William, a unique place. By now the party had covered a distance of about 120 miles, and they left by train for Crewe, arriving just before midnight, tired but happy, everyone having enjoyed a marvellous outing. Mr. H. Overton, who had been responsible for all the arrangements, was most heartily thanked, while the thanks of the party are also accorded to the incumbents of Evesham and Kidderminster for the use of their bells.

# LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BAND'S 'CAMBRIDGE' WEEK. MINOR TO MAXIMUS.

It had been resolved that the mad-effort ringing days of some of the Leicester 'peal snatchers' were over, but the fire has been re-kindled. The Poole company were relieved temporarily of their family responsibilities, and this coincided with two other members of the band being on holiday.

Following the usual Sunday evening ringing it was mooted, 'What about a peal in the week?' This seemed all very well, and then someone whispered, 'What about Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in a week?' That started the balloon flying. Within 24 hours four peals of bells had been obtained, and the bands provisionally fixed.

On the Tuesday, six of the smaller fry went to Whetstone to try conclusions with Minor. All—with one exception—were braced right up for the job. The exception had rather an embarrassing time. All went well for about half the peal, but then, as the minutes slipped by, his flannels slipped a shade further down. However, all's well that ends well. They didn't finish below the body line, and kept within the bounds of decency. How(it) happened we are still wondering.

The following night the venture was at Claybrooke, and a start was made from Leicester at six o'clock. The main concern here appeared to be, 'Shall we finish in Time?' To save the reader's suspense, we will say now that the peal came round about 9.45 p.m. The scene in the belfry prior to the peal will long be remembered. Poor Harry was whining (not Wainyng) about his blistered fingers, and had at least three of them bandaged, due, of course, to the previous evening's effort. Another of the band had consulted an expert and had brought some alum to rub on his hands, whilst all shared in the methylated spirits brought by another member. Indeed, gloves were tried—but discarded. The peal went well, and all finished up quite happy.

On the return journey we began to think we were seeing things. A black object lay in the road, over which the first car had just traversed. To our surprise it was their spare wheel. Fortunately none of the spare parts inside the car had fallen out.

It should have been the Cathedral practice on the following night, but the peal snatchers felt that they must reserve their hands for further peal-snatching efforts. In view of this, the weekly practice was cancelled.

## 'CORONER'S' VERDICT.

Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Foundry was the Friday evening's task, and a fair task it proved to be. We rang just over two courses and then fell over. There was no time to start again, but plenty of time for the inquest. The Coroner's Officer presided and announced a verdict of 'Accidental Conclusion,' after witnesses for the persecution and defendant had been heard.

Undaunted by the Royal failure, the Cambridge Maximus, a commitment to the Leicester stalwart, William Willson, on his 70th birthday, was successfully rung at Leicester Cathedral on the Saturday. Out came the wolves again. 'We've still time to ring the four in a week. What about the Foundry on Monday night?' With one exception, all were able 'to get,' and so, with the one alteration in the band, a start was made for the Royal again on Monday evening. On this occasion there was only one complaint; the dark man on the treble could not see the fair lady on the third. Quite a serious obstruction, but after having legal advice it is reported that no criminal proceedings are contemplated. The experience gained on the Friday and Saturday stood us in good stead, and the peal was successfully accomplished with time to spare—insufficient, of course, to satisfy the real thirst that had now developed.

In the course of the week three members of the band rang their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, two their first of Major, two their first of Royal, and seven their first of Maximus. All are regular members of the Cathedral Sunday band. Five of the band rang in all the four peals. The time spent in ringing Cambridge by these five during the week was 13½ hours, including the false start for Royal and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for evening service on the Sunday.

Although, thoroughly considered, a mad effort, the band should benefit greatly by the experience thus gained. The high light of the week was the performance of Harry Wayne—our novice of a short time ago—in ringing the Foundry treble to the Royal. He also rang his first peal of Cambridge Minor and Major. We extend to him our congratulations.

There is usually a regret connected with such expeditions, and the present one is no exception. We had the matches and sticks all ready to kindle Harry Broughton's fire, but unfortunately he was away on holiday and unable to return in time to take part.

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells available from 4. A short meeting in the tower at 6.30. Come if you can manage it. You'll be welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE**, calling all ringers.—A joint meeting will be held there on Saturday, August 27th, of the Derby and Burton Districts of the M.C.A. Splendid tea arrangements without sending the usual 'P.C.' Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Finally, special appeal to the Derby District members to be present.—Geo. Freebrey and J. W. Cotton, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (S. & W. District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District), **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Wraybury bells (8) available 3 to 4.15 p.m., Stanwell (6), 3 to 4.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Staines (8), 7 to 9 p.m., St. Peter's, Staines (8), 7 to 9 p.m.—F. G. Woodiss, J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Whitstable on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) 5.15.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**WITNEY, NEAR OXFORD.**—Dedication of the bells at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 27th. Preacher, Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford. A ring of eight restored and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Fobbing on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting and tea will be held at the Bull Hotel, Sudbury, on Saturday, August 27th, at 5 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', 3 p.m.; St. Gregory's, 2.30; and St. Peter's (if requested). All ringers welcome, and also a postcard of numbers for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 6r, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Brancepath on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Usual times for ringing and service. Tea, at a local café, will be arranged for all who notify me by first post on Aug. 27th. Moderate charge for tea. Meeting in tea rooms afterwards. All ringers welcome. Bring your wives and girl friends with you. If they don't ring, you can 'park' them at the local 'Wakes.'—Postcards, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway Croft, near Leicester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Culcheth, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting. Tea.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged for those who will require it. These are a very good going peal of bells, so keep this date open and let us have the record meeting of the year.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Upper Armley, Leeds 12.

**MEETING AT HATFIELD TO-MORROW.**—Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Bells (10), recently restored by J. Taylor and Co., will be available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify your ringing friends if possible.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Short notice. A meeting will be held at Sandy to-morrow (Saturday), Aug. 27th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—August 27th found unsuitable for next meeting at Ashover. Will members see further notice in next week's issue of the 'Ringing World'?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—St. Mary-le-Bow, Aug. 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Combined practice at Tring, Tuesday, Aug. 30th, 7.45, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge. Visitors welcomed.—W. Ayre, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**A WEDNESDAY MEETING** of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Withyham on Aug. 31st. The bells, a fine ring of eight, will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by the 29th. All members and non-members are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Names for tea (1s.) to Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, by Thursday, Sept. 1st. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Will those desiring tea, please advise not later than Thursday, Sept. 1st, Mr. H. Pendry, Brook Farm, 542, Rayners Lane, Pinner.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The two following meetings will be held: Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Braunston (6) and Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Duffield on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., arranged only for those who notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 31st.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Louth on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., excepting during service and meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Hanson's Café, Ugate, at 1s. 6d. per head. Postcards for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoodless, 4, Chequergate, Louth, by the Thursday previous. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Wallop on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea and business meeting at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Bells from 2.30 at Over Wallop and Abbots Ann. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Sept. 3rd. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room. All ringers welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park, Hatfield, Herts.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells from 3. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 30th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Compton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. C. Parfitt, Compton, near Newbury, by Wednesday, Aug. 31st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Hawkshead and Ambleside on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Hawkshead (6 bells) open from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Ambleside (8 bells) open from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Come and have a day by the Lakes.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wickwar on Sat., Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. It is important that visitors requiring tea must send me a post card.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this service. Tea provided for all those who notify Mr. A. Hatch, Post Office, Brindle, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please send names. *No card no tea.*—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., School Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 7th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescott Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ring-

ing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Reeves, 111, Cross Lane, Prescott, not later than Thursday, Sept. 8th?—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphyll Road, Liverpool 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Will the 70 or 80 who are coming please remind me that they require tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 7
*JOHN MULLINER... .. 2	JOHN WORTH ... .. 8
*ALBERT FORD ... .. 3	*FRANK YATES ... .. 9
†PETER CROOK ... .. 4	FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS ... 10
WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 11
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6	JAMES TURNER } ... .. Tenor
	GEORGE PYE } ... .. Tenor

Composed by PETER CROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First attempt for a twelve-bell peal. † First peal of Cinques. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS... .. Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 8
JOHN H. LENTON... .. 4	JOHN W. HOBSON... .. 9
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 5	EDWIN E. WOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE MASKELL ... .. Treble	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	FREDERICK MITCHELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 37 cwt.

HAROLD PARFREMENT... .. Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5
IDA B. THOMPSON... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. 7
WALTER NICKOLS... .. 4	GEORGE W. GREASEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

A farewell to Mr. G. W. Creasey, who is leaving the district.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, 7½ - 6

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CROWN BARS

Tenor 19½ cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. 2	GEORGE WHITING ... .. 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The conductor's 50th peal of Cambridge Major.



## DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-F Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*SYDNEY J. ANTHONY ... .. Treble	STANLEY J. HARRISON... .. 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 2	WALTER ALLMAN... .. 6
ROBERT J. HULSE ... .. 3	HAROLD WORRALL ... .. 7
STANLEY W. BOOTH ... .. 4	HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. V. Dams, Vicar of Daresbury.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
JOHN BEST ... .. 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt.

## LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	JOHN AUSTIN... .. 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. 2	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 7
CHARLES MARTIN... .. 4	THOMAS BOREHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Leckhampton, Canon H. J. Hensman.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 6
BASIL RIDGWELL... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
DEREK M. SHARP... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM E. WATHEN... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

## CHATHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 5
ROBERT H. ROBINSON ... .. 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 6
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 7
†DANIEL T. HILLS ... .. 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

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

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

LESLIE TREMEER... .. Treble	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
LEONARD KNOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS

## CLEVEDON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHTS ... .. 5
ALFRED J. PEACOCK ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
*AMOS A. LANE ... .. 3	LEONARD DERRICK ... .. 7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... .. 4	ERNEST F. SHEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

\* First peal.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT ... .. 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 7
*ALLEN SHORT ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Specially arranged for the 50th anniversary of Mr. G. T. Mitchison's first peal. It was also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. M. J. Morris.

## WITLEY, SURREY.

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On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,**  
**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE**  
**SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.  
 WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble | CECIL NICE ... .. 5  
 JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6  
 C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7  
 KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor  
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## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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 (BARNSLBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)  
*On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**  
**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Bacup, Warkworth, Norwich, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST BROOKES ... .. 4  
 HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2 | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5  
 CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by H. CHANT.

Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Brookes' wedding day, and of the 80th birthday of Mr. H. Stenton, of Anston.

LOWER PEOVER, CHESHIRE.  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,**  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Four extents of Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. Treble | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4  
 JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 2 | JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. 5  
 \* WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

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

MISTLEY, ESSEX.  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Three Hours,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... .. Treble | DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 4  
 WILLIAM STIFF ... .. 2 | GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 5  
 \* EDITH M. CATON ... .. 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.  
**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,**  
**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising one extent each of Carlisle, Beverley, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

LESTER L. GRAY ... .. Treble | DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4  
 FRANK VARTY ... .. 2 | RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 5  
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**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.  
 ARTHUR E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble | DENNIS G. JEFFREYS ... .. 4  
 DEREK FLANDERS ... .. 2 | JOHN N. TIDY ... .. 5  
 RAYMOND G. TIDY ... .. 3 | LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Tenor  
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**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Munden, Chester, Carlisle, Canterbury, Newcastle, Cambridge and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES T. TITT ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4  
 WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2 | W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 5  
 RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3 | ROLAND PARK ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

DEANE, HAMPSHIRE.  
**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

\* FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... Treble | \* ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 4  
 † RONALD F. KINGHAM ... 2 | \* DONALD W. NASH ... ..  
 \* CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 3 | JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by DONALD W. NASH.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal away from treble and in more than one method. First peal as conductor.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.  
*On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,**  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

HARRY HUNT ... .. Treble | GEOFFREY LEE ... .. 4  
 WILLIS AYLMOORE ... .. 2 | JOHN NETLEY ... .. 5  
 \* FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3 | \* HAROLD PARSONS ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

GARWAY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**  
*On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four 120's of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, and five 240's each of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble | \* AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 3  
 JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2 | ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4  
 JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal of Doubles 'inside' with more than one method.

BURES ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.  
**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**  
*On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

\* CHARLES BOWERS ... .. Treble | ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4  
 † JAMES H. EDWARDS ... .. 2 | RALPH BIRD ... .. 5  
 REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3 | VICTOR MORLEY ... .. Tenor  
 Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal. † First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

## A LINCOLNSHIRE 'REST WEEK.'

EPWORTH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*PHILIP BARNES ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 5
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 6
*FRED JEFFERY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENT'S AND GRAYFORD COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
*WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

\* First peal in the methods.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8
ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by W. BOOTH.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	†PHILIP BARNES ... .. 5
*ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 2	†GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 6
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 3	†HAROLD JUDD ... .. 7
*FRED JEFFERY ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	HAROLD JUDD ... .. 5
*FRED JEFFERY ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
FRED LACEY ... .. 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 7
*PHILIP BARNES ... .. 3	†WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. GORRY.

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of combined Treble Bob. First peal in two Major methods as conductor.

WALESBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GEORGE FEIRN ... .. 5
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 2	FRANK LORD ... .. 6
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
*HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## PEAL NOTES.

GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.

Five ringers scored their first twelve-bell peal when a peal of Grand-sire Cinques was rung at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, and Mr. John Worth called his first twelve-bell peal. The composition, a 5,082, was by ex-P.S. Peter Crook, and was rung for the first time.

23456

35426	2	5	6
54326		9	0
43526		9	0
53624		0	x
63425		0	x
34625		9	0
46325		9	0
354682		0	x

Repeat last seven courses three times, calling Bob at 1 in first course of each part, and omitting last course of all for 23456. Rounds by bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.

It will be noted with interest, particularly in Birmingham, that there were two men on the tenor for this peal. When St. Martin's Guild visited Manchester a few weeks ago the tenor ringer had to give up when the end of the peal was well in sight.

Painswick Surprise, a method like Superlative, but with the long dodging on the front cut out, deserves, we think, wider practice than it at present receives. Only a very few peals of it have been rung, since Mr. Alan Pink introduced it about five years ago. Last Saturday, at Gravesend, he called another peal of it, the first for the Kent County Association, and the first for all the rest of the ringers. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow, the local steeplekeeper, who is 79.

Another birthday peal, for three out of the six ringers, was that at Deane, Hampshire, on Saturday, when three methods were rung. The ringers thus honoured were F. A. Munday, R. F. Kingham and D. W. Nash, who rang his first peal as conductor. Deane is a church at which the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was Rector for many years.

## LADY CONDUCTORS.

Miss Hilda Snowden called her first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday, at Halstead, without any previous attempt to call a bob in the method. She rang the 14½ cwt. tenor to the peal in three minutes under three hours. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen.

Another lady conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday—probably the first 'double' of its kind in ringing history. Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, called Middleton's peal from the third, at Stowmarket, the first time that a lady has conducted a peal in this parish.

Mr. Norman Park, of Darlington, rang his fiftieth peal on Friday, when he called seven Surprise Minor methods at his 'home' tower, Holy Trinity.

With several visitors in the band, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on August 25th at Holy Trinity, Hull, the first of Stedman Caters for some years on this fine toned ring. Holy Trinity was the church where that famous Yorkshireman of a generation ago, Charles Jackson, used to ring.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, rang and conducted his first peal of Major on Saturday at Chatham, when he called Annable's 5,040 of Plain Bob. Mr. E. H. Robinson was elected a member of the Kent Association before the peal.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at North Stoneham on August 27th was Leonard Knott's first peal in the method. It was rung after meeting one short for Cambridge Royal, and H. P. Reed kindly stood out.

## LONG PEALS RECALLED.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Leckhampton, Glos, on Friday, welcomed the new Vicar, Canon H. J. Hensman. Mr. J. F. Ballinger, who is one of the Leckhampton ringers, completed his 'circle of the tower' by ringing the 6th to this peal, and brought his total up to 150.

Mr. Ballinger has taken part in some memorable performances at Painswick. He rang the eleventh to the 13,001 in 1920, and, in the efforts which were made in 1930 to regain the record on twelve bells for Painswick tower, he again rang the eleventh to the practice lengths of 9,361 on February 15th, the 12,231 on April 21st, and the ill-fated 'record' of 17,687, in 11 hours 36 minutes, on November 8th, which afterwards proved to be false.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor, Mrs. H. W. Howard, of Davenham, was rung in two Minor methods at Lower Peover, Cheshire, on August 20th.

Two days later, Mr. Howard and Mr. S. J. Harrison rang their 50th peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Major at Daresbury as a farewell to the departing Vicar, the Rev. V. Dams.

Five ringers, whose average age is only 17 years, rang their first peal together at the first attempt at Limsfield Chart, Surrey, on August 25th, under the conductorship of Mr. L. A. Tidy. Seven different extents of Bob Minor were rung, and it was the quarterly peal for the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

A peal in three Minor methods was rung at Mistley, Essex, on August 21st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Honeywood and to Miss Edith M. Caton, who rang her first peal 'inside.'

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## EXETER EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Thomas', Exeter, had a delightful 'half-day' excursion to Minehead and Dunster. Calling at Timberscombe, they were welcomed by the Vicar and some of the local ringers, as well as their own advance guard. The light peal of bells was raised and Grandsire and Stedman Triples rung, as well as rounds for the recruits. After the bells had been lowered, other recruits, belles of another type, came on the scene, and wanted to exercise their strength. Eventually they were rewarded by making the treble speak, after some exciting moments, punctuated with many 'oh's' and 'oo's'.

The visitors were welcomed at Minehead by Mr. Pugsley and other local ringers in the well-kept belfry, which is fully decorated with peal boards. Rounds on the ten, with the recruits standing in, were followed by a course of Grandsire Caters, with the assistance of Mr. Pugsley. It was the first of Caters for at least two of the party. Some Stedman Triples followed and the ten bells lowered in peal almost faultlessly. After tea an hour of amusement, slightly hectic for some of them, was enjoyed, before going to Dunster, noted for its quaint old market place and castle. Touches were rung on the church bells. When the bells were lowered the tenorman unfortunately slipped from the box, happily, it is hoped, without serious effects. The run home was interrupted for refreshments and darts at the Stag's Head. Only some of the darts found the board; others ended their flight in a beam in the ceiling. The secretary, who had made the arrangements for the outing, was cordially thanked for a most enjoyable excursion, and then the road to the 'ever faithful city' was resumed, and the journey's end safely reached at 12.15 a.m. Thanks are accorded to the various incumbents, steeplekeepers and local ringers who contributed to the success of the outing.

## STRENUOUS 'REST WEEK.'

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Mr. Walter Ayre usually has a 'rest' week during his summer holidays, and this year, during the first five days, rang half a dozen peals in Lincolnshire, two of them being on handbells in one day.

The tower-bell peals included the first of Major at Epworth, the first of Little Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather and the first peal of Cambridge at Walesby.

Harold Judd, who took part in the peal at Walesby, had only rung one course of Cambridge previously.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lyminster, Sussex, on Saturday, was arranged for Mr. F. B. Lufkin, of Prittlewell, Essex. Four of the ringers, 1, 2, 4 and 5, belong to the local band, the tenor ringer to Angmering.

Mention of the latter place is a reminder that years ago the Sussex Association had one of its strongest Minor bands at that tower, but as is the case with the great majority of towers it has had its ups and downs, and its glories in the peal ringing sense seem to have departed, at any rate for the present. Angmering was a place that mattered in Sussex ringing in the days when Charlie Hills was in his prime.

A peal, specially arranged to celebrate the jubilee of Mr. George T. Mitchinson's first peal, was rung at Perry Barr on Saturday, when Mr. Mitchinson rang the same bell in the same tower to the same method (the treble to Grandsire Triples) that he did 50 years ago. He is the only active surviving member of the band of 1888.

Saturday's peal was also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham. How time flies!

Mr. Fred Rogers, of Portsea, Hants, rang his 450th peal when he called a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Crawley, Sussex, on Sunday.

The first peal of Bristol on the bells of Witley, Surrey, was rung on Saturday. Witley is one of those towers not altogether nice to ring in. A clock case in the centre of the ringing room, reaching from floor to ceiling, obstructs the view, although the difficulty has been partially surmounted by glass panels in the casing.

A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on Sunday at Garway, Herefordshire, where the five bells are situated in a tower detached from the church. It was the fiftieth tower in which Mr. J. P. Hyett has called a peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. It was also the first time that a peal in more than one method had been rung on the bells.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Pulford, Cheshire, on August 23rd, was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. G. Moody, sister of the conductor, Mr. Percy Swindley.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Marden, Kent, was the 40th peal rung by Mr. A. Stevenson, of Benenden, and was a birthday compliment to his three-year-old grandson.

A farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, for Mr. George W. Creasey, who is leaving the district. The tenor at St. Mary's is 37 cwt., but Mr. Creasey rang it to the peal in 3 hours 10 minutes.

Mr. T. W. Last, of Helmingham, rang his fiftieth peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday week, when he called Middleton's composition.

Another peal in celebration of Mr. H. Stenton's 80th birthday was rung at Penistone, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when seven Surprise Minor methods were brought round. The peal was also in honour of the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brooks, Mr. Brooks taking part in the peal.

## THE SCOTTISH TOUR.

## A GLORIOUS WEEK 'OVER THE BORDER.'

A most enjoyable week, amid glorious scenery, in glorious weather, and combined with friendly welcomes from new friends and old, is but a poor description, in the writer's estimation, of the recent tour in Scotland.

Early on Saturday morning the writer, with Mrs. Price, left Feltham by car for Farnham Royal to pick up 'Bill' Henley, and on to Amersham to pick up Cecil Mayne. Thence the route was along Watling Street from Dunstable, through Bletchley, Stony Stratford, Towcester, past Rugby to Lichfield, Stone and Nantwich. A short stop for a meal, and on to Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster and Kendal. Here they decided to see a bit of the Lake district, so the car turned off for Windermere, with a slow run and stops for sight-seeing through Ambleside, past Rydal, Grasmere and Thirlmere to Keswick, where it was decided to stay the night. On Sunday morning the visitors had the pleasure of meeting the Keswick ringers and of ringing on the nice handy eight at this tower.

Before leaving again for Scotland, a trip round Derwentwater was made. Clouds covered some of the peaks, in spite of the sun, but Skiddaw did lift her white cap as the car was leaving the district. Stopping at the aerodrome at Carlisle, Bill and Cecil were, with difficulty, persuaded to take their first flight in an aeroplane, an experience with which, however, they were delighted. Glasgow was reached at 5 p.m., just in time for tea and a ring on the fine ten at St. Mary's. Here Gordon and Marie Cross and J. H. Shepherd joined the party, and also Mr. and Mrs. W. Cousins, who had journeyed from Norfolk on a solo motor-cycle, and had also spent the night in Keswick, unknown to the others. A most cordial welcome was given the visitors by Mr. Pickett and the St. Mary's ringers.

Later in the evening the remaining car, containing Harry Simmons, Charlie, Jessie and Gwen Kippin, arrived, and the band was complete. Next day a good peal of Cambridge was rung at Paisley, while those not taking part paid a visit to the exhibition. Mr. Brown very kindly met the party and had the bells ready, a nice peal, restored by J. Taylor and Co.

## THE FIRST PEAL AT INVERARAY.

After lunch the journey was continued by way of Renfrew Ferry to Loch Lomond, and over 'Rest and be Thankful,' to Loch Fyne and Inveraray, which was reached about six o'clock. The majestic grandeur of this run has to be seen to be realised. At Inveraray the party were met at the tower by Mr. A. Campbell, the bells pulled up and a few touches rung. The noise was certainly terrific at first, but on a suggestion from the conductor and with Mr. Campbell's help, sacks, rugs, coats, etc., were thrown over the openings in the floor, and this helped to keep things a shade quieter in the ringing room. Early the next morning Mr. Campbell kindly made boxes for the ninth and tenor, and after a few more adjustments a start was made for Treble Ten.

The speed of ringing was not quick, owing to the noise and hum, but a good peal was rung, the first on the bells, which are a fine ten by the Loughborough Foundry, cast in 1920. They hang in the tall, massive stone tower, illustrated in 'The Ringing World' last week, which stands a few hundred yards from the waters of Loch Fyne.

The Duke of Argyll was unfortunately away from Inveraray, but the most wonderful welcome had been prepared for the party, accommodation having been fixed up, and every help and assistance given.

It was hard to tear oneself away from this spot, but eventually the party left by various routes for Dundee, about 110 miles distant, through picturesque scenery, embracing mountains and lochs, islands with ruined castles, ancient clan watch towers and graveyards, all set against a pale blue sky. Also one gets the impression at 6 p.m. that it is only about two o'clock, and there is a much longer twilight.

The writer's party arrived in Dundee about 10 p.m. and had the pleasure of meeting Mr. McDougall and Mr. Cameron, of the St. Paul's Cathedral band.

At 9.30 on the following morning the tourists met at St. Paul's and a start was made for London Surprise, but this had to be abandoned owing to the seventh not going well. The bells are a nice peal by the Whitechapel Foundry, tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

After lunch and a stroll, St. Mary's Old Steeple was visited. This is a very big tower, and contains a Whitechapel eight with a one ton tenor. The interesting thing is that there are three churches all joined together here, and all have services at more or less the same time, though the bells belong only to St. Mary's. A start was again made for London, but the peal was lost mainly owing to the holiday feeling. The band were met by Mr. McGovern, who kindly had everything ready.

After tea, the tourists travelled via Perth to Kinross, where several of them indulged in a paddle in the waters of Loch Leven. Unfortunately, a farmer disapproved of the 'leap-frog' game which followed, and the party left for Alloa, where the night was spent.

On the Thursday morning at St. John's Church they were greeted by the Rev. W. S. Wilson and the steeplekeeper. London was set going on this lively Taylor eight, and a good peal brought round, but not the first in Scotland, as it was believed by the band to be when they rang it.

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**FROM SCOTLAND TO LYE.***(Continued from previous page.)*

Travelling over the new Kincardine Bridge, the tourists reached Edinburgh at tea-time, and, after finding 'digs,' sought out the churches for the next day, and climbed to the castle, but too late to gain admission, for by this time it was closed for the night.

On Friday morning, Mr. Heathcote welcomed the band to St. Cuthbert's belfry, where is another nice eight by Taylor and Co. A peal of Double Norwich was eventually rung, marred somewhat by intruders, who were very insistent and who eventually, it is said, brought the police to try and stop the ringing. Afterwards St. Mary's Cathedral was visited and short touches rung. These must be a grand ten outside, deep, soft and mellow, with a 42½ cwt. tenor—nearly a B bell. Inside 'clapper knock' is very strong. The ringing chamber is among the finest in the world. Mr. Heathcote and one of the St. Mary's ringers joined in the ringing, the latter kindly showing the party items of interest.

Mr. Shepherd had already left the party to take part in another tour, and now it was time to say farewell to the Crosses and the Cousins, and make tracks for England.

The next day saw the two London cars reach Lye, in Worcestershire. At 5.30 p.m. the ringers were met at the church by Messrs. J. Bass and R. Matthews and the local ringers. To ring on this eight, the tenor of which is only 3½ cwt., is to experience something quite out of the ordinary and unexpected. All the bells must be rung with clappers on the wrong side of the bells, or there is little or no sound at all, and that, if any, in quite the wrong place, while a slight over-pull throws the clapper the right side, which in this case is the wrong side. A peal of Cambridge was attempted, and resulted in some excellent tapping, when a momentary slip on the writer's part threw his clapper over and ended the attempt, though he has since been informed that this could have been remedied in one pull by a deft bump. A touch of Stedman ended the proceedings, but it was definitely decided to 'have another go.' Here the party broke up, some leaving for home and some for the remainder of their holidays elsewhere.

The writer, who was privileged to organise the tour, wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all those who assisted him in making arrangements, and for giving such wonderful welcomes everywhere. In all, it was a never-to-be-forgotten trip, which covered twelve hundred miles.

A. R. P.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Saturday, August 20th, for the wedding of Miss Makey-Jones after the wedding and a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dommatt, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Godfrey, sen. 1, J. H. Godfrey, jun. 2, V. Pine 3, L. Hine 4, C. Turner (conductor) 5, C. R. Lilley 6, W. Dommatt 7, E. Marks 8.

**BEQUEST FOR BELL RESTORATION.****AN OLD GUILDFORD PEAL MAY RING AGAIN.**

Subject to the life interest of his sister, Mr. Frederick Albert Edmead, a house decorator, of Bury Street, Guildford, who died on November 16th and left property of the value of £7,425, with net personalty £3,152, has bequeathed £500 to the Rector and churchwardens of St. Mary's Church, Guildford, for enabling the bells to be rung.

There are six bells in St. Mary's tower, which stands over the church. They have not been rung for many years and are the most dilapidated of any in the diocese. Mr. Edmead, who was formerly a sidesman at St. Mary's, many times expressed the hope that the bells might be put into commission again.

Canon Grant, who, more than 25 years ago, was Rector of St. Mary's (which goes with Holy Trinity, now the Cathedral), would not allow the bells to be rung, as it was thought the ancient tower would not stand the vibration—and probably it wouldn't in the condition the bells are in. They have not been rung since.

Efficient rehanging would probably overcome the difficulties, and it is to be hoped that, when the bequest becomes available, a thorough restoration may be carried out.

The bells, cast at Whitechapel, were put up in 1754 and the tenor is about 14 cwt., but the ringing room is very inaccessible. To reach it one has to climb over the church ceiling. The tower is one of the most ancient buildings in Surrey, and was erected before the Norman Conquest.

**A WEDNESDAY MEETING.**

The second 'Wednesday' meeting this year of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Aldershot on August 24th. There was a moderate attendance. Mr. R. Hasted, the District Master, supervised the ringing during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Parish Hall, local lady ringers being responsible for the catering. Mr. R. Jonas extended thanks to these ladies, and also to the Rev. Brian Matthews, who had come to conduct the Guild service. A touch of Stedman Triples prior to the service at 6 o'clock was very well struck. Mr. Matthews gave a short but exceedingly interesting address on life and religion as an adventure. Mr. G. Goodwin was at the organ and choirboys led the singing.

Ringings continued in the evening and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m. Representatives attended from Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Farnham, Bagshot, Sandhurst, Twyford, Yorktown, Blackmoor, Guildford (S. Nicolas'), Worplesdon, Godalming and Hugglescote, Leicestershire.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Fresh from conquests over the Border, at least four of the ringers who recently toured Scotland were present at the joint meeting of four associations held at Egham on Saturday. Mr. Charles Kippin was there, wearing his Buchanan tartan, although he had left his kilt at home, while Mr. Bill Henley had not yet lost the Scottish accent which he had acquired.

A well-known South London ringer, fishing one day last week in the Thames at Twickenham, found himself unexpectedly in the river. Standing on his seat more effectively to cast his line, his improvised platform tipped over, and, as he dryly (or should it be wetly?) remarked to some amused ladies in a punt, 'I think I am in the River Thames.'

However, no ill befell him, and he was in his usual good spirits on Saturday, when he attended the meeting at Egham.

As Mr. K. Arthur points out in his letter elsewhere, a peal of London Surprise Major was rung in Edinburgh in 1924. Six members of the Gofton family were in the band and the peal was conducted by Joseph A. The others were William L., Richard A., James E., R. Alder, and Thomas T. George Holmes and Stephen Stratford made up the band and the peal was rung for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Bertram Prewett, who fell in the Great War, exactly 20 years ago, was a magnificent ringer and conductor. Of the many ringers of which the Exercise was robbed by the war, he was probably the greatest. He had rung 953 peals, his last having been at Wrentham, Suffolk, just before going overseas, in May, 1916.

In view of the recent tour in Scotland, with the first peal on the ten at Inveraray, it is interesting to note that the first ten-bell peal north of the Tweed was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Last Wednesday was also the anniversary of the longest peal ever rung on handbells, the 19,738 Stedman Caters at Guildford in 9 hours 32 minutes, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling, on August 31st, 1912.

A peal ringing tour in Gloucestershire opens at Cirencester tomorrow. A programme of 14 peals has been arranged, and visits to Tewkesbury and Cheltenham are included. Headquarters during the week are to be in Gloucester.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF LONDON IN SCOTLAND.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I point out that the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Alloa during the recent Scottish tour was not the first in that method to be rung in Scotland. A peal of London Surprise Major, incidentally the first Surprise peal in Scotland, was rung by the Whitley Bay band at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on Saturday, September 27th, 1924, in 3 hours 16 minutes.

Presumably this performance had been overlooked when the report of the recent peal was sent for publication.

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## 'JAMES GREEN' ON THE ROAD.

A WARNING TO RINGERS.

A man, apparently about 56 years of age and giving the name of James Green and an address at Leominster, Herefordshire, has been calling upon ringers in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight asking for assistance to take him to Horsham, Sussex, where, he says, there is a job waiting for him in a printing works.

He has succeeded in several instances in imposing upon the charity of ringers, but, instead of going to Horsham, he has turned up in other places and repeated the operation. He seems to be fairly well acquainted with the names and addresses of well-known ringers, and in one case he obtained 5s. 6d. to enable him to get, not to Horsham, but to Christchurch.

Ringers are warned against helping this individual, and, should he seek their assistance, would do well to get him to prove his bona fides to the police.

## RINGER'S GENEROSITY.

MR. W. J. NEVARD RESTORES GREAT BENTLEY BELLS.

The bells of Great Bentley, near Colchester, have been completely restored by Mr. W. J. Nevard, a veteran Essex ringer, in commemoration of his 60 years' connection with the parish. The bells were reopened by the Bishop of Chelmsford, in the presence of a large congregation, which included over a hundred ringers. The opening ringing was done by Messrs. A. Bowell, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler, Elliott, Clark, R. W. Stannard, Spencer Phillips (Master of the association) and E. Davey.

In addition to rehangings, the bells have been retuned and now form a beautiful little octave.

After the ceremony, upwards of 250 parishioners and ringers were provided with tea in the Golf Club House, and thanks were accorded to Mr. Nevard for his great generosity. Later he was presented by the parishioners with a silver inkstand to commemorate the event.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—34.

## JOHN THOMAS.

There can be few conductors personally known to more ringers than Mr. John Thomas, whose business association with bells, as a bell-hanger, must have taken him into nearly every part of England. In peal ringing this trade connection is not always an advantage. It is true that it has given him opportunities, but it has often restricted his activities for considerable periods. Nevertheless, there can be few districts into which he has gone which have not benefited, at any rate temporarily, from his stay, for his ability as a ringer and skill as conductor are always ungrudgingly used to assist others wherever he may be. He is as happy helping a struggling village band on a practice night as he is in ringing a peal with much more highly accomplished performers, and, in this way, he has done much quiet but valuable service to the Exercise. Mr. Thomas has many claims to distinction, but perhaps his greatest is that of being one of the very few men who have rung two tower bells to a peal.

'Jack' Thomas is a Bristol man, having been born in that city on Aug. 22nd, 1882. He learned to ring a bell at St. Michael's Church under his brother, Mr. S. Thomas. He rang his first peal on Boxing Day, 1899, at St. Stephen's, Bristol. It was a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Mr. G. T. Daltry, rung for the wedding of Mr. W. A. Cave. His first peal as conductor was a peal of Bob Minor at St. Luke's, Bristol, on February 7th, 1902. He has now rung 444 peals, including 103 on handbells, and has conducted 226, of which 73 have been on handbells. They have been rung in 155 towers for 24 associations in 28 counties.

In 1901 Mr. Thomas was ringing Surprise peals with the Bristol men, his first in this category being Superlative at All Saints', Bristol, where, two years later, he rang his first peal of London—the first in the method by all the band. His first Surprise peal as conductor was Cambridge at St. Andrew's, Clifton, in January, 1909, but he also took part in the first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London in both Dorset and Somerset, although the Superlative in Somerset was, two years later, found to have been false. He called the first Surprise peal rung in Dorset.

By a coincidence Mr. Thomas took part in the first peal rung muffled for the death of Queen Victoria, which was the first peal rung in the reign of King Edward VII., and he conducted the last peal rung in the reign of that Sovereign, Holt's Original at Long Ashton, Somerset, on May 6th, 1910. And referring to Holt's Original it is interesting to recall that in 1903 Mr. Thomas conducted this composition from every bell in ten attempts.

While still residing in the West of England, Mr. Thomas took part in the peal of Stedman Caters at Exeter Cathedral in 1903, when the late Mr. William Pye rang the 72½ cwt. tenor single-handed; he conducted his first peal of Stedman Triples at Dursley, Glos, in 1904, and his first of Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral in 1905.

In 1911 Mr. Thomas moved from Bristol to London and joined the band at Edmonton. His peal ringing since that time has been done in many parts of the country, and among the first of the notable achievements with which he was associated was the long peal of 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth, Herts, on April 8th, 1912, at that time the record for the method.

He conducted the first peal rung by married couples, which was on handbells at Edmonton on December 7th, 1919, and, on November 6th in the following year, the first married couples' peal on tower bells. This was rung at Edmonton. It was in 1928 at Corston, Somerset, that Mr. Thomas manipulated two tower bells in a peal. He rang the 2nd and 3rd to Double Norwich. Only four other ringers, we believe, have succeeded in doing this, but to watch Mr. Thomas handling two at a time makes the thing look perfectly simple—until one tries.



MR. JOHN THOMAS.

## FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

## SUCCESSFUL THAMES-SIDE GATHERING.

A very successful 'joint' meeting of four associations was held on Thames-side on Saturday. It has been an annual event for some few years and grows in popularity. On this occasion the Guildford Diocesan Guild was host, and the guests were the Middlesex Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association. Each of the organisations was well represented, and, in all, some seventy or eighty ringers were present, drawn from a wide radius. After ringing at Wraysbury (Bucks), Stanwell (Middlesex) and Egham, which comes within the diocese of Guildford and the county of Surrey, the ringers converged on the latter place for service, which, in the absence of the Vicar, was conducted by the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant, Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Virginia Water, the lesson being read by the Rev. R. H. Gilding, of St. Peter's, Staines. Having been warned at the last minute to 'keep off' bells, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant gave an inspiring extempore address upon the Christian 'costume,' in which he emphasised the need in every walk of life for the 'garments' of sympathy, humility, love and patience.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and afterwards Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, extended a cordial welcome to the other associations. Such gatherings, he said, made for good feeling between them, and he particularly welcomed the Surrey Association to the Guildford territory, although they were in their own county area. Although these two organisations overlapped in parts of the county, the best of good feeling prevailed between them, and he hoped that spirit might long continue.

## FUTURE 'ANNUAL FESTIVAL.'

Mr. C. K. D. Birt, Master of the Surrey Association, first acknowledged the welcome, and expressed his great pleasure at such a successful gathering.

Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, who next replied, referred to the changed attitude which existed in these days between the associations, compared with the feeling which prevailed in the old days, when men rang exclusively only with their own company, and were expelled if they rang with any other. Even to-day there were two societies who were mutually exclusive. Gatherings such as that joint meeting were all for the good of the Exercise, and indicated not only the friendship existing between them, but that ringers in those areas, and, indeed, throughout the country, were members of one body working with one object.

Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) expressed the pleasure of his own Guild at taking part in gatherings such as that, and voiced the hope that they might be held for many years to come. He suggested that in future it should be known, not as a meeting, but as a festival.

Mr. Goldsmith then specially welcomed the visitors from a distance. These included Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby, Yorks), Mr. H. O. Over (Hugglescote, Leicestershire), Mr. W. A. Stote (Keresley, Warwickshire) and Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, although the last named had not been able to stay for tea. The welcome was acknowledged by Mr. Morley.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, hon. secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, thanked the Vicar of Egham and other incumbents for the use of their bells, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargeant for conducting the service and all others who had helped to make the gathering such a success.

In the evening further ringing took place at Egham and the two towers in Staines, St. Mary's and St. Peter's.

## CARD INDEXED.

Mr. J. Herbert, the Ringing Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, who organised the ringing in the three Middlesex towers, came with a ready-prepared card index system for tabulating results. Here is an example after it had been duly completed at the end of the day:—

Tower: Stanwell.

Time of commencement: 3.30. Had to search for keys in the village. Everyone away, apparently.

Attendance: 18-20.

Methods rung: Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Kent T.B. Minor.

Ceased ringing: 4.20.

General remarks: Striking could have been much improved. Very noisy belfry, only leather lungs could be heard.

Here are other extracts. From St. Mary's, Staines: Commenced 7.5. Mr. W. Butler had all in readiness. Attendance approximately 30. Methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise Major. General remarks: Bells going very well; some fair ringing, but not so good in lower methods.

Again, from St. Peter's, Staines, where Mr. W. Ellingham was in charge: Attendance 28. Methods rung: Stoney for learners, Cambridge, Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent. General remarks: Tenor rope broke in Bob Major. The Police Guild are so strong.

No such concise record was kept at the two other towers of Egham and Wraysbury, but the methods were many, and the striking, like the proverbial curate's egg, 'good in parts.'

## THE NINE-DAY WEEK. SUCCESSFUL TOUR IN STAFFS AND SALOP. Thirteen Peals and a 'Bad Patch.'

The ringing tour in Staffordshire and Shropshire, which concluded on Saturday week, produced, as has already been recorded, 13 peals out of 16 attempts. The three failures were, strange to say, consecutive, and formed just one bad patch in the middle of an otherwise completely successful week, which socially was also most enjoyable. Nineteen ringers shared in the peals, about half of them putting in full time—in this case, the 'week' lasted nine days—while the rest were part-time visitors or local 'supernumeraries.' The 'old uns' took their full share in the strenuous programme, and it is notable that Mr. George Williams, in his 82nd year, was in eight of the successful attempts, including two peals on one day. The headquarters during the visit were the Molineux Hotel, Wolverhampton, and here the party were comfortably housed and excellently fed. The landlord, Mr. H. Armitage, and his family looked after the interests of his guests in every possible way and earned their full gratitude.

The first peal, one of Cambridge Surprise, was rung at Tettenhall on Friday evening, August 12th. Mr. Chris. Gudgeon, of Manchester, came along and took part, while Mr. R. Pickering was there to meet the party and see that everything was in order for a punctual start. A feature of Tettenhall Churchyard is the beautiful array of tombstones and crosses, which is frequently referred to as 'The White City.' After the peal Mr. Herbert Knight, the genial hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and others gave the visitors a most cordial welcome to Wolverhampton.

On Saturday morning the first attempt was at Penn, where, on a nice little ring of eight, a good peal of Superlative was scored.

### TWELVE COUNTIES IN PEAL OF CINQUES.

On Saturday afternoon, escorted by Messrs. Knight and Pickering, the ringers visited Walsall, where they were met by Mr. T. J. Elton, who showed them through the fine old church, which stands up so conspicuously on the hilltop, and afterwards called for them a peal of Stedman Cinques, in which residents in twelve different counties took part. Three additional members of the party 'joined up' here, Messrs. Leslie Morris, Harry Parkes and J. C. E. Simpson.

On Sunday morning the visitors were cordially welcomed in the tower of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, by Mr. H. Knight and his fellow-ringers. A course of Bob Maximus, a course of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Double Norwich on the back eight were much enjoyed on this fine peal before going on to Church Stretton, where they sought out Mr. Hughes, the towerkeeper. He had very kindly arranged for their lunch, after which they were privileged to ring what is believed to be the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in Shropshire. This done, without any waste of time, they then set off on a 13 miles' run to Shrewsbury. Half of the party took a wrong turn in Shrewsbury and did not arrive in time to have the benefit of the half-hour's ringing prior to service at St. Chad's. In addition to the local band, who cordially welcomed them, the visitors had the privilege of meeting and ringing with the Rev. C. Carew Cox, who was on holiday in this district. All were delighted with the beautiful tone of the bells at this notable church. After a thirty mile run back to Wolverhampton, the tourists were glad of supper and also of bed.

Breakfast was set for 7.45 each morning, and it was seldom more than one—who shall be nameless—was late. The ringers were on the road early on Monday, their first call being at Bridgnorth. This quaintly constructed town possesses a fine church, with a fine tower and bells. The visitors were greeted by Messrs. W. Overton and Elcock, who had everything ready, and they rang quite a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise, which is believed to be the first for the Shropshire Association. After the peal Mr. W. H. Fussell, who, at Church Stretton, celebrated the jubilee of his first peal in Salop, went to see that grand old Shropshire veteran, Mr. John Overton, who is now unable to get to the tower. They first met something like 55 years ago, and it must have been a mutual pleasure for these two old friends to meet together once more. The second peal on Monday was at Conover, one of Cambridge Surprise. It was conducted by Mr. George Williams, who is now 'one up' on seven other members of the Central Council, for Mr. Williams was one of the band who rang 5,472 changes of Double Norwich in 3 hours 32 minutes at this church in 1935, on the occasion of a visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury, the composition afterwards being discovered false. The visitors were most kindly received at Conover by Mr. Wood, who helped them in every possible way.

### A 'GREAT' SHIFNAL RINGER.

Prior to starting for Shifnal on Tuesday morning, the party very reluctantly had to say goodbye to their good friend, Mr. W. H. Fussell, who was leaving in order that he might fulfil an important engagement at home. Apart from any other consideration, the writer of this account was particularly sorry that Mr. Fussell should leave so early in the week. Those who have followed these ringing weeks for years past must have read with tremendous interest the delightfully descriptive reports written by 'W. H. F.' of the excursions. May this account be not entirely uninteresting to him and others.

The Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, joined up at Conover as a part-timer, and there scored his one and only peal out of four attempts, for there came immediately afterwards the unlucky patch which produced three consecutive failures. Indeed, Mr. Wigg must have felt himself particularly unlucky. Not only did

he lose three peals, but, having brought his own camping equipment, was eventually driven into the hotel by the unkindness of the weather.

The peal of London, which was attempted at Shifnal, lasted little over an hour. The ringers were met at the church by the Vicar, and both he and his wife were much interested in the tour. Quite close to the belfry door at Shifnal is the grave of Samuel Lawrence, a famous ringer in the latter years of the 18th century and the early years of the nineteenth.

He was a 'great' ringer in more than one respect. Not only did he take part in some celebrated performances in many parts of England—an unusual thing in those days—but he weighed no less than 32½ stones. It is said of him that on one occasion he got stuck in the stairway at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, and that it took five of the



The Fine Tower of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall.

band to get him out. His peal book recording his 72 peals rung between 1783 and 1823 is in the Reference Library at Shrewsbury. His death at the age of 62 in the year 1825 was the result of an accident. He was setting out for Birmingham in a vehicle specially made for him, but into which he could not mount without assistance. A chair which he was using broke under him and he fell, fracturing his thigh. The bone could not be properly set and 'mortification' caused his death. The inscription on the gravestone is now almost indecipherable.

While the peal attempt at Shifnal was in progress others of the party went to Tong and rang on the back five of this interesting peal of six. After lunch at Shifnal the tourists made their way to Coalbrookdale, where Mr. Saunders gave them his usual hearty welcome, but one of the greatest disappointments of the tour was experienced here. After a little more than an hour's ringing Cambridge Royal came to grief, and for the rest of the day the band were 'in sackcloth and ashes.' Mr. Saunders did his best to cheer them up and suggested they should call at Wellington on the way home. This they did and enjoyed a pull with the local band on their practice night.

On Wednesday morning the run of ill-luck continued, and for Mr. Bennett to have three unsuccessful attempts on end in one of his tours had never been known. A peal of Norfolk Surprise at Wombourn was attempted, but after 1 hour 40 minutes down came the tenor rope.

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**A GOOD FINISH.**

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The visitors were privileged to meet Mr. 'Bill' Short, the conductor of the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901, in which two of the tourists, Messrs. Gabriel Lindoff and G. R. Pye, also took part. At Wednesbury the party were met by Messrs. W. E. Brittain, Smith, Hughes, W. Fisher and J. Barber, the last named being another of the 11,111 Stedman Cinques band. He rang the tenor in that great effort.

A good peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was brought round at Wednesbury, and the ringers were surprised to find it was the first by the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. A brief visit was paid to West Bromwich, where the visitors were welcomed by the veterans, Mr. John Jagger and Mr. J. Screen, who helped them to ring several touches on these bells.

On Thursday morning the party were on the road in good time, their destination being Broughton. Half of the party arrived before 10 o'clock, but the others came along half an hour later. There was a misunderstanding as to what constituted a straight road. There is only one house anywhere near the church at Broughton, and everyone thought what an ideal spot at which to ring the 22,000 of Bristol. Actually a start was made for this method (not the 22,000), but not getting off the mark quickly, it was decided to change to Superlative. It was lucky that they did. They had not gone very far before an intruder made his appearance. He motioned to the ringers to stop, but the conductor, with great presence of mind, asked him if he had the Vicar's authority to stop the ringing. That started him to think; he turned tail and the ringers saw him no more. A 'cast-iron' band could hardly have survived an intrusion of that kind if Bristol was being rung.

**FINAL PEALS OF NINE DAYS' TOUR**

After this experience the party made off for Market Drayton and were there joined by Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and their daughter Enid. The latter here rang in her 35th tower, and, when she begins measuring tenors, Mr. J. H. Shepherd may have a very dangerous rival. After lunch the visitors were met by Mr. W. Weatherby, who greatly prides himself on the tower and bells. From what one hears it will not be long before a peal of London Surprise is rung at Market Drayton by a local band. However, the visitors rang a peal in this method and much appreciated the opportunity of scoring the first of London on the bells.

On Friday morning, Norfolk Surprise was rung at Codsall, a lovely little village five miles from headquarters. It was the first peal of Major on this fine little ring of bells. In the afternoon Stedman Caters was successful at Willenhall, a nice handy peal of ten with a 16 cwt. tenor. A most cordial welcome was received from Messrs. Bert Horton, Chris. Wallater and A. E. Reed. Among those who afterwards met the band was the curate (the Rev. — Perry), who, it transpired, was a friend of Miss Kathleen Jutson, formerly of Peterborough, but now married and living in New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were very much interested when they learned this, and they recalled many pleasant memories of earlier years.

Saturday morning found the party at Brewod, a very nice spot, eight miles from Wolverhampton, where Mr. John Perry very kindly welcomed them prior to a start for Bristol Surprise. These bells are a grand peal of eight, with a 21 cwt. tenor, and a good peal was brought home. The peal programme was concluded in the afternoon at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, with Cambridge Surprise.

Sincere thanks are extended to the many ringers, only a few of whom it has been possible to mention, who met and welcomed the visitors at the various towers and showed so much interest in their activities, also to the clergy, towerkeepers and church authorities of the various churches for placing the bells at their disposal. In particular most sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Herbert Knight for his Staffordshire arrangements, and Mr. William Saunders for his Shropshire arrangements. Everything was so splendidly planned that there was no hitch of any kind throughout the week, while gratitude must be expressed to those who so willingly and skilfully conveyed the rest from place to place and tower to tower. Some of the party concluded their week by calling at Birmingham on the way home and ringing with members of St. Martin's Guild on Sunday morning at St. Martin's Church and the Cathedral.

G. R. N.

**'SOUTHALL' SURPRISE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to my old friend, Mr. E. A. Ridgway, for pointing out that the above method was published as 'Victoria' Surprise' in 'Bell News' in June, 1900.

Another old friend, Mr. F. Bennett, of Brighton, has now supplied me with the exact date of publication in the 'Bell News'; it was on June 23rd, 1900.

Since the first peal in the method, after 38 years, has now been rung as 'Southall,' I am quite willing that the name given by the band should be retained.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

**OLD NORFOLK RINGER'S DEATH.**

Mr. John Pooley, of Northrepps, Norfolk, who died on August 19th, began to ring in 1880 and rang for over 40 years until sight and health failed him. Six extents of Grandsire Doubles with bells muffled were rung at Northrepps by the local company on Thursday, August 26th, as a token of respect.

**DURHAM CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.**

A member of Durham Cathedral band for many years, Mr. R. A. Johnson, sen., has passed away at the age of 57 years and was laid to rest on Saturday, August 13th.

Mr. Johnson, the head of a noted ringing family, had been a ringer for upwards of 40 years and was a well known and deeply respected member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The interment took place at St. Oswald's, Durham City, the following Cathedral ringers acting as bearers: Messrs. Oliver, Vasey, Metcalfe, Hopper, Allison and Smurthwaite. St. Oswald's bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege entered the church and after the service as the procession moved to the new burial ground some distance away. There was a very large attendance of sympathising friends, and the service was conducted by Canon Lillingston, Sub-Dean of Durham Cathedral.

The bells were rung by St. Oswald's band, kindly augmented by those who had taken the place of members on holiday. The ringers were Messrs. F. Robinson, Craggs, Jopling, Yorke, Shotton, H. Milner, Gillespie and Russell. Wreaths were given by the association and the Cathedral ringers. Deepest sympathy is offered to the widow and family in their great loss.

**PRESENTATION TO MR. A. PRIOR.****RECOGNITION OF FIFTEEN YEARS' SERVICE.**

Mr. Alfred Prior, who retired last year from the office of Master of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, was presented at a recent meeting with a gold watch, fittingly inscribed, in recognition of his 15 years' service.

Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, Master of the association, made the presentation and spoke of the conscientious way Mr. Prior had carried out his duties as Divisional Master.

Mr. E. J. Butler, divisional hon. secretary, said every tower in the division had contributed to the presentation, as well as several unattached members.

The gift was feelingly acknowledged by Mr. Prior.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Happpisburgh on Saturday, August 13th, but the attendance was small owing to the harvest, only 18 members being present. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. Deane, Vicar of Happpisburgh.

At a short business meeting held after tea, kindly arranged by Mr. E. Howes, Master of the local company. Mr. G. Paston, of Yarmouth, was elected a member of the association, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Great Yarmouth on the second Saturday in October.

The company stood in silent tribute to the late Rev. Canon J. Enraught, Rector of Lowestoft, and one of the association vice-presidents.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding, also for the use of the bells. Members attended from Norwich, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Reedham, Wroxham, North Walsham, Norton and Lowestoft and Happpisburgh, and ringing took place during the afternoon and evening.

**A DOZEN TOWERS.****LEYTONSTONE RINGERS NORFOLK VISIT.**

A dozen towers were included in the itinerary of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, when they had their customary annual two days' excursion. They visited Norfolk and made their headquarters at Wymondham, and a carefully planned programme enabled everyone to ring at each of the towers.

On the first day (having arrived overnight) they rang at Watton (6), Dereham (8) and Garveston (6) in the morning; Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary and Redenhall (all 8's) in the afternoon; and Palgrave (8) and Diss (8) in the evening.

Sunday began with a visit to St. Peter Mancroft for service ringing in the morning. In the afternoon they rang on the eighties at Kenninghall and North Lopham, and returned to complete the day by ringing for service at Wymondham for evening service.

The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge Surprise Major, London, Cambridge, Ipswich and Beverley Surprise Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, with a final touch on the twelve at Mancroft. Practically every touch was brought home.

The excursion was a most enjoyable one, and thanks are offered to all who helped to make it such a success.

**NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.**

As a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Keen, the Deputy Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Anderson, hon. secretary of Newcastle Cathedral Guild, a touch of 925 Stedman Caters was rung at the Cathedral on Sunday by G. A. Pickering 1, C. L. Routledge 2, W. Story 3, W. J. Davidson 4, J. Anderson 5, E. Wallace 6, A. Deas 7, W. H. Barber (conductor) 8, J. E. Keen 9, J. Hedley 10.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea in Schools at 4.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions now due.—Frank Raymond, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist Church, Pinner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—G. R. Goodship, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch. — The two following meetings will be held: Saturday, Sept. 3rd, at Braunston (6) and Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Willoughby (6). Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. For tea, please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Louth on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., excepting during service and meeting. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Hanson's Café, Ugate, at 1s. 6d. per head. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Nether Wallop on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service in the Parish Church at 4, followed by tea and business meeting at 4.30 in the Village Hall. Bells from 2.30 at Over Wallop and Abbots Ann. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Aspenden on Sept. 3rd. Bells open during the afternoon and evening. Tea in the Parish Room. All ringers welcome. — A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park, Hatfield, Herts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Emberton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —A monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch. —A meeting will be held at Compton on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Hawkshead and Ambleside on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Hawkshead (6 bells) open from 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Ambleside (8 bells) open from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Come and have a day by the Lakes.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing Sept. 4th, St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m. Practices St. Clement Danes, Sept. 12th and 26th, 7.30 p.m. and St. Mary, Lambeth, Sept. 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary-le-Bow, Sept. 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 13th; St. Magnus', 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 20th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. \*Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this service. Tea provided for all those who notify Mr. A. Hatch, Post Office, Brindle, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Please send names. *No card no tea.*—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavels on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., School Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Prescott Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Reeves, 111, Cross Lane, Prescott, not later than Thursday, Sept. 8th?—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amptill Road, Liverpool 17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. Will the 70 or 80 who are coming please remind me that they require tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th. — Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. For tea please notify W. Weatherby, Church Street, Market Drayton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual contest for the Crawford Silver Cup will be held at Edwinstone, near Ollerton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Please note that entries must be in by Monday, 5th. Ringing for non-competitors after tea; this is open to all ringers.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ackworth, near Pontefract, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Thursday, Sept. 8th. Bedfordshire friends are cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting now fixed for Ashover, Sat. Sept. 10th. A card to Mr. T. Dent, Marsh Green Lane, Ashover, near Chesterfield, will ensure adequate arrangement for tea; please note not later than Sept. 6th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Abbots on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All come and try this handy peal, by Taylor's. Subscriptions are now over due.—E. C. Gobe, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 7th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. For details please see Kent County Association notice in these columns. Guild members are especially asked to see that the East Grinstead Guild is well represented at this meeting. All ringers are welcome, but don't forget to remind Mr. A. E. Richardson about that tea!—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Those requiring tea, please send numbers to Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, by the 7th.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakehowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hurst (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Do not fail to notify Mr. E. Allum, Davis Street, Hurst, Reading, by Tuesday, Sept. 6th. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Gawsworth on Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Bayley, The Warren, Gawsworth, if tea is required by Sept. 7th.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick on Sat. Sept. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—The new bells by John Taylor and Co. to complete the ring of 8 will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th, by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Rev. Francis Underhill, D.D.). The bells will be open to visitors from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 3.45 to 4.30 and at 5.30.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A practice meeting will be held at Steep on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern District.—A special meeting will be held at Llanfihangel Rhydithon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and informal meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by the 10th certain.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clist (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 12th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. For tea, please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 15th.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, Essex, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th? All ringers welcome. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**IMPORTANT.—Preliminary Notice.**—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croy-

don. Cost 5s. 6d. per head. Please make a note of the date. Full details later.—Edward G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Ringers are cordially invited to attend the annual dinner at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Covers at 6 p.m. Tickets at 4s. 6d. each from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester 11.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne is now 170, Headstone Lane, North Harrow, Middlesex.

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**PREWETT.**—Killed in action, Aug. 31st, 1918, Bertram Prewett, of Bushey.

#### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

##### FETE INTERFERES WITH RINGING.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held on Saturday, August 27th, at St. Wilfred's Church, Calverley, and, although favoured by good weather, the attendance was below expectations. No doubt the commencement of the football season had something to do with this, as well as the fact of August being a very popular holiday month. The bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., and although the ringing was slightly curtailed owing to the close proximity of a garden fete, a variety of methods was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening.

A brief interval was necessary in the ringing whilst the local Member of Parliament indulged in the customary oratory at the fete. Whilst this was in progress some of the ringers adjourned to the park, where a cricket match was in progress. Unfortunately this was not of 'Test Match' standard, and it was a relief when ringing was permissible again.

After the tea interval, the business meeting was held in the tower, and owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. P. J. Johnson was unanimously voted to the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and local company for kindly granting the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, seconded by Mr. T. Hill, but unfortunately there were no local members present to respond, as several were 'on duty' at the garden fete.

It was explained that the next meeting at Rothwell is to be brought forward a week, and will be held on September 17th. This has been arranged mutually with the Yorkshire Association, whose meeting is being fixed for the 24th. Particulars of the Rothwell meeting will be advertised on September 9th.

After the meeting further ringing was enjoyed until the bells were finally lowered in peal about 9 o'clock.

The towers represented during the day were as follows: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Calverley, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley St. Michael's, Hunslet, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey and Rothwell. Very welcome visitors were Mr. Charles Lawson, of Newcastle, and the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild. The methods rung during the day ranged from Cambridge Minor to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

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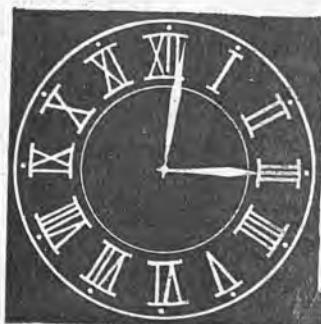
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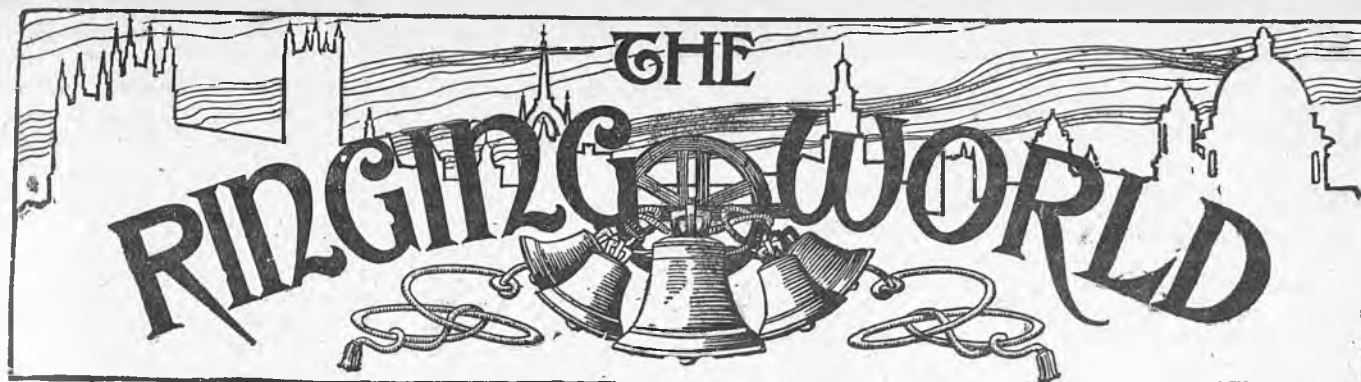
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For those who have the energy and enthusiasm a peal ringing tour is a very pleasant and interesting way of spending a holiday—if 'holiday' is the right term for an occupation which keeps one at work for six hours a day in a belfry. Different people, of course, have different ideas as to what constitutes a holiday; and for those whom an office stool claims for most of the waking hours of the rest of the year the activity of a peal ringing week may be the right corrective for the sedentary life. So, too, it may be the best tonic for those who, having reached the stage when life can be taken easily, find time hanging a little heavily on their hands. But be that as it may, there is, among a number of ringers, the keenest enthusiasm for the excursions which take them for a week or more from tower to tower, with nothing less in view than a peal at each. And the more peals they ring the better they enjoy it. There are some other folks who view this type of ringing as a somewhat selfish holiday, but why should they? It is certainly no more selfish than many other forms of holiday, and it sometimes has the merit of stimulating interest in the art of ringing in the area in which these tours are undertaken. When programmes are filled almost to the limit with ringing and travelling it is not possible, of course, to devote time to helping individual towers, but the general effect in a district thus visited is to stir up interest.

To-morrow a tour in Gloucestershire ends and one in Cornwall begins. This latter has been designed purposely to give a stimulus to Cornish ringers, for while the visiting band will be strong enough to undertake two peals every day on its own account, there are to be three peal attempts on three days in the middle of the week, in order that local ringers may be included in some of the bands. This is a wholly admirable idea and is a departure that might well be developed in the future. Those who go upon these extended tours are usually ringers of considerable ability, and their help and encouragement among local bands must prove, in the long run, of the utmost value. They can not only help to improve method ringing, but also set an example in the standard of striking, which in many districts in the country cannot be said to be very high. In undertaking 'missionary' work of this kind a touring band would inevitably have to come off the 'Surprise' method level in some cases, but Surprise methods should not be considered the only aim in peal ringing. A peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples in which two or three of the local band take part can easily do more lasting good to the art than half a dozen Surprise peals rung solely by men steeped in little else. And

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there would be nothing lost in prestige either; indeed,  
such peals would gain the admiration of those who think  
first of the general welfare of ringing. We hope the  
example which it is proposed to set in Cornwall may be  
followed elsewhere in the future.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 8
A. STANLEY BOAR ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

First peal of Cambridge Maximus as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

JOHN HOYLE ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... .. 2	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 7
*ERNEST BUDGEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 8
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 9
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 5	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

\* First peal away from the treble.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... Treble	FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	GEORGE W. CECIL ... .. 7
LEONARD J. FOX ... .. 3	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... .. 8
HENRY A. PINCHBECK... .. 4	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 9
THOMAS G. FOX ... .. 5	ARTHUR A. JARVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. CLARKE... .. Treble	*SIDNEY COX... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	*WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 6
J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 3	*CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

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## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method and rung without previous practice.

## EPWORTH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 6
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

The first peal in the method on the bells.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

*ENID F. BADDER ... .. Treble	BERNARD H. NICHOLS ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6
†RONALD W. SMITH ... .. 3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 7
HERBERT BADDER ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal, aged 13 years. † First peal in the method.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JACK DAFTERS ... .. Treble	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 3	SYDNEY J. HUMPHREY ... .. 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. SLACK. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

This composition, an equal two-part with only two singles, is now rung for the first time.

## CHARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JAMES HUNT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2	*GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 6
WALTER H. POOLE ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 4	JACK ROY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	*REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 4	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (C.C. Collection, No. 164).

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

FREDERICK C. ROPER ... Treble	*NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
WALTER ELSEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Five-Eight Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	LEWIS BUSH ... .. 5
GEORGE LADD ... .. 2	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

## MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 3	HARRY PYE ... .. 7
*JOHN BEST ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## BARNESLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD CHANT ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... .. 5
*HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 3	WILLIE GREEN ... .. 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 4	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. D. Potter, who reached his 80th birthday on September 2nd, and in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. Panther and Miss Butterfield, which was solemnised at this church on September 1st.

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## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS J. MORRIS'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS... ..Treble	J. LESLIE WILLARS ... .. 5
*CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 2	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 4	EDWIN CATTELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, M.A.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

G. LOCK ... ..Treble	H. WESTLAKE ... .. 4
F. LOCK ... .. 2	*F. JENNINGS ... .. 5
*J. JENNINGS... .. 3	*C. HARVEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. WESTLAKE,

\* First peal, and members of the local band.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHT ... ..Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 4
HARRY BARNETT ... .. 2	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3	MELVILLE JORDAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

JABEZ PREECE ... ..Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 4
BRIAN ELSMORE ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 3	ANDREW W. POWELL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Percival E. Rock, who was inducted on August 26th.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... ..Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4
*ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

\* First peal in four methods with an 'inside' bell.

## MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reading, six each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire, with 32 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ARTHUR JOHN SCOTT... ..Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 4
†CHARLES H. LATHY... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 5
†JOSEPH L. GLYDE ... .. 3	†WALTER C. POOLE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. Rung for the recent induction of Canon D. F. Slemeck.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... ..Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 4
*WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
*ARTHUR S. BOAR... .. 3	*CECIL W. PIPE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor as conductor.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... ..Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Rt. Rev. J. G. Gordon, D.D., Bishop of Jarrow and Archdeacon of Durham, patron of the benefice of Holy Trinity Church.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*VICTOR CHAPMAN ... ..Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 2	JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells. The conductor's 250th peal.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Carlisle, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED WOODWARD... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4
JAMES MARTIN ... .. 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 3	WILLIAM DEAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells. Rung to commemorate Mr. J. Martin's jubilee as a member of the Lancashire Association.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR REEVE ... .. Treble	*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4
GORDON BACON ... .. 2	ALBERT NORTH ... .. 5
WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

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

## PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REGINALD WM. COLLIS ... .. Treble	LEONARD P. WARD ... .. 4
FRANK T. LONG ... .. 2	*FREDERICK WATSON ... .. 5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON ... .. 3	FREDERICK C. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD P. WARD.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a wedding peal for J. Cart, one of the local band.

## GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

BRIAN MCKAY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 3	*HAROLD V. FROST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Surprise Minor and first 720's in the first four methods.

## WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Pitman's arrangement and 2,880, with 10 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. E. PITMAN ... .. Treble	PETER J. HARLAND SMALL ... 4
*FREDERICK YOULDEN ... .. 2	SIDNEY WALTER ... .. 5
FRED. G. BRETT ... .. 3	JABEZ WALTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. BRETT.

\* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells and of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At HARLESDOWN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN WOOLLEY ... .. 1-2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	*FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

## BRASTED, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At MOORCOCKS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 14 in D.

*MONICA J. F. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	*BRENDA M. RICHARDSON ... 5-6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 3-4	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

\* First peal.

## DORSET AND HANTS PEALS.

## WIMBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 2	HARRY SMALE ... .. 6
HAROLD P. REED ... .. 3	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was especially arranged for the patronal festival and was the first Surprise peal on the bells.

## WIMBORNE ST. GILES, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD KNOTT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
LOUIS J. LOCKER ... .. 2	LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HAROLD P. REED ... .. 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

## SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESLIE TREMEER ... .. Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 4	HAROLD P. REED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

HAROLD P. REED ... .. Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 6
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
LEONARD KNOTT ... .. 3	*A. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 8
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 9
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 5	REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Jarratt Liversidge, of Derby, and Miss Charlotte Mary (Mollie) Brown and for the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) and Mrs. Jolly.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Galleywood on Saturday, August 27th, 30 members and friends being present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Chelmsford, Ford End, Fryerning, Galleywood, Maldon, Rettendon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Writtle, Witham and Lavenham.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening, and the association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Roughton), the lesson being read by the District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield).

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, Denis F. Grinham, of Boreham, and Miss Manse, of Galleywood, were elected ringing members, and W. May and G. Frost, of Rettendon, were re-elected.

It was decided, subject to permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Springfield on October 8th. Mr. L. J. Clark invited the district to hold their annual meeting at Chelmsford on November 26th, it being 25 years since the Cathedral bells were augmented to twelve.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist and to Mr. Barrett for making the arrangements for the tea.

Handbell ringing followed and then a return was made to the tower.

## PEAL NOTES.

### A TWO-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Mr. G. W. Slack's equal two-part peal of Stedman Triples, with two ordinary singles only, which many composers thought was an impossibility, has been rung at Bushey, Herts, conducted by that inveterate seeker after difficult compositions, Mr. Maurice Hibbert. He has called all sorts of complicated peals in various methods, to which he has added this extraordinary two-part composition. Mr. Hibbert must have an unrivalled memory for this sort of thing.

We referred some months ago to Mr. Slack's production, which is 'like nothing on earth.' It consists mostly of bobbed sixes, in ones, twos and groups of three, four, five or six. Mr. Hibbert describes it as the 'Holt's Original' of Stedman. To us it looks only a nightmare. However, it has been rung and we offer congratulations to the composer, the conductor and the band, who rang it at the first attempt.

The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Brinklow, and it enabled Messrs. Harold Cashmore and J. E. Rootes to complete the 'circle' of the tower. Mr. Hibbert has rung the seventh and tenor at this church each 30 times to a peal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. recently provided a grand ring of bells, with a tenor of 17 cwt., for Epworth, Lincolnshire, where John Wesley's father was once Vicar. The first peal of Stedman on them was rung on August 27th, when Mr. J. A. Freeman called Thurstans' Four-Part.

### SISTERS RING HANDBELL PEAL.

A performance of more than usual interest was the 5,040 of Bob Major rung on handbells at Brasted on Saturday, when 1-2 and 5-6 were rung, respectively, by Miss Monica and Miss Brenda Richardson, the daughters of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who was for many years a leading member of the Central Council and a member, first, of the Cambridge University Guild and, later, of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, of which he was honorary secretary. The peal was conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, uncle of the young ladies. We look forward to many more peals by the same band.

The Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, the Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, has taken over the living of St. Andrew's, Roker, Sunderland. A farewell peal was rung at St. Margaret's, on the back eight, on Saturday.

Besides being a farewell to the Vicar, it was a compliment to one of the transposers of Parker's famous twelve-part, Mr. Morris J. Morris, of Birmingham, marking his 70th birthday. The peal was rung with Davis 'silencers' attached.

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at South Wigston on August 25th added yet another to the list of that fine old ringer, Mr. John Clarke. St. Thomas' belfry has long been his ringing home, and only those who have the pleasure of ringing with him fully appreciate his quiet personality. It is interesting to note that during the past three weeks Mr. Clarke has scored peals of Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 'combined,' and now Double Norwich. That's not too bad for three score years and ten. Incidentally the peal on August 25th was the quickest peal of Major on the bells. It was rung in 2 hours 52 minutes.

It was at South Wigston that, in 1904, the 17,104 of Double Norwich, still the record length in the method, was rung, composed and conducted by William Willson, of Leicester.

Seven methods of Doubles were included in a peal, rung at the Dorset tower of Maiden Newton on August 30th, in honour of the recent induction of Canon D. F. Slembeck.

To welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. P. E. Rock), who was inducted on August 26th, a peal of Grand sire Doubles was rung at Eardisland, Herefordshire, on the following Sunday.

### A MINIATURE TOUR.

Fresh from his successful tour in Staffordshire and Shropshire, Mr. Frank Bennett partly filled in the intervening days before going on a similar excursion in Cornwall, which begins to-morrow, by a miniature tour in Dorset and Hants last week. Beginning on Wednesday, he rang a peal a day until Saturday, as well as losing another at Fordingbridge on the second day.

The peal at Wimborne Minster was the first of Surprise on the bells, the peal at Wimborne St. Giles, where the Earl of Shaftesbury is one of the local ringers, was the first of Bob Major on the bells.

The final peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at North Stoneham was rung in honour of and immediately after the wedding of Mr. Jarratt Liversidge, of Derby, and Miss Charlotte Mary (Mollie) Brown, only daughter of Mr. Reginald Brown, a member of the North Stoneham band. It was also a silver wedding peal for Canon R. B. Jolly (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) and Mrs. Jolly.

The 'tour' was arranged by Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne, and the peal at Sherfield English on Friday was made possible by the kindness of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, who, after the party had met short in the morning, travelled half across Hampshire by car to fetch another man to enable the peal to be rung in the afternoon. In the meantime the six 'remainders' rang a 720 of Cambridge Minor, for the sake of something to do.

A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Pulham, Norfolk, on Saturday, was the first in the method on the bells. It was a composition by W. E. Bason, rung for the first time, and the conductor (Mr. Nolan Golden) rang his first peal in the method.

Mr. James Martin, of Christ Church, Bootle, Lancs, has just completed 50 years' membership of the Lancashire Association. He was

elected in the year 1888. On Saturday a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung in honour of the event and was the first of Surprise Minor on the bells.

A push-bike ride of 42 miles 'there and back' makes a peal of Minor well earned. Out of five ringers from Prittlewell who rang in the first peal on the bells at North Ockendon, Essex, on Saturday, two did this cycle journey. The Rector kindly provided tea.

Mr. A. S. Boar, of Milton Regis, Kent, tenders his thanks to Miss Sylvia Bowyer for kindly arranging three peals whilst he was on holiday in his native town of Ipswich. All the peals were successful, including Cambridge Maximus on Saturday. Miss Bowyer called the peal from the 2nd, the first time she had ever called a bob in Cambridge Maximus. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Bowyer.

Yet another fresh Surprise method has been rung by the Hertfordshire band, who are vying with the Framlingham company in the number of new methods they are ringing. Sedbergh is the name given to the latest.

Sedbergh is the home of Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, an old Cambridge University Guild member and the inventor of a ringing machine, which he demonstrated at the last meeting of the Central Council at Leeds.

### BARNSELY SOCIETY'S VETERAN PRESIDENT.

Mr. C. D. Potter, president of the Barnsley and District Society and a member of the Yorkshire Association for 45 years, reached his 80th birthday on September 2nd and received the good wishes and congratulations of a host of ringing friends.

On Saturday a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in his honour at Barnsley Parish Church and as a compliment to Mr. S. Panther and Miss Butterfield, who were married at the same church on September 1st. Mr. Panther is the youngest son of Mr. A. Panther, vice-president, and formerly secretary of the Barnsley and District Society. The composition of the peal, by Mr. George Lewis, was rung for the first time.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Henley, Suffolk, on August 31st. A large number of peals of Major have been rung in past years at Henley, where the Rev. W. C. Pearson is Vicar. On this occasion Superlative was attempted, but came to grief, and it was too late for one of the band to start again, owing to his distance from home. Mr. C. J. Sedgley therefore, also, kindly stood out, and seven 720's of Kent were rung, with Miss Sylvia Bowyer as conductor. Three of the band completed the series in the method, from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. James Bennett, calling a peal of Bob Major from the sixth at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, on August 31st, 'completed the circle' to peals in this tower.

A peal in seven Surprise Minor methods was rung on August 31st with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Jarrow (Rt. Rev. Dr. J. G. Gordon), who was also Archdeacon of Durham. He was patron of the benefice of Holy Trinity, Darlington, and brother-in-law of the present Vicar. He was one of the patrons of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The peal was rung on the day of the late Bishop's interment at Durham Cathedral.

Enid Badder, of Oxford, has rung her first peal, one of Stedman Triples, at the age of 13 years.

After meeting short for Triples at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire, on August 13th, a band rang a peal of ten six-scores of Grand sire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

### APATHETIC CONDUCTORS.

If peals are worth recording at all they are worth recording immediately they are rung. Primarily it should be the duty of the conductor to send a report of the peal to 'The Ringing World,' if he wishes it to appear and to be included in the Central Council statistics.

In some few cases, however, it seems to be left to association officials, who have had nothing to do with the ringing of the peal, to send the report for publication. The report of a peal rung at a Somerset church in June has just reached us through the branch secretary.

Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambs, rang his 250th peal on Friday at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts. Messrs. W. H. J. Hooton, C. W. Woolley and J. B. Woolley, who took part, were in Mr. Warrington's first peal, which Mr. Hooton conducted. Mr. Hibbins, who also rang last Friday, called Mr. Warrington's first peal of Major.

Mr. Warrington has rung 55 peals of Surprise Minor, including 36 of Cambridge, and, out of his total of 250, has called 168.

For the wedding of a Peckleton, Leicestershire, ringer, Mr. J. Cart, on Saturday, a peal of Grand sire Doubles was rung after the ceremony.

Mr. Fred G. Brett, of Canterbury, called a peal of Grand sire Doubles at Wickhambreux on Saturday and thus completed peals in the method from Doubles to Cinques.

The arrangements for the peal of Bob Major rung at Surfleet on Saturday were very kindly made for the benefit of the conductor (Mr. P. A. Corby). Double Norwich was first attempted, but was lost through a shift course after half an hour. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson for their hospitality.

Six of the band who took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, on Saturday, rang their first peal on ten bells.

The handbell peal of Little Bob rung at Burton-on-Stather, and recorded last week, took two hours 44 minutes, not three hours 44 minutes as printed. The error may, perhaps, be pardoned, as the peal was rung in a 'rest' week, and it was not altogether unreasonable, under the circumstances, to suppose that the ringers may have taken a nap or two 'en route.'



## TWO DAYS IN HAMPSHIRE.

## ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS RINGERS' OUTING.

This year's two days' outing of the St. Martin-in-the-Fields ringers will always be remembered by those who took part for the warm welcome received at each of the places visited, and the members are grateful to all those gentlemen who contributed so much towards making their visit to Hampshire so enjoyable.

Southampton was reached in good time on Saturday, August 27th, and John Faithfull, a youthful guide, led the visitors to St. Mary's Church to sample the ten bells. Here they met Mr. G. Williams, who joined with them in a course of Cambridge Royal.

After lunch a short visit was paid to the noisy eight at St. Michael's Church before going on to Christchurch. In the evening Christchurch Priory twelve were set going to various methods and fully justified their good reputation.

The local hostelry was afterwards the scene of a very exciting 'doubles' darts match, and after a false start owing to the scorer shifting course, George and Jim were safely Steere(d) to victory.

Some of Sunday morning's service ringing was like the weather (?), but a visit to the bells and the view from the top of the tower were too good to be missed, and Mr. George Preston, to whom best thanks are due for excellent arrangements, was kept busy pointing out the places of interest.

Bournemouth did not look much like the railway station posters when the party arrived there after lunch, and rain continued to fall during almost the whole of their visit. However, this did not seem to dull anyone's spirits, and one of the party did some dodging on the front, but, being a bit slow at back, he was clipped by a wave, and wet feet were the result. Crowded restaurants because of the rain made tea a little difficult, but the party reaped a reward for their sufferings (?) when they visited St. Peter's tower to try the new peal of eight. They found a warm welcome and a 'de luxe' ringing chamber, and the splendid peal were made good use of. A very generous present in the form of a large basket of mushrooms was handed to the visitors on their departure from Bournemouth.

The homeward journey was uneventful until someone tried to open a metal capped bottle and then one or two of his immediate neighbours had a bath as well as a drink. With touches on the handbells the journey passed quickly, and London was safely reached. Mushrooms were the order for Monday's breakfast.

The methods rung during the outing were Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Royal, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Royal, and an excellent course of Superlative on the back eight at Christchurch. Handbell ringing was restricted to Bob Major and Stedman Triples and some 'Queen's' and 'Tittums' Grandsire Triples.

## A SCOTTISH RECORD.

## INTERESTING CEREMONY AT GLASGOW.

An interesting ceremony, quite common in the South, but unique in Scotland, took place on Sunday morning in the belfry of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. This was the dedication of a peal tablet by the Archbishop of Capetown to record the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Caters on the occasion of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

Dr. Darbyshire pointed out that, as this was the first peal of Caters to be rung in Scotland by a local band, the first on the bells and the only peal rung in Scotland on that day, the occasion was one of historical interest in the annals of change ringing in Scotland.

In a simple service of dedication, prayers were included for the King and Queen and the Royal family, the Cathedral ringers and other ringers generally.

The ringers then stood to their ropes and rang a course of Caters.

Those present included the Very Rev. J. G. Murray, Provost of the Cathedral, and Mrs. Murray, Miss Darbyshire and members of the Vestry. An interested visitor was Mr. J. Murray, on holiday from Capetown. He was instructor in the tower 36 years ago, and incidentally took part in the only peal of Triples rung in South Africa some years ago.

Many of the visitors were paying their first visit to a belfry and expressed their pleasure and interest in the art of change ringing, and also at the absence of cobwebs, etc. Some of them, it is hoped, will come again. The members of the Cathedral Society are still trying to keep the handbells going at the exhibition, but last Saturday they were reduced to two plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and this with the assistance of two of the Kelham ringers, Messrs. A. Sargent and T. Brown, but the rain, says our correspondent, 'beat us to it.'

## A FEW HOURS IN BRISTOL.

On Saturday a few ringers from the Newbury, Basingstoke and Reading districts paid a short visit to 'the City of Churches,' and rang at Holy Nativity, St. Ambrose's, Temple, St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas' and St. Mary Redcliffe. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and Cambridge Major and Royal. Every one of the party was delighted with the visit and the kind welcome they received. 'Old Timer' especially thanks all his 'dear old pals' for getting the towers open and rolling up to spend a few hours with him. He says the ringing was very good all the time, and if he says so—well, it was.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Under the reorganisation of the Middlesex Association this year, Mr. C. T. Coles, who is now sole general secretary, was relieved of the secretaryship of the North and East District. He has, however, quickly found himself back in his old job, for his district successor, Mr. G. R. Goodship, has had to relinquish the office on leaving the county.

The annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths is to be held on November 5th, and is to take place again at the Cannon Street Hotel.

Two well-known ringers from a populous London suburb spent last week-end in the country. They were awakened in the night by unusual sounds. 'What's that?' asked one, 'an owl?' 'No, you ass,' replied the other, 'that's a nightingale. Go to sleep.' Next morning they learned it was a cow in a neighbouring cowshed. They spent the later part of the day with the farmer. But we doubt if their education on rural life was improved a lot.

We are glad to say that Mr. Tom Miller, the Birmingham veteran, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is making good progress towards recovery and hopes to leave hospital in ten days or a fortnight.

The 'Six Bells' is an inn sign frequently met with, but the 'Six Ringers' must, we think, be unique. We read, however, that a copper sign, representing six ringers in the belfry of the village church, the idea of Sir Sidney Wells, Conservative M.P., has been made for the Six Ringers' Inn at Felmersham, Bedfordshire.

What is this we hear? Five Surprise method ringers, some of them Spliced Surprise men at that, last Saturday lost a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Tut, tut; how are the mighty fallen!

Although the completion of the central tower of Guildford's new Cathedral is a long way ahead, the first steps of the spiral staircase leading to the ringing chamber have been built into position, and were climbed on Sunday by some ringers who visited the building now beginning to appear on Stag Hill.

## ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES.

The address of Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, is now 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. Those who are preserving our list, published a fortnight ago, should make this amendment.

## JOINT MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest your leading article on the value of joint meetings, and there are two points I wish to refer to. I agree with you that whoever first thought of holding such meetings did the Exercise a great service, and I believe the person who should have the credit is a well-known London ringer, Mr. William H. Hewett. There were, I think, one or two attempts before the war to popularise such meetings—I recollect at least one in Sussex—but they did not become general. In 1924, however, on the suggestion of Mr. Hewett, a joint meeting of adjoining districts of the Essex and Middlesex Associations was held at Waltham Abbey. Since then not a year has passed without a meeting between these two societies. Hertfordshire soon joined in, and during the last few years most of the societies operating in and around London have held many enjoyable joint meetings.

The other point is that a meeting has been arranged to be held on October 1st at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, with the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex and Middlesex Associations participating. This will, to some extent, meet the suggestion made in your article, and personally I hope it will set an example. I regret I was unable to be present at the very successful meeting which inspired your article, but the date was that chosen by the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society for its annual outing.

C. T. COLES,

General Secretary, Middlesex Association.

## CORNISH TOUR BEGINS TO-MORROW.

Seventeen peals have been arranged for the Cornish tour, which begins to-morrow. The object of three peals on some days is to include local ringers in some of the attempts. Headquarters are to be, first at Launceston and then at Truro. The following is the programme:—

Saturday, September 10th: Stokeclimsland (tenor 20 cwt.).

Sunday, September 11th: St. Stephen-by-Launceston (18 cwt.).

Monday, September 12th: Altarnon (St. Non) (11½ cwt.) and Cardinham (St. Menbredsus) (17 cwt.).

Tuesday, September 13th: St. Anthony (St. Antoninus) (12 cwt.), Helston (St. Michael) (12 cwt.), Kea (All Hallows) (12 cwt.).

Wednesday, September 14th: St. Mawgan (SS. Mauganus and Nicholas) (7 cwt.), Bodmin (St. Petrock) (15½ cwt.), Lanivet (St. Nyvett) (13½ cwt.).

Thursday, September 15th: Tuckingmill (All Saints) (10½ cwt.), Camborne (St. Martin) (17 cwt.), St. Enoder (St. Enodrus) (13 cwt.).

Friday, September 16th: One to be arranged, Truro Cathedral (St. Mary) (33½ cwt.).

Saturday, September 17th: Lanlivery (St. Bryveth) (16½ cwt.), Lanhydrock (St. Hydrock) (14½ cwt.).

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—35.

## GEORGE H. CROSS.

The present Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. George H. Cross, began his ringing career at a very early age, and was peal ringing before he was sixteen. He came right into the forefront of Norfolk ringing, and among a number of youthful enthusiasts put up some interesting performances.

Mr. Cross was born in Norwich on November 9th, 1893, and rang his first peal at St. John de Sepulchre's Church, in September, 1909, and his first as conductor in May, 1910, at the same church. This was a peal of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled for the funeral of King Edward VII. It was only his third peal, and he called it at a few hours' notice. He had already turned his attention to composition, and the second peal he rang was the first of his compositions to be rung. It was the first peal conducted by his late brother, Fred Cross. By the time he was seventeen George Cross called one of his own compositions for the first time, and with this peal finished the circle of the tower at St. John de Sepulchre, having rung a different bell on each occasion and having called four of the eight peals.

Another early exploit was the calling of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Saxlingham, in June, 1914, in which the average age of the band was only 18½ years. It was then the youngest band to ring a peal on eight bells, and all of them resided within nine miles of the church. That was in 1914, but two years before that Mr. Cross had conducted handbell peals of Bob Major and Royal, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, each of them the first 'in hand' by all the band.

After the war, as Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Mr. Cross got the ringing going again in this famous tower and revived some of the interest in peal ringing in the county. In 1920 he composed and conducted 7,136 Double Norwich, rung at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, which was then the longest peal in the method rung in the county of Norfolk. In 1921 he conducted the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by a local company at St. Peter Mancroft, and in 1923 composed and conducted a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Aylsham, the first peal in the method by all, and rung without previous practice. This was the first peal in the method, rung in the county of Norfolk, since the peal rung on the old ten at St. Peter Mancroft in 1769, which was the first ever accomplished in the method.

After coming to London, Mr. Cross conducted the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Hertford County Association (the first in the method by all the band); the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, which was also the first in the method rung in Essex: the first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major rung by the Middlesex Association, which was also the first in the county of Hertford; and the first peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey rung by the Royal Cumberlands. All these he also composed. He conducted the first peal of Rutland Surprise Major, and composed and conducted the first peal of Premier Surprise Major by the Kent County Association, the first in the method by all the band. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' for the Kent County Association and by the Royal Cumberland Youths. He composed and conducted the first peal of Erith Little Bob Royal, which was rung on handbells, and the first peal of Bob Maximus 'in hand' rung by the Kent County Association by a band resident in Kent. He also composed and conducted the first peals of Double Norwich Major and Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung by the Kent County Association.

He took part in the first peals of Superlative Maximus and Cambridge Maximus rung for the Norfolk Guild, and the first peals of Cambridge Maximus for the Royal Cumberland Youths and the London County Association. He took part in three non-conducted peals, Double Norwich Major, Superlative Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Major, and in two 'George' peals. He has called one hundred peals of Double Norwich Major on tower bells, many of which have had qualities out of the usual. All these peals (with the exception of one which was composed by Robert Hardy at the age of 14, a ringer whom Mr. Cross assisted in teaching) he composed himself.

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MR. GEORGE H. CROSS.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## WESTERN DIVISION'S BIG AREA.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a quarterly meeting at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, on Saturday, and although the weather was not very promising, there was a fair attendance, about 40 members travelling from a wide area. As Earlsheaton is situated in what used to be known as 'the heavy woollen district' and is within easy access of numerous towers in that area, the support from the neighbouring towers can only be termed as disappointing. The Western Division covers a very wide area, embracing over 80 towers, so there must, of necessity, be a lapse of several years between the periodical visits of the association. The meetings are taken into each section of the division in turn, and members should consider it a matter of duty to support the meetings in their own area.

A splendid tea was provided by the local company in the Church Schools, at which over 30 members sat down. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. P. J. Johnson occupied the chair, supported by the association president (the Rev. Canon Marshall) and the Vicar of Earlsheaton (the Rev. H. M. Doidge-Harrison).

The Chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, spoke of the great traditions of the Earlsheaton ringers, when they were famed throughout Yorkshire for the excellence of their striking.—This was ably supported by Canon Marshall.

The Rev. H. M. Doidge-Harrison, in replying, said it was a great privilege to welcome the association, and although he was quite bewildered and mystified by all he had seen and heard regarding change ringing, it was really a most curious but intriguing vocation. He was sure that it was part of a great tradition inherent in our English character, and it was that part of our English freedom which allowed the development of our various traditions which so mystified visitors to this country. He hoped the association would go on from strength to strength, developing this side of our English character, and that they would hand down their keenness to the new generation and endeavour to keep the spirit of comradeship alive.

Canon Marshall, in voicing the association's thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables, said it was almost like coming home, as part of his early ministry was in the neighbouring districts. Everyone had made great efforts to entertain the association, and they were indeed very grateful for all that had been done to make the meeting so successful.—This was seconded by Mr. Traymor, of Mirfield.

Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, in acknowledging the thanks, spoke of the pleasure which they all had in entertaining the association, and said there would always be a hearty welcome at Earlsheaton for anyone interested in ringing. Although they were having a difficult time, they were doing their utmost to maintain a full company of ringers and would try and keep up the good example of those gone before. Speaking for the ladies who gave their services at the tea tables, he said that, although not actually connected with ringers, they had all enjoyed themselves and it had given them real pleasure.

Seven new members were elected as follows: Stanley H. Dobbie and Walter H. Dobbie of Sittingbourne, William Walker, of Ossett, Peter Aspinall, Philip Aspinall, Philip Moorhouse and George Kellett, of Lindley.

As it is some years since a meeting was held in the Bradford district, it was proposed to arrange the December meeting at Calverley, if possible, where there has never been a meeting of the Western Division.

A brief announcement regarding the Snowdon Dinner at Sheffield on October 8th, and a ladies' meeting at Bedale on September 17th, brought the meeting to a close.

While some of the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, others enjoyed touches on handbells in Minor, Major and Caters methods. On the whole, a very successful meeting was enjoyed, and full use was made of the bells, which go extremely well. The towers represented during the day were as follows: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse, Denholme, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Elland, Northowram, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Keighley, Leeds, Lindley, Mirfield, Ossett, Ripponden, Rothwell, Shipley and Sowerby.

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Altogether Mr. Cross has rung 540 peals, of which he has conducted 354. Among these he particularly values a peal of Double Norwich, conducted by A. G. Warnes, at Eye, in which no word was spoken other than the calls made by the conductor; a peal of Bristol Surprise Major, which Mr. Cross conducted at Framden, of which the last three-quarters of an hour was rung in darkness, and a peal of London Surprise at Helmingham, the first by all the band with the exception of himself.

Mr. Cross has served as hon. secretary of the Norwich District of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and later, under the changed title of the Norfolk Guild. Since coming to London he has been Master of St. Clement's Youths, and is now Master of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Society. He has been a member of the Central Council since 1930, first as a representative of St. Clement's Youths and afterwards the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

## ORIGIN OF ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The St. James' Society was not founded, as so many people suppose, as a means by which the members of the two leading London societies could meet and practise together. If they had desired combined practices there was no earthly reason why they should not have held them, except the universal tradition which forbade any ringer to belong to more than one society, which in effect meant to more than one band. The definite rule of the College Youths, which forbade the members to belong specifically to the Cumberlands, and the corresponding rule of the other society, do not appear in the old codes of rules. I cannot say when they were first formally passed, but I believe it was not until long after 1850, so they have not (as is usually supposed) the sanction of long usage, although, of course, the spirit which prompted them is as old as the Exercise itself.

When the new Church of St. James, Clerkenwell, was built in 1791, a ring of eight bells was hung in the tower, and the belfry, for very many years, was the principal meeting place of the Society of Cumberland Youths. One of their leading members was John Hints, who was either the steeplekeeper or had a good deal of influence in the tower. He got together young men to teach them and to practise on nights when the regular ringers did not meet. Some of his pupils turned out good ringers, and as early as 1797 the St. James' Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Edmonton. There probably was no regular society at that time and the name was taken merely for the peal. In 1800 Hints formed a band which called itself the Westminster Youths, and rang several peals. Finally, in 1827, the St. James' Society was established as a regular company with officers, and, under the leadership of Thomas Tolladay, became the most active peal ringing band in London, though nearly all the performances were Grandsire Triples.

In all this the College Youths had neither part nor lot, but some years later, when Cox, Haley, Cooter and some other young members of both the old societies wanted to ring peals of Stedman on handbells and Double Norwich on tower bells, they found it convenient to ring them as St. James' Society peals. But neither the College Youths nor the Cumberlands recognised the St. James' Society as an equal, nor did either of them ever treat it as an opportunity for joint practice or intercourse.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## 'JAMES GREEN' ON THE ROAD.

*'CAUGHT OUT' AT FARNHAM.*

The gentleman who describes himself at James Green, coming from an address at Leominster, Herefordshire, whose methods we exposed in our last issue, had a surprise on Friday.

Earlier in the week he had succeeded in imposing on the charity of one Guildford Guild official. On Friday morning he called upon another at Farnham.

He began by saying he was from Leominster, Herefordshire, which place he left early on Thursday morning, and was making his way to Fareham, where he was getting employment in some printing works. Asked his name, his answer was 'Green, but I do not expect you would know anything about me.'

Then came the bombshell. 'Yes, I rather think I do, but not much to your credit,' was the reply, and 'Mr. Green' was then confronted with the paragraph in 'The Ringing World.' He was not, however, entirely at a loss and had the impudence to say he was not the man referred to, who must be another 'Green.'

His attention was then called to the place he said he came from and that he had the promise of employment of the same kind at Fareham instead of Horsham. However, when he still protested he was not the same man, the ringer he was interviewing told him he had had 26 years of police service and that had made him a pretty good judge of impostors. Mr. Green took his leave without even saying 'Good day.' Needless to say, he got no assistance from this source.

In case Mr. 'Green' adopts another name in other places, it may be added to his description given last week that he has got only two teeth in the front of the top jaw, both, apparently, eye teeth. These are very prominent and discoloured.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

*HOPED FOR RESTORATION OF RIPPONDEN BELLS.*

The monthly meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association took place at Ripponden on Saturday, August 27th, when members attended from Lindley, Halifax Parish Church, All Souls' (Halifax), Sowerby, Brighouse, Elland and Ripponden. There was only a small attendance, but the meeting proved most successful and was most enjoyable despite the very bad state of the bells.

The local ringers are making arrangements for an appeal for the restoration of the bells, and they are going to run it on the same lines as did the Lindley ringers when the latter raised that prodigious sum of over £300 almost unaided in a very short space of time.

At the business meeting, when the Rev. T. Mathieson took the chair, the practice meetings for the ensuing month were arranged. The Stedman practice, which had enjoyed a remarkable success at Lindley, was transferred to Huddersfield Parish Church, and the Treble Bob practice at All Souls', Halifax, which had to be discontinued, will be resumed at Halifax as a Stedman practice.

## A SHROPSHIRE RESTORATION.

*FIRST OVERHAUL FOR OVER 100 YEARS.*

The bells of Chetton Church, Shropshire, have been restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough Bell Foundry. The work included the recasting of the fourth as well as tuning and rehanging the rest. The money has been raised mainly through the efforts of the Rector, the Rev. Southwell, over £200 having been obtained towards the total cost of the restoration.

The dedication of the bells took place in the presence of a large congregation, and the bells were rung before service by ringers from St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth.

In his address in the course of the service, the Rector gave an interesting account of the history of Chetton bells, whose records date back to 1599. Their bells, he said, had been heard that day for the first time since their return to the tower—after some years' partial and some weeks' total silence—after a complete and high-class restoration, the first, so far as they knew, for over 111 years. It had been a somewhat personal endeavour on his own part, especially as two brothers—Bishop Southwell and Lionel Southwell—were at Chetton. Each bell (the tenor weighs 13½ cwt.) bears the date 1827, a time when they were sent to Gloucester to the foundry of Rudhalls, a firm extinct over 100 years, but incorporated in a firm that still exists and was well known. There did not appear to have been any work of restoration other than that of a very minor character since 1827 until this year.

The tower was rebuilt in 1826, and the work carried out by Rudhalls was probably the recasting of six bells out of four previous ones. After quoting items from old church accounts from 1599 onward, it was obvious, continued the Rector, that inasmuch as no known work of importance had been carried out since 1827—a space of 111 years—it would naturally suggest that much of the work must have deteriorated, and an examination by experts of the belfry several years ago showed that that was the case, and a subsequent examination led to their having to stop ringing. Nothing was done, and that was why at last he decided to make an effort, and now that beautiful peal was such that all should be well for a generation to come. The work had been admirably done, and he had reason to hope they would obtain the maximum grant from the Church Building Society. The work done included the recasting of the fourth bell and retuning all, and while the framework was in excellent condition, it had been strengthened with angle-clamps and rods, and the bells now run on ball bearings. The fourth bell was cracked and had to be recast. On it, according to old custom, the names of the Rector and churchwardens for the time being are placed, and the new inscription reads: 'Praise the Lord that these bells were restored and this one recast in 1938.'

In conclusion the Rector welcomed the visiting ringers and hoped others would come in due course.

After the service, ringing took place, the ringers present including Messrs. B. Head, sen., W. Overton, J. Elcock, H. W. Overton, B. Head, jun., W. Head, J. Middleton, W. Hayward, H. Thomas, T. Tyler, S. Greatwich, J. Newsome, G. Tibbey (all of Bridgnorth), G. E. Oliver (Lichfield), W. Dudley (Chelmarsh), W. M. Jones (Chetton), W. Short (Clent), J. Bass, P. Richards and B. C. Ashford.

Following tea on the Rectory lawn, Mr. W. Jones expressed thanks to the Rector for what he had done for the Church and all that afternoon, and for entertaining the visitors.

The Rector expressed his thanks to all who had helped him in his task, and said how pleased he was at the response to his effort.

That the money had been well spent and the work carried out in excellent manner were the expressions of all the ringers present, and Chetton's parishioners have much to be grateful for and can now feel they have an excellent peal of bells—a thing which should encourage the younger generation to take up this fine art.

## FAMILY JOY BELLS.

The wedding of Miss Doris Spice, only daughter of Mr. W. Spice, jun., of Tunstall, Kent, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spice, sen., which took place on August 20th, was unique. The organist, the choir and the ringers, who took part in the ceremony, were all ringers. Touches rung for the occasion included 720 Cambridge Minor, 224 Cambridge Major, 224 Superlative Major, two courses of Double Norwich, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A quarter-peal of Stedman was attempted, but this did not materialise. Those taking part in the ringing and singing were W. Spice, sen., W. Spice, jun., P. J. Spice, G. H. Spice, Mrs. G. Spice, J. Spice, Miss B. Spice, H. Spice, Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. J. Unwin (son-in-law) and B. Spice. The oldest and youngest members of the family were respectively 77 and 14 years of age.

## SITUATION WANTED.

KEEN RINGER, 8, 10, 12 bells. Young married man seeks job, any capacity; experienced gardener, groundsman, or nursery work.—Box R., 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.



## A PRINCIPLE OF METHOD CONSTRUCTION

### A SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR BEGINNERS.

The study of change ringing is not confined to practice on the bells in the tower. A great deal can be learned by using pencil and paper. Here is a simple explanation of one of the principles of method construction written for the instruction of beginners, which those interested in the subject may find useful.

The plain hunting course can be produced on any number of bells; but for a moment let us look at it on five. With five bells, changes are produced by moving two pairs at a time. For example, first the two front pairs and then the two back pairs, which will give this sequence:—

Two front pairs	12345	
	21435	
	24153	Two back pairs
Two front pairs	42513	
	45231	Two back pairs

and so on until the bells come round after ten changes.

In addition to changing the pairs alternately, two in front, and two behind, it is also possible to change the pair in front and the pair behind, leaving the bell in the middle, or, as it is called, in 3rd's place, lying still for a whole pull, just as, when the two front pairs change, one bell remains a whole pull in 5th's place (or behind), and when the two back pairs are changed, one bell has to continue leading for a whole pull.

Methods of Doubles are constructed by the use of this 3rd's place. It changes the coursing order of the bells; that is, it alters the sequence in which they hunt up or down. Look for a moment at this:

12345  
21435  
24153  
42513  
45231

If, however, No. 1 makes 3rd's place, the treble, instead of going up behind, turns round and hunts back to lead.

12345  
21435  
24153  
42135  
41253

The 3rd's place can be made between any two rows, but here is a little problem which you may like to work out. Write out as many variations of the plain hunting course of ten changes as you can, inserting a 3rd's place between the 1st and 2nd rows (that is by producing the first change by 3rd's place), the 3rd and 4th, the 5th and 6th, the 7th and 8th, or the 9th and 10th, and also by using as many combinations as you can. Of course, you will not get rounds at the end in every case, but that does not matter.

When you have written out several of these courses and studied them carefully, you will begin to realise that there are some things which must happen. You will find that if you make 3rd's place between the first and second rows, that is, if you begin like this:—

12345  
21354

you cannot make 3rd's place between the second and third rows, for if you do the bells will come round at once.

Similarly, if you make no place at all between the first and second rows, but do make 3rd's between the second and third rows, you cannot make 3rd's place between the third and fourth rows.

You will next notice that some of these 3rd's places are made at handstroke and some at backstroke and that when the handstroke 3rd's is made it causes the two hind bells to dodge, but that when the backstroke 3rd's is made it causes the two front bells to dodge.

Now there are two sorts of methods rung on five bells, one (like Grandsire) where the treble plain hunts continuously, and the other (like Stedman) where all the bells work alike. If you keep the treble a plain hunting bell you will find that there are only two positions where you can make a 3rd's place, one when the treble is hunting up and the other when the treble is hunting down. You can make either—

12345	or	12345
21354		21435
23145		24153
32415		42513
34251		45231
43521		54321
45312		53412
54132		35142
51423		31524
15243		13542
12534		15324

or you can make both places. Similarly, below the treble there are two positions where you can make 3rd's place (this time at backstroke).

There are 15 ways in which one or more of these places can be included in a lead. Write them all out and study them carefully. You will find that if you make all the four possible places, the bells will run round at the tenth change, that some of the combinations do not affect more than three of the bells, in which case a row will be produced which will repeat twice, and that some of the combinations

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## TWO MORE SURPRISE METHODS.

Below we print two more Surprise methods rung for the first time under the conductorship of Mr. Harold Cashmore. Apsley was rung at Bushey on April 30th, and Sedburgh at Aldenham on August 27th.

### APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR. SEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12346857	12463857
21438675	21648375

24183657	26143857
42816375	62418375
24186735	62143857
42817653	26418375

24871635	24681357
42786153	42863175
47281635	24861357
74826153	42683175

47862513	24863715
74685231	42687351
47682513	46283715
74865231	64827351

47682531	68472531
74865213	86745213
47862531	87642531
74685213	78465213

47658123	87645123
74561832	78461532
75468123	87465123
57641832	78641532

75614823	76814523
57168432	67185432
75618342	67814523
57163824	76185432

51736842	71684523
15378624	17865432
51738264	71856342
15372846	17583624

15738264	17856342
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13578264=Bob	15786342=Bob
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5,280 Changes  
by H. G. Cashmore.

23456	B	M	W	H
54632	—	—	—	—
35642	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
52643	—	—	—	—
45623	—	—	—	—
62453	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—
25634	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	3	—
43526	—	—	3	—
52436	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

5,024 Changes  
by H. G. Cashmore.

23456	M	W	B	H
43652	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—
26543	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
56342	—	—	2	—
36245	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	3

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affect four bells, in which case a row will be produced which will repeat once.

You have now got all the material out of which pure Doubles methods can be formed, and it includes both what are called plain leads and bob leads.

The plain leads are those in which the treble and one other bell are not affected by the places, and, by custom, that other bell is always the one which is coursing next after the treble (i.e., the second in the plain course). When we examine the leads we have written out we find that there are two of the 3rd's places which do not affect the treble and second—the first at handstroke when the treble is hunting up, and the other at backstroke when the treble is hunting down; so that either or both of these will give a plain lead. The first is Grandsire, the second is Reverse Grandsire and the third is Double Grandsire.

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. A peal tablet will be unveiled by the president of the association at this time.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, for which a charge of 6d. will be made. Business meeting follows in the Parish Room. — G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphill Road, Liverpool 17,

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Market Drayton (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. For tea please notify W. Weatherby, Church Street, Market Drayton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual contest for the Crawford Silver Cup will be held at Edwinstone, near Ollerton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors after tea; this is open to all ringers.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Bedfordshire friends are cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All come and try this handy peal, by Taylor's. Subscriptions are now over due. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Bath.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—In co-operation with the East Grinstead and District Guild, a by-meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service at 4.30. — Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Sept. 10th. For details please see Kent County Association notice in these columns. Guild members are especially asked to see that the East Grinstead Guild is well represented at this meeting. All ringers are welcome, but don't forget to remind Mr. A. E. Richardson about that tea!—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield. Sussex.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. —A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick on Sat. Sept. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ringing after tea at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

**BACKWELL, SOMERSET.**—The new bells by John Taylor and Co. to complete the ring of 8 will be dedicated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th, by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Rev. Francis Underhill, D.D.). The bells will be open to visitors from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 3.45 to 4.30 and at 5.30.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Sept. 11th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. — Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District. — A practice meeting will be held at Steep on Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Bells (5) available from 6 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable, by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Wiveton on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please do your best to attend. You are all welcome, but don't forget that card to Mr. W. R. West, The Mill, Glandford Holt, Norfolk, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. To members in the Norwich District: A bus can be arranged for this meeting if enough names are forthcoming by Wednesday, Aug. 31st. Fare, approximately, 2s. 6d. Write to the branch secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sowton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) at 2.30 p.m., also Honiton Clyst (8). Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 12th. — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. For tea, please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 15th. — J. J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

**LADIES GUILD (Northern Section) AND CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing. Tea at the Royal Oak Hotel at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to be sent to J. Reed, 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks, not later than Sept. 15th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—L. Kathleen Bowling, Vice-President; J. Reed, Hon. Sec.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The meeting at Hawley on Saturday, Sept. 17th, has been cancelled. Next meeting, Yorktown, Nov. 19th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, Essex, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th? All ringers welcome. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea Wednesday prior to meeting, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting, at which next year's officers will be elected. Please send names for tea to me by Wednesday previous.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Cross-Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea (in School) by Tuesday, Sept. 13th, to Miss R. A. Bell, 496, Halifax Road, Springside, Todmorden. Everyone welcome.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea not later than Sept. 14th. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.**—Chippenham Branch will hold their quarterly meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 o'clock. St. Andrew's bells will be open. Service 4.45. Tea after; early notice for tea requested.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Dronfield, Sheffield? Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Burton District are revisiting the picturesque village of Lullington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The beautiful toned bells will be available at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be held at 4.20, followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Private transport will be arranged from Overseale Church for those who apply to me by Thursday, Sept. 15th. Ideal opportunity for members of the N.U.T.G. and members of other districts and associations should not miss this treat. P.C.'s for tea by Sept. 15th.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting is to be held at Bulkington (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—Book this date, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual dinner of East Derbyshire and Notts Association. The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. Please send number requiring tea to me by Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 13th; St. Magnus', 15th; Southwark Cathedral, 20th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. \*Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Rd., Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Wonerish on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. Mitchell, Pine Cottage, Liners Wood, Bramley, Surrey, not later than Sept. 21st?—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting 5 p.m. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Harphood, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Epworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who inform Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows, The Vicarage, Epworth, near Doncaster, by the Wednesday previous. Come and try this fine peal.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable from branch master and secretaries, Dinner Committee or general secretary until Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Will holders of tickets please make return of number sold by first post Wednesday, Sept. 21st? Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Station Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — South Norfolk Branch.—All members are invited to be with us at Starston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea 5.15 p.m., at King George's Hall, Harleston. Meeting follows. Special evening attraction (after meeting), Redenhall bells (8) and Pulham St. Mary (8). That tea card I did *not* receive last time, please, by 21st. Roll up again, Suffolk friends, we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**IMPORTANT.—Preliminary Notice.**—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, next, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Cost 5s. 6d. per head. Please make a note of the date. Full details later.—Edward G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The first annual dinner will be held in Crewe on Saturday, October 15th. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable before October 8th from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

**ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.** — Owing to holiday season the Monday practices are suspended until Oct. 3rd.—James E. Davis, towerkeeper.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 2	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 7
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 8
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 6
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 7
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. L. Stilwell (son of the conductor) and Miss Joan Hills, which took place at Windsor Parish Church on the previous Saturday.

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## HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.  
Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Cecil W. Pipe.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY and THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE MAYERS .. .. Treble	PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... .. 5
JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6
ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7
THOMAS E. SPRIGHT ... .. 4	HENRY TOOKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.  
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Tooke, father of the tenor ringer.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY ... .. Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 5
GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 6
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

## BLANDFORD, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. PETER and PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 5
CYRIL F. TURNER ... .. 2	REV. JOHN E. F. TREDENNICK ... .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 7
STANLEY E. ANDREWS ... .. 4	L-CPL. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. SWINFELD'S IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No. 4. Tenor 28½ cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
ROLAND PARK ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3	TOM CLARKE ... .. 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 4	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. A. SALTER

\* First peal in the method.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.  
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON and JUDE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY WAYNE ... .. Treble	KENNETH A. ROE ... .. 5
GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 6
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.  
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITHER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 7
*DOUGLAS R. HAYES ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING  
\* First peal on eight bells. Arranged as a wedding peal for Mr. A. C. Bartlett, of Chiddingfold, and for Mr. Raymond Overy, of Haslemere.

## DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
IDA B. THOMPSON ... .. 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 6
*HAROLD PAILING ... .. 3	WILLIAM STANNER ... .. 7
FRANK BROWN ... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Ida B. Thompson.

## HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HARRY ARMITAGE, General Committee. ... .. Treble	
JOHN J. L. GILBERT, Sec. Southern Division. ... .. 2	
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY, Ringing Master, Western Division. ... .. 3	
*FRANK RAYMENT, Sec. Western Division. ... .. 4	
WILLIAM BARTON, Peal Secretary. ... .. 5	
JOHN AMBLER, General Committee. ... .. 6	
*FREDERICK W. DIXON, General Committee. ... .. 7	
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice President. ... .. Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, Vice-President.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal of Surprise. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the General Committee as a tribute to the memory of four ex-members of that body who have died during the past association year: Frederick Clark, secretary, Southern Division; Arthur E. West, General Committee and a former vice-president; Bernard E. Webb, a former vice-president; and Firth Hopwood, a former secretary of the Western Division.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ROBERT D. GUNTON... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS... .. 6
CHARLES W. LOOME... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
*ROGER CADAMY ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING... ..Tenor

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

\* First peal in the method.

## LINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... ..Treble	*JOHN CARTLIDGE ... .. 5
THOMAS HURD ... .. 2	*ARTHUR HALL ... .. 6
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 4	ALAN D. STEEL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALAN D. STEEL.

\* First peal in the method on eight. First peal in the method as conductor.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*COLIN EVANS ... ..Treble	HAROLD DERMAN... .. 4
JOE READER ... .. 2	RICHARD REECE ... .. 5
*CLIFFORD BLEBY ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY ... ..Treble	WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 4
JOHN CARTLIDGE ... .. 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 5
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. D. STEEL.

Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. A. Stanley.

## KENN, DEVONSHIRE.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..Treble	†JOHN POWLES LAND ... .. 4
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2	REGINALD TRUMAN ... .. 5
*EDWARD G. CORK ... .. 3	ARTHUR TRUMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

## TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gwendoline,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... ..Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	*DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

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

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN CHURCH ... ..Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 3	REGINALD WEST ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 24 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle; (2) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (5) York and Durham; (6) Norwich; (7) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 24 Surprise methods in the county, for the association and by all the band. There were 103 changes of method.

## BRECON.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. David,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*BERNARD H. DAVIES... ..Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 4
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	LESLIE EVANS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor. First peal in two methods on the bells.

## UPTON PYNE, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..Treble	REGINALD TRUMAN ... .. 4
*CECIL CLARKE ... .. 2	*HORACE M. BUTT ... .. 5
EDWARD G. CORK ... .. 3	†MONTAGUE T. BUTT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

## EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..Treble	*THOMAS F. WEST ... .. 4
*LEONARD G. BOLT ... .. 2	†BRYAN PIDGEON... .. 5
*CYRIL SAVAGE ... .. 3	*DENNIS PIDGEON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. All except the conductor are local men.

## RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD ATHERTON ... ..Treble	*HERBERT RAWCLIFFE ... .. 4
*THOMAS HILLMAN ... .. 2	†WILLIAM PROCTOR ... .. 5
ALBERT YATES ... .. 3	FRED READ ... .. 6

RICHARD BALDERSTONE ...Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung with tenor covering.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Being six 120's each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, three 240's of Pitman's and Morris' and six of Lindoff's arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALEC R. WARDMAN ... .. Treble	HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	FREDERICK C. REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells in more than one method.

ACLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

MISS B. BAYLES ... .. Treble	T. WILLIAM DE VILLE ... .. 4
JOHN R. WILKERSON ... .. 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 5
STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector and Mrs. Williams. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of 5th.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Viz.: 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 4
MRS. R. ROUSE ... .. 2	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Consisting of 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*W. SOAR ... .. Treble	J. HULSE ... .. 4
J. HOUGH ... .. 2	F. HULSE ... .. 5
*A. WOODWARD ... .. 3	T. MARRIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. HULSE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the 21st birthday of Mr. Charles A. Jenney.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

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

Being 1,440 Stedman, 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire  
Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1-2	†FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3-4
†JOHN H. BAILLESS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by A. BALLARD.

Witnesses: Mrs. A. Ballard and Mrs. F. K. Measures.

\* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First peal in more than one method by entirely Hinckley District members.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

The following peals were rung by the Guild during their annual week:—

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St Cath's) 6
S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... .. 3	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... .. 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Tenor

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes

At the Vicarage,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. R. PARGETTER (Pembroke) 1-2	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD (Magd.) Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

\* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 5
R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 2	*J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 4	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

LLANFIFGAN, BRECON.

On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Maughan,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... Treble	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 5
*REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 3	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (Trin.). Conducted by E. M. ATKINS

\* First peal in the method on tower bells.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) Treble	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 6
S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... .. 3	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Tenor

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Thursday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's Church as a compliment to Mr. W. Wheeler on his becoming a grandfather that day: F. Whitby 1, J. Wood (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, V. Tipton 3, W. Alely 4, L. Cordell 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clark (conductor) 7, B. Copping 8.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, September 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, September 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of London on the bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.*

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

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
KEITH HART ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 9
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 10
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 11
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,880 London, 736 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704 Superlative, with 109 changes of method.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, September 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 7
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Spiced Surprise on the bells. This peal contains 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.**

A change in the secretaryship of the North and East District was foreshadowed when, at a meeting at Pinner on Saturday, September 3rd, the chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) announced the resignation of Mr. G. R. Goodship, who had left the county and removed to Great Missenden for business reasons. Mr. Fletcher referred to the presence in the secretarial chair of Mr. C. T. Coles, who, he said, had stepped into the breach, but it would be necessary for members to do some thinking during the next few months, so that at the district annual meeting in January a new secretary could be appointed.

Mr. Goodship, he said, had sent his apology for his absence from this meeting, and had tendered his resignation, which they had no alternative but to accept with regret, and with their sincere thanks to Mr. Goodship for his many years of work as assistant secretary and latterly as hon. secretary.

Mr. Coles said that, of course, he was quite agreeable to act as district secretary until the next annual meeting, but it was essential that they should find another, and, he thought, a younger member, for this work.

Other business transacted at the meeting was the confirmation of the elections of the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Palmer's Green) and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro), made prior to ringing a peal at Edmonton on August 13th.

The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the general secretary, who announced the holding of a practice meeting at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, September 21st, and a joint meeting with the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on October 1st.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. Barnes for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Pendry for making the very necessary arrangements; in this case, said the chairman, made doubly difficult owing to the absence of any definite information as to the number attending, and the subsequent catering arrangements.—Mr. Pendry briefly acknowledged the vote of thanks.

Some 40 or more members attended during the afternoon, and a great many touches in a large number of methods from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise were rung, under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master). A touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods, however, failed to come round properly, some of the band trying to ring Bristol, whilst others rang 'That's all.'

It was regretted that a service which was arranged had to be abandoned at the request of the Vicar, who, however, came in at tea time to offer his apologies to the secretary.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****ACKWORTH BELLS NEED OVERHAULING.**

The September meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Ackworth on Saturday, when 16 members were present from Arksey, Barnsley, Badsworth, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Sandal, South Kirby, Wath, Wentworth and two visitors from Leeds district. There was ringing during the afternoon, followed by tea.

At the business meeting, with Mr. W. Moxon (vice-president) in the chair, three new members were elected, and Cawthorne was chosen for the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 15th.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, further ringing continued in a variety of methods, but at 8.15 p.m. everyone present had had enough. The bells are a mixed lot and are in a very bad condition. If they were examined by a competent authority they would be lucky to escape 'the condemned cell.' Nevertheless, although the bells are bad, it was a very happy gathering.

**BELLS RESTORED AT SALFORD.****ROPE TROUBLE MARS OPENING RINGING.**

At the Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Sunday evening, the Rector (the Rev. Richard L. Hussey, Hon. C.F.) rededicated the bells with a delightful service in the belfry, many ringing friends and visitors being present.

The Rector, having commended the bells to the service of God and the church, said, 'Let the sound of these bells be now heard,' and immediately local members, augmented by ringers from Manchester Cathedral, opened with rounds and Queens.

Further ringing took place after the service, and it had been hoped to put on record the first opening touch of 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Langden. Unfortunately, however, it had to be brought round owing to rope trouble. After readjustments, a second attempt was made, but before the first course was completed the rope of the 5th bell collapsed. This, however, did not damp the ringers' spirits, and touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung with a cover bell in each case, conducted by A. Ridyard.

During ringing the Rector escorted members of the congregation and choirboys to the belfry, many staying behind, maybe to satisfy themselves, for the Rector had made a strong appeal during his sermon for the young men of the parish to join in and help keep the band alive.

On learning of the mishap to the ropes, the Rector revisited the belfry and thanked all those who took part in the service. He regretted that mishap had happened, but gave support to the recommendation already made for a new set of ropes.

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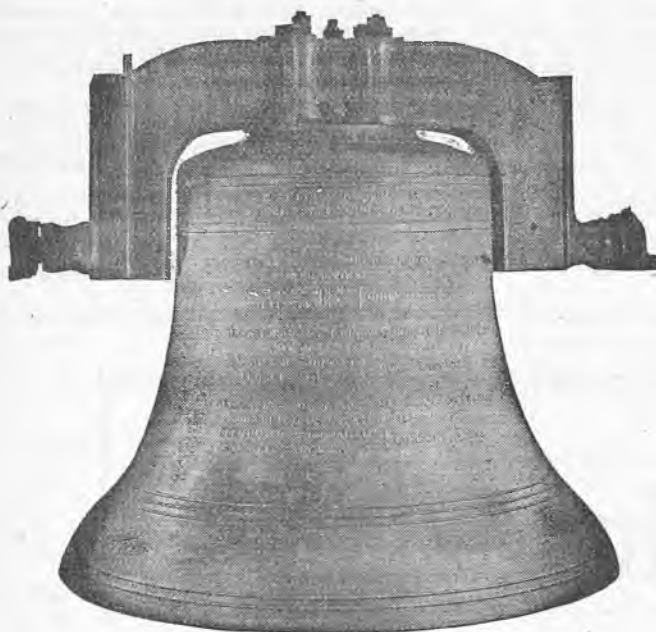
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is Mr. William H. Fussell's 77th birthday. He will have the congratulations and good wishes of a host of ringing friends throughout the world. In addition to being the only man who has rung a peal in every county in England and Wales, he was, of course, the promoter of the tour to Australia four years ago, when, by the way, he spent his birthday on the Bay of Biscay.

He very nearly spent to-day at sea, and would have done so had not Slough's incorporation festivities demanded his presence, as one of the oldest inhabitants, to take part in some of the ceremonies.

Congratulations and good wishes also to Mr. Robert Brundle, of Ipswich, who will be 87 years of age on Sunday. He still rings at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

In September issue of 'Apollo,' the well-known art journal, there appears a fine article on 'Bells and Gongs of Old Japan.' It is written by Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and beautifully illustrated by a number of excellent photographs.

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was founded as the Society of St. Martin's Youths in 1755, and on September 16th of that year—183 years ago to-day—they rang their first peal, a 5,040 of Bob Major at St. Philip's Church, now the Cathedral.

Recent reference in this column to Mr. Charles Wilkins, who was formerly a very active ringer in London, has brought us news of another old Cumberland Youth, Mr. Albert Pittam.

In the days when Arthur Jacob and George Newson were almost invariably on the 7th and tenor in peals of Major, Albert Pittam was almost as invariably on the 6th. He rang this bell at Romford to the then record length of 13,440 Double Norwich on April 18th, 1894.

Mr. Pittam also took part in the first peal of London Surprise rung by a London band on May 18th, 1895, at St. James', Clerkenwell. Mr. Wilkins rang in both these peals.

Mr. Pittam now lives at Little Milton, near Oxford, and his old friends will extend to him their greetings and good wishes.

In the review of Mr. John Thomas' career in our article on September 2nd, an error crept in. The first tower-bell peal by married couples was rung at Epsom and not Edmonton.

## FREEMASONRY.

On Tuesday, September 6th, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, P.P.G.C., was, for the second time, installed as Worshipful Master of King's Court Masonic Lodge, Gillingham, Dorset. Among members of the ringing fraternity present at the ceremony were Wor.Bro. Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Wor.Bro. A. F. Martin Stewart, Wor.Bro. A. Prince, Bros. Rev. C. A. Phillips, W. A. Cave, A. E. Coles and S. Braddick. At the banquet following, the W.M. 'took wine' with those of his brethren who were bellringers.

## WATFORD RINGER'S DEATH.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. William J. Norris, of the St. Mary's, Watford, band. Although not well known as a peal ringer, Mr. Norris had the highest sense of duty regarding Sunday service ringing and was seldom absent or late—a splendid example to the younger generation.

In addition to his ringing, he was connected with St. James' Church, Watford, where among many activities he held the office of churchwarden. His Sunday was, therefore, fully occupied, and at the conclusion of ringing he always had to hurry off to St. James'. He will be greatly missed at Watford.

It was a great disappointment to all concerned that a half-muffled peal attempt on the evening of the funeral was not successful.

## DR. G. W. SLACK MARRIED.

Dr. G. W. Slack was married on July 30th at St. Osmund's Roman Catholic Church, Salisbury, to Miss R. C. Bonney (Sister Bonney), of Ulverston. Dr. Slack is the composer of the two-part peal of Stedman Triples, which, as recorded last week, has just been rung for the first time. As a compliment to him upon his marriage, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples was rung at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, for evensong on July 31st. Dr. Slack was the composer and conductor, and his father, Mr. G. W. Slack, took part in the ringing, which was done by R. Lowe 1, G. W. Slack 2, J. Thompson (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romain 5, Dr. G. W. Slack 6, J. E. Figgures 7, W. Chalk 8.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS ENTERTAINED BY MASTER.

The London members of the Ancient Society of College Youths spent an enjoyable Saturday afternoon recently as the guests of the Master and Mrs. Lewis at Moorcocks, Brasted, Kent. A special coach left St. Paul's Cathedral at midday, calling at Wrotham and Seale for ringing, arriving at Brasted at about 5 o'clock, where an excellent tea was in readiness. By a lucky chance the day chosen happened to be the anniversary of Mrs. Lewis' birthday, and on behalf of the visitors the secretary made a small presentation as a mark of their appreciation. On leaving for home, Miss Lewis presented each member of the party with a large bunch of flowers from the gardens.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—36.

### HARRY WINGROVE.

Although he rang his first peal 22 years ago, it was not until nine years ago that Mr. Harry Wingrove, of Beaconsfield, Bucks, scored his first peal as conductor. He was born at Beaconsfield on March 12th, 1893, and learned to handle a bell in the village church in 1910. Ever since, except for the war period, he has been a regular Sunday service ringer at Beaconsfield.

The local band, as in so many other places, had to be re-formed after the war, and Mr. Wingrove has made a point of getting recruits each year. Often it has been an uphill struggle, and at times the band has been reduced to ringing call changes on six bells; but the reward is now being reaped, for Beaconsfield has a band that rings methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major for the Sunday services.

Mr. Wingrove's first attempt for a peal was in 1913, when Grandsire Triples came to grief after 2½ hours. Curiously enough he has since rung only one peal of Grandsire Triples, which was at Hughenden in 1923.

His first peal success was in his own tower at Beaconsfield in October, 1916, when he took part in a half-muffled peal of Oxford Bob Triples in memory of two of the Beaconsfield ringers who had been killed in France. His first peal as conductor was Cambridge Surprise Major, at Old Windsor in October, 1929. He has now rung 366 peals, from Minor to Maximus, in 15 counties, but more than 300 of the peals have been rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The peals which he has conducted number 112, 105 of them for the Oxford Guild. He has rung peals in 17 different Surprise methods and conducted peals in all but one of them. Some of these methods have been rung for the first time, and some for the first time for the Oxford Guild.

At Tanfield he conducted the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Durham and Newcastle Association, and at Caythorpe, Lincs, the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, these peals being rung, of course, while with a touring band. He has taken part in four non-conducted peals, two of Cambridge Surprise Major, one of Yorkshire Surprise Major and one of Stedman Triples, and among his other peals of interest have been one of Double Norwich, the first in the method rung at Beaconsfield by the local band; the first peal of Beaconsfield Surprise Major, rung at Beaconsfield, in which four members of the local band took part; and a peal of Newcastle Surprise Major, at Hughenden, named and rung as a compliment to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. All these Mr. Wingrove conducted.

Mr. Wingrove has organised peals in the district on most Saturdays for some years past, and the measure of success that has been attained has been due to the good fellowship which prevails in the band.

### HEREFORDSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED.

#### WHITBOURNE BAND'S LONG SERVICE TOGETHER.

At Whitbourne, Herefordshire, on Wednesday, August 31st, as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Caswell, who attained the age of 70 years, a quarter-peal of Doubles in three different methods (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire) was rung: J. H. Griffiths 1, S. Lewis 2, E. Jones 3, G. Jones 4, R. J. Caswell 5, W. Morris 6. G. Soley conducted the quarter-peal, but was too poorly to take a rope.

All the above, except the ringer of the 3rd, have rung at Whitbourne Parish Church together for 30 years.

Before commencing the quarter-peal, the ringers were kindly entertained to supper at the Rectory by the Rev. W. H. C. and Mrs. Stainer in honour of the occasion.

Mr. Caswell thanked the Rector and said that he would continue in the work of the church as long as he lived.



MR. HARRY WINGROVE.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### GAWSWORTH BACK IN MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was favoured with excellent weather for the ringing meeting at Gawsorth on Saturday last, and this factor assisted in making this one the most successful held, no less than 36 members, and friends from Crewe, Manchester and Knutsford, being present.

The fine peal of eight bells, which sound particularly sweet when one stands at the other side of the water outside the church, were set going to changes shortly after 3 p.m., and a good touch of Stedman Triples was brought round prior to the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. S. Stephens.

The Rector prefaced a very interesting address by extending a hearty welcome to the ringers, and referred to the office that each and every ringer holds in church life which is apt to be overlooked in some cases. The Rector also mentioned the great number of methods and changes which could be rung, emphasising the all important point of striking a bell in its exact place. Although not a regular ringer now, the Rector went on to speak of the time when both he and his wife were Sunday service ringers at Gawsorth, and referred to service ringing as an act of worship.

After tea a short business meeting was held. The Rector had been an honorary member of the Guild for some time, but owing to shortage of ringers the Gawsorth band temporarily left the Guild and the Rector felt he ought to lapse his membership as well. However, the Gawsorth tower now has a promising band of ringers, who were back again in the Guild, and the secretary took this opportunity to propose the Rector's re-election as an honorary member of the Guild after obtaining that gentleman's consent. This was seconded by Mr. Taylor and received by the meeting with enthusiasm.

It was brought to the notice of the meeting that the Stockport Branch had given a cordial invitation to their Disley meeting on September 24th in exchange for the hospitality extended to them at Bollington in July. Attention was also drawn to the fact that the next meeting of the Macclesfield Branch will be held at Chelford on Saturday, November 12th, whilst the first annual dinner of the Guild is to take place at Crewe on Saturday, October 15th.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting and for conducting and arranging the service was proposed by Mr. Slack, seconded by Mr. Taylor, after which further use was made of the bells until 8.30 p.m., when the gathering dispersed.

### DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

#### A VISITOR FROM CANADA.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, September 3rd, at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, Staffs, where the fine old peal of bells, placed at the disposal of the visitors, were kept merrily going. Service in church was attended by a good muster of members, the usual Guild form being used. The assistant priest (the Rev. — Larkin) officiated and gave a very instructive address.

A substantial tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the usual business meeting followed. The Ringing Master (Mr. Alfred Davies) occupied the chair as the Rev. Larkin had to leave to fulfil another engagement. Before his departure, however, he said how pleased he was to be with the Guild that afternoon. He wished the Guild every success.

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Old Hill, subject to the usual consent of the Vicar and local ringers being obtained.

Mr. Thomas Cox, of Halesowen, and Mr. Albert Cope, of Coseley, were elected members of the Guild, and it was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Sedgley, the usual arrangements being left with the Ringing Master.

A welcome visitor to the tea and meeting was Mr. A. C. Swindell (son of the late Vicar of Sedgley, the Rev. Dr. Swindell), who had been invited to join the members by the respected towerkeeper, Mr. Ben Fullwood. Mr. Swindell gave a brief but interesting account of the ringing done in Canada, from which country he had just returned after 35 years' residence there.

The Ringing Master proposed and Mr. P. Hemmings seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Sedgley (the Rev. H. Marley) for his kindness in giving permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley and for the use of the tower and bells; also to the Rev. Larkin for conducting the service and for his address in the absence of the Vicar, who is on holiday. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Marsh for presiding at the organ, to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies for preparing and serving the meal. The Guild is always well treated at Sedgley, where Mr. and Mrs. Fullwood look after their welfare and comfort. Further ringing took place in the evening.

### SITUATION WANTED.

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## PEAL NOTES.

### THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

The party of twelve, who made a peal ringing tour in Gloucestershire last week scored eleven successes in their fourteen attempts. They rang one peal of Stedman Cinques, two peals of London Surprise Major, two of Bristol, two of Cambridge, one of Yorkshire, one of Superlative and two in four Spliced Surprise Major methods.

Neither of the three peals lost was the fault of the ringers. At Stroud, on the Monday morning, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal had been going 2½ hours when the wire holding one of the clock hammers broke and let the hammer back on to the second.

On Wednesday morning at Prestbury the tenor rope broke, after an hour and a half of Cambridge Major; and at Tewkesbury Abbey on Friday afternoon, in another attempt for Yorkshire Royal, the tenor became unringable after an hour and a quarter. Inspection showed that the bearings were dry. Restoration work is going on on the tower, and the bells seem to have been neglected. The visitors had spent three-quarters of an hour in giving attention to the ropes before they began ringing.

Cambridge University Guild concluded on Saturday their annual week of ringing, which took place this year in the west. They scored five peals, including a handbell peal, the tower-bell peals being rung at St. Briaveis, Gloucestershire; Clifford, Herefordshire; Llanfagan, Breconshire; and Lugwardine, Herefordshire.

After the peal at Prittlewell on Saturday, the tenor man asked, rather indignantly, 'How long was that, about 7,000?' On checking the figures the conductor found that 5,184 changes had been rung, not 5,040 as had been intended. The tenor man was probably still more indignant when he found that the extra time meant his just missing a train, and finding, at 12.30 a.m., that his only means of getting home was to walk a distance of about 13 miles.

The peal of Bob Major rung at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on Saturday, was arranged as a dual wedding compliment. On the preceding Saturday the wedding had taken place at Chiddingfold of Mr. A. C. Bartlett (son of Mr. A. J. Bartlett, captain of the local band) and Miss Jean Swanton, while on Saturday Mr. Raymond Overy, now of Haywards Heath, Sussex, was married at Haslemere at the church where he learned to ring. Before starting for the peal at Chiddingfold, most of the band took part in the wedding ringing at Haslemere.

Mr. Alec R. Wardman rang his first peal on September 8th, the treble to four methods of Doubles, at Wigmore, Herefordshire. It was arranged as a compliment to him for his assistance to the local band.

A peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington on Saturday enabled Mr. F. E. Collins to complete peals on all the bells in the tower twice over.

Messrs. Roland and Norman Park, of Darlington, Co. Durham, spent a week's holiday in ringing in Notts, Staffs and Leicestershire. They rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 6th, Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent on the 7th, and the following day took part in a peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, Essex, took part in a peal of Minor at Great Bromley on Saturday. He first rang in that tower in January, 1882.

The birthday of Miss Ida Thompson, of Nottingham, hon. secretary of the Sherwood Youths, and a district secretary of the Ladies' Guild, was celebrated on Saturday by a peal of Grandsire Triples at Daybrook.

### YOUTH AND AGE.

Youth and age participated in a peal of Minor in seven methods at Acle, Norfolk, on Saturday. Brenda Bayles, aged 14 years, rang the treble, and her brother, Denis, aged 16, rang the 9½ cwt. tenor. In the band, also, was Mr. John R. Wilkinson, aged 73. The peal was called by Denis Bayles, and for all three of the ringers mentioned it was the first extents of Double Oxford, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob, except that Denis had previously rung the treble to the last named. Altogether it was a good performance. The peal celebrated the silver wedding of the Rector of Acle and Mrs. Williams.

To welcome the new Rector of Draycott, Staffordshire, members of the North Staffs Association rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles there on August 30th.

The keen young band at East Budleigh, Devon, achieved a well-merited success on September 6th, when, with Mr. C. R. Lilley as conductor, they scored a peal of Grandsire Doubles, which, for four of them, was their first peal. The striking was excellent and it is hoped they will now go on to Minor methods.

This peal at East Budleigh was the third peal of Grandsire Doubles called by Mr. Lilley in a week, the others being the first peal on the bells at Kenn, arranged for Mr. J. Powlesland, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, and a peal at Upton Pyne. A curious coincidence about these three peals was that in each case the fifth and tenor were rung by brothers belonging to the local tower.

Three members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association rang a handbell peal of Doubles in three methods on September 7th at Burbage, Leicestershire. It was a case, part of the time at any rate, of Stedman at 'Stedman,' for one of the methods was Stedman and the house in which the peal was rung is named after the method (or the man).

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Blandford, Dorset, on September 7th, was arranged for the Rev. J. E. L. Tredennick, who was staying in Bournemouth. Messrs. C. F. Turner and S. E. Andrews were

brought in to complete the band, and great credit is due to them for the manner in which they rang after a lapse of many years.

To celebrate the 79th birthday of Mr. Samuel Tooke, father of Mr. Henry Tooke, of Wymondham, Norfolk, a peal of Double Norwich was rung at that church on September 5th.

Mr. Lewis Bywaters rang his 70th peal when that fine old Bedfordshire stalwart, Mr. Charles W. Clarke, called a peal in seven Minor methods at Sharnbrook on September 3rd.

Three peals in three days were rung in Breconshire, arranged for Messrs. Leslie Evans and William J. Preece, of Herefordshire, who were visiting Telgarth.

The first, rung on September 3rd, was the first peal of Bob Minor on the bells. The next, on Sunday, September 4th, was Grandsire Triples at Glasbury-on-Wye. It was Mr. H. T. Chandler's 25th peal, and celebrated the centenary of the back six bells, cast in 1838 by Jeffries and Rice, of Bristol. This firm cast bells between the years 1832 and 1854. The third peal was in two methods of Doubles at St. David's, Brecon. Quite a successful little excursion.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 225th peal as conductor when he called the first peal in 24 Surprise Minor methods for the Herts County Association and all the band, at Apsley End, on September 25th. There were 103 changes of method in the course of the peal and it was rung at the first attempt. It looks as if Lincolnshire and Cheshire have a serious rival in the South.

### IN MEMORY OF FORMER COLLEAGUES.

Eight members of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association paid a tribute to four of their former colleagues, who have passed away during this year, by ringing a half-muffled peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday. The four deceased members were Messrs. F. Clark, hon. secretary of the Southern Division, A. E. West and B. E. Webb, former vice-presidents, and F. Hoopwood, formerly secretary of the Western Division.

This was the first peal of Surprise by a band composed entirely of officers of the Yorkshire Association. The name of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, should be associated with this performance, as he was the prime mover, but was prevented by illness from taking part in the peal. The band wish to thank Canon Marshall for placing his bells at their disposal and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

Mr. John Wheeldon, of North Staffs, has been a ringer for over 50 years, and a peal of Bob Major in his honour was rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday. Mr. Edward Steele completed the circle in this tower to peals.

A peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles on Saturday at Ticknall, Derbyshire, to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. C. A. Jenney, of Calke Abbey, was rung by a local band, except for Mr. J. Hough. Two members rang their first peal, and it was only the second peal by the conductor, Mr. F. Hulse. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea and congratulated by Mrs. H. E. H. Mosley and Mrs. Jenney.

Mr. Maurice Swinfield, who has called so many different compositions of Stedman Triples, conducted a new one of his own, an irregular twenty-part, at Burton-on-Trent on September 7th, on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. Roland and Norman Park.

A correspondent made an error in his reference to the peal at Barnsley rung on September 3rd. It was for the wedding of Mr. S. Panther and Miss Procter (not Miss Butterfield), who were married at St. George's Church (and not St. Mary's Church), Barnsley, on September 1st.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH AT LOUTH.

A meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Louth on Saturday, September 3rd. The weather was far from pleasant, but a fair number of ringers turned up, the following towers being represented: Burton-on-Stather, Burton-on-Humber, Bighy, Alford, Grimsby, Mablethorpe, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Waltham and the local members, with ringing friends from Lincoln and Treeton. The grand peal of eight, with its 30 cwt. tenor, was kept going during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rev. John Swaby (curate), who in the course of his address welcomed the members to Louth. The Guild service was heartily sung, Mr. Macrow kindly presiding at the organ.

After service members adjourned to Hanson's Cafe for tea, 30 sitting down. In the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry), the Rev. J. Swaby was voted to the chair.

Mr. T. Ivory, of Louth, was elected as a performing member. The Chairman referred to the presence of Mr. G. Foster, of Louth, who for many years was a ringer of the Parish Church and also a sidesman—Mr. Foster said how glad he was to be amongst them. He first joined the Guild in 1888. The steps were now too many for him to climb, so he had to content himself with staying down below.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 7s. 0½d.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the Rev. John Swaby for conducting the service and for his excellent address; to the organist and caterers; and Mr. A. E. Hoodless and others, who had kindly made the arrangements. The motion was seconded by Mr. E. Brittain and carried with acclamation.

The Rev. J. Swaby, in responding, said they had not at Louth many members in the Guild, but he hoped they would soon have more.

Further ringing then took place and the bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m. after another pleasant meeting.



**ELEMENTARY METHOD CONSTRUCTION.****MINOR BUILDING FOR BEGINNERS.**

The construction of Minor methods is more complicated than Doubles, for the reason, of course, that there are six bells instead of five, which not only multiplies the number of changes obtainable, but also extends enormously the ways in which methods can be produced.

To go extensively into this, however, would not only require much more space than is available for this article, but would take it outside the scope of an elementary explanation for beginners.

Methods of Doubles and Minor have one thing in common in their construction, as have methods on all numbers of bells—the basic rule is to change as many pairs of bells as possible each time a move is made. In Doubles, two pairs of bells can be moved at each change. In Minor there are three pairs of bells, but, while they can all be moved at one change, they cannot all be moved at the next, otherwise, of course, the previous change will be reproduced. Therefore, in Minor the basis of construction is the movement of three pairs of bells and two pairs of bells alternately, thus:—

Three pairs	123456
Two pairs	214365
Three pairs	241635
Two pairs	426153
Three pairs	462513

and so on. If this process is continued, the complete hunting course comes back to rounds in twelve changes. It will be noticed in this illustration that when two pairs only are changed, they are consistently the middle pairs, with the bell in front and the bell behind remaining in position.

But a moment's thought will show that there are other means of changing two pairs; it need not necessarily be the bell in front and the bell behind that 'lie still.' It can be first and second, or first and fourth; or third and sixth, or fifth and sixth, as well as first and sixth; and in addition there is another pair that can lie still, namely, 3rd and 4th, leaving the movement to be effected by the front and back pairs. Here in figures are the various ways in which the changes are affected by the different pairs of bells:—

123456	123456	123456
124365	132465	132546
123456	123456	123456
213546	214356	213465

Without going into the possibilities of substituting the movement of two pairs only where movement of three pairs normally takes place, it will be seen that the substitution of one or other of the transpositions given above, when a two-pair move has to be made, enables a tremendous variety of methods to be produced.

The simpler methods are those which maintain the treble as a plain hunting bell throughout. This puts a certain amount of limitation upon what can be done, especially when coupled with another recognised condition of construction, that there must be a 'place' made (that is, a bell lying still) when the treble is hunting down to correspond exactly with any place made when the treble is hunting up.

If no place is made when the treble is hunting up or down, there must be a place made when the treble leads, or the bells will come round.

In the first example following we see the treble hunting up and down without a place; in the second we see a place made (in 4th's) as it hunts up and a corresponding one as it hunts down.

123456	123456
214365	214365
241635	241356
426153	423165
462513	432615
645231	346251
654321	364521
563412	635412
536142	653142
351624	561324
315264	516342
132546	153624

Now, unless a place is made in the first, when the treble completes its lead, the next change will be rounds. The second example, however, does not necessarily need a place made in order to carry it on. If bell No. 3 lies still in the first you get this:—

132546
135264
153624
135264

If no bell lies still in the 2nd you get

The 2nd's place in the former is really a connecting link between the successive leads which make the plain course; and while in the second example it is not imperative to have this link, it can nevertheless be inserted and the same plain course constructed with the leads in a different order. In the same way, if a bell lies still in 5th's place when the treble is behind, it forms a similar connecting link and the same changes are produced, but again in a different order.

Thus you have these facts. Different places made when the treble is hunting up or down will produce different sets of changes for a plain course; fifth's place, as an addition, when the treble is behind, or 2nd's when it is in front (or both 5th's and 2nd's), will produce the same set of changes in the plain course, but in differing orders.

**NOTICES.**

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**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A meeting will be held at Rothwell to-morrow (Saturday).—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Worsley Road, Leeds.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers invited. Will London District members who are coming please communicate with Mrs. Fletcher, who will send time of departure?—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool S.S.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in Church at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea.—J. L. Gilbert, Div. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9.

**LADIES GUILD (Northern Section) AND CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing. Tea at the Royal Oak Hotel at 5 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome.—L. Kathleen Bowling, Vice-President; J. Reed, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Don't miss this opportunity of a ring on this very fine peal of eight.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rotherfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church 4.15. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting, at which next year's officers will be elected.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Cross-Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, September 17th. Everyone welcome.—I. Kay, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Dronfield, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Dronfield, Sheffield? Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The Burton District are revisiting the picturesque village of Lullington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The beautiful toned bells will be available at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be held at 4.20, followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Ideal opportunity for members of the N.U.T.G. and members of other districts and associations should not miss this treat.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting is to be held at Bulkington (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—Book this date, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual dinner of East Derbyshire and Notts Association. The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The meeting arranged for Harrold, on September 17th, has been unavoidably cancelled.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BERRIEW, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.**—The ring of six bells, rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be reopened on Sunday, Sept. 18th, at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., Southwark Cathedral, 20th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. \*Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. Ringing from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Deane and Church Oakley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Deane Church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 21st to the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Overton.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David). Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. Mitchell, Pine Cottage, Liners Wood, Bramley, Surrey, not later than Sept. 21st?—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m., and all who require same *must* notify Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by the first post on Thursday, Sept. 22nd. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee 4 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room. All those wishing for tea must notify Mr. B. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, not later than Thursday, 22nd.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th, at 3.20 p.m. Tea for those who notify me not later than September 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harphood, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Epworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 2.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. (except during service, tea and meeting). Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to those who inform Rev. O. Mordaunt Burrows, The Vicarage, Epworth, near Doncaster, by the Wednesday previous. Come and try this fine peal.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. P. T. Cooper, 62, Station Road, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable from branch master and secretaries, Dinner Committee or general secretary until Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Will holders of tickets please make return of number sold by first post Wednesday, Sept. 21st? Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst. Reports ready for distribution. — H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—All members are invited to be with us at Starston on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Norwich. Tea 5.15 p.m., at King George's Hall, Harleston. Meeting follows. Special evening attraction (after meeting), Redenhall bells (8) and Pulham St. Mary (8). That tea card I did not receive last time, please, by 21st. Roll up again, Suffolk friends, we are on the border.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gulval, Penzance. Dedication of the recast octave (Taylor) on Saturday, September 24th, at 2.30 p.m., by the Suffragan Bishop, Dr. Holden. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea (9d., 4.30 to 5.30) notify W. Wood, Chyandauner, Gulval, on or before the 21st.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 61st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, September 24th, when the bells of the Cathedral and St. John's will be available from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Crown Hotel at 3.30 p.m., followed by service in the choir of the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Provost (Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.). Dinner will be served in the Crown Hotel at a cost of 2s. 6d. per head, followed by the annual general meeting. All those whose intention it is to be present are requested to acquaint me of the fact by the morning of Wednesday, September 21st, at latest, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed, which please note.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the branch will be held at Upton St. Leonards on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 20th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on September 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who send their names to me on or before September 22nd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Steventon on Saturday, September 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 21st for tea.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good train and bus service. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch, will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck, Spalding, know by Sept. 20th?—Geo. Ladd and W. W. Cousins, Hon. Secs.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. A. Milner, 4, Hollinwood Road, Disley. New Mills bells will be available after tea.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, short meeting to follow. Cattistock (8) and Maiden Newton (6) bells also available. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter (8 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, not later than September 21st. Cheshire and Midland Counties ringers heartily invited.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) open from 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Please remember postcard for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, September 24th. Usual arrangements; no card, no tea.—J. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Iwerne Minster postponed from September 17th to September 24th. All visitors welcome.—Rev. M. Uphill, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Winwick on Saturday, September 24th. Hameston bells also available. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Winwick 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, Mon. on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**ANNUAL DINNER.**—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on October 1st next. The bells of the Parish Church (12) and of St. Peter's (10) will be available from 3.30 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies and other friends are invited, and the cost is 5s. 6d. per head. Tickets are available from the district officers, or application, with remittance, may be made to the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden, 12, Green Lane, Belmont. Applications should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than the 24th instant.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. Please advise Mr. N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, by September 28th. And please don't forget. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 28th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea. Please inform me of your intention to be present before September 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hellingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up, not forgetting to send your name in for tea to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Waterfoot, before Wednesday, September 28th.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The first annual dinner will be held in Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th. Tickets 3s. each, obtainable before October 8th from H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire.

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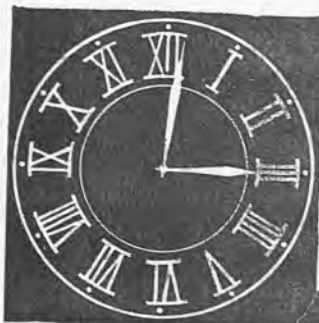
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GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 7
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. Treble	*EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 6
*NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	*ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 7
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*ERNEST A. LONG ... .. Treble	*STANLEY FENN ... .. 6
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WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 2	†G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 8
JOHN AMBLER ... .. 4	*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... .. 9
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HERBERT COLE ... .. Treble	*WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE L. PERKINS ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. GODFREY ... .. 3	†WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. 7
*RUSSELL A. PAUL ... .. 4	FRANK WARRINGTON... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

\* 100th peal and 50th peal this year.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... .. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR ROLFE ... .. 6
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 7
LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. G. BASON.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 7 and 8.

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## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 3	*WALTER LEE ... .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

\* First peal in the method.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB ... .. Treble	*FRANK E. DOWNES ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	*ALBERT E. HURCOMB... .. 6
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Major.

## BROADCLYST, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*FREDERICK C. SMALE ... Treble	THOMAS LAVER ... .. 5
*MISS FLORENCE K. HARTLE 2	JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 3	REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... .. 7
JOHN H. GODFREY, SEN. ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2	*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS... .. 3	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 7
*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, on the bells and by the branch.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 5
*DAVID W. BREARLEY ... .. 2	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH ... .. 6
VICTOR COPLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES H. GILLOTT ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's father-in-law, Mr. J. Buckley, of Tideswell.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD T. BAILEY ... .. Treble	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... .. 5
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 2	*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... .. 6
*ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 3	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 7
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 4	ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. D. F. Fergusson, of Derby, who was spending a holiday at Porthcawl.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... .. Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 5
* PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 6
† DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 7
‡ THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method, other than Doubles.

## DARTMOUTH, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... .. 5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. 2	ALFRED G. BETTS ... .. 6
HENRY C. COLLIVER ... .. 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 7
ALFRED W. MYERS ... .. 4	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... .. Treble	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
EDWARD A. G. ALAN ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 4	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to R. M. Naylor, brother of the seventh ringer.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
* HENRY PURCHASE ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
WILLIAM CROSS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
JAMES HUNT ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. JEANES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

## HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

* WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	* GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 6
* ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
* JOHN W. WARD ... .. 4	* FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First touch of Yorkshire Major.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN WORTH ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
* G. LEONARD BURGESS ... .. 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6
* FRANK TWIGG ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
* REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## EATON SOCON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLIE SMITH ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
WILLIAM WAGSTAFFE ... .. 2	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... .. 6
REGINALD HOUGHTON ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 7
BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 4	WALTER G. NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 5th and 7th. The treble and tenor ringers belong to the local band.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. Treble	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 6
* FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. 3	DEREK M. SHARPE ... .. 7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

\* First peal in the method.

## NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* CLIFFORD DOWNING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... .. 5
† SIDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 2	† EDMUND ATKINSON ... .. 6
* NORMAN SARGEANT ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
† ERNEST G. KETTLE ... .. 4	CHARLES JACKSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal. \* First peal 'inside' in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Arnold Moore (ringer at the above church) and Miss Doris Coomer, which took place previous to the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* ALAN BEELEY ... .. Treble	WILFRED WILDE ... .. 4
STANLEY ARDERN ... .. 2	ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 5
* WILLIAM HOLTON ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

\* First peal.

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## UPLYME, DEVON.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*LAURA M. KEELEY ... .. Treble	†HENRY G. KEELEY ... .. 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
ROBERT WAKE ... .. 3	†CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.

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

## WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... .. Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 5
WILFRID BOOTH ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*GEORGE W. ALLEN ... .. Treble	*HERBERT SHELTON ... .. 4
*WALTER P. HEGGS ... .. 2	RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 5
*JOHN HUNT ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal.

## THE CORNWALL TOUR.

## STOKECLIMSLAND, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

## LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-BY-LAUNCESTON,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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## ALTARNON, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NON,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells, and first in the method in the county.

## CARDYNHAM, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MREBREDUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. 2	JACK BRAY ... .. 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. ANTHONY-IN-MEANEGE, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. KEA, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... .. 2	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ST. MAWGAN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MAUGANUS AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

First peal on the bells.

## BODMIN, CORNWALL.

## THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROC,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

LANIVET, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nyvett,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	*FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 4	*PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	*RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal on the eight bells.

ST. ENODER, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Enodrus,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3	*CYRIL E. LANXON ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Columba,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
JACK BRAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3	*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

TRURO, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 33½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7
JACK BRAY ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Fussell.

LANLIVERY, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Bryrhyth,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK BRAY ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

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**TROUBLE IN SHROPSHIRE.**

**VICAR PLACES EVERY MEMBER OUT OF OFFICE.**

An unpleasant situation has arisen at Great Ness, Shropshire, where the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Buckley) is at variance with his ringers.

The following notice was placed in the belfry on September 4th:—

**NOTICE.**

SEPTEMBER 4th, 1938.

The bad behaviour in this tower on the part of certain members necessitates a clean up.

After to-day the bells must cease to ring.

After to-day every member goes out of office.

When I am ready I shall call a meeting—the meeting will be called to submit the following rules:—

Evidently, there have been no rules, and, therefore, no law and order in this tower. From now on there will be both if the ringing is to continue.

Remember, it is not necessary for the bells to be rung at all.

The following rules must be strictly adhered to:—

'Member' means confirmed member of the Church of England.

No practising must take place in this tower without permission.

It must be understood from now that Sunday ringing is for the sole purpose of calling parishioners to divine worship; therefore, in future it necessitates members of the tower attending service at least once every Sunday.

With regard to any effort made to raise funds for the bellringers' outing, etc., sanction must be given also to the kind of poster used, and particularly to the wording. The expression, 'Keep the church bells ringing' must not appear on posters.

If it is possible for signs to be given instead of shouts when your different changes are in progress, this will aid to the proper atmosphere in which bells and bellringing ought to give.

Other rules may be added to the above as occasion demands.

A. W. B.

Mr. E. T. Embrey, M.Sc., captain of the local bellringers, said in a Press interview:—

'We are very upset about this business altogether. We have been thrown out of office without a word of personal explanation—we have nothing but scathing references from the pulpit, a passage in the magazine to which we take the greatest exception, and the final indignity of the "rules" that have been put up in the belfry. We categorically and most emphatically deny the charges of "bad behaviour"—in fact, we are at a loss to know what it means.

'There has been always a set of rules, to which the Vicar has agreed, and his reference to "calls" when we are changing peals is absurd, because anyone who knows anything about it knows they are essential. The Shropshire Association of Church Bellringers has been acquainted with the whole matter.'

In regard to ringers not attending services in the church, Mr. Embrey said: 'The real truth of that is this—three members of the team, who were in the choir, were told, with some brusqueness, that their services were no longer required at certain services. One of them had been in the choir for 19 years, and all took exception. Out of loyalty to the team they carried on with the bellringing, but as a protest did not attend the church services. They felt they had done their duty and that their bellringing was in itself some act of worship. We all have had long associations with the church, some for generations, and we can also say that our organisation is the only social organisation in the village.'

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

SPALDING, Lincs.—For the patronal festival on Sunday, September 11th, by the local band, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Farr 1, J. G. Ames 2, G. W. Mills 3, N. Hollingworth 4, G. W. Simpson 5, W. Hollingworth 6, J. W. Newington (conductor) 7, P. Wooten (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8.

WORSLEY.—On September 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changes): Keith Welsby 1, Harry Allred, jun. 2, \*Miss Joan A. Blackman 3, Robert Allred 4, Charles Ridyard 5, \*Arthur J. N. Rance 6, Fred Grundy 7, Percy H. Derbyshire 8, Joseph H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, Robert Jones 10. \* Longest length on ten bells. First quarter of Stedman Caters by the 2nd ringer.

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LANHYDROCK, CORNWALL.  
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Hydock,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.



## PEAL NOTES.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Woolwich was rung for the wedding of Mr. R. G. Gales and Miss E. D. Gribben, both members of the local band, who were married earlier in the day at Eltham. Mr. B. W. Aldridge, who rang the fifth, has now completed the circle in the tower, and Mr. R. M. Naylor did the same at Gillingham when he rang the fifth to the Bob Major on the 17th.

The Grandsire Triples at Newcastle-under-Lyme was also a wedding peal, and was rung after Mr. G. Arnold Moore, one of the local band, had been married to Miss Doris Coomer.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday last was the first rung on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1937. It also coincided with the 77th birthday of Mr. W. H. Fussell. It was Mr. G. Noyce's first peal on twelve bells and first of Stedman Cinques by Messrs. Andrews and Reed. The Dean, Dr. E. G. Selwyn, met the ringers afterwards and congratulated them on their performance.

A peal of Plain Bob Minor in a twelve-bell tower is an unusual event, probably a unique event; and the performance at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on September 17th, was rung to complete the record of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the same method on the bells. All the band except the conductor, Mr. Ernest Morris, belong to Hallerton, and it was the first peal by the first four of them.

The band of the Kent County Association that went to Eynsford on Sept. 15th had intended to start for Double Norwich, but the conductor missed his train. When he did eventually turn up it was decided, owing to the lateness of the hour, to ring Grandsire Triples.

The Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Hollesley on Saturday was in honour of two vividly contrasted events—the 87th birthday of Mr. Robert H. Brundle, and the first birthday of Robert Pipe, youngest son of Cecil W. Pipe, the ringer of the seventh. Mr. Brundle has been for many years one of the best known members of the very skilful band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and as long ago as 1922 he took part in a veterans' peal. The list of famous peals he has rung in is a long one, not the least being the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Debenham in 1892.

A band of Devon members visited St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, on Saturday, where the bells have lately been recast and rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and rang an excellent peal of Grandsire Triples. The bells were found to be in splendid going order, and at the conclusion of the peal the band received very hearty congratulations from the Vicar of Dartmouth and others who had gathered to watch the peal in progress.

Two prominent Guildford ringers—A. H. Pulling and W. Robinson—shared in the honours of a congratulatory birthday peal at Haslemere on Saturday. There was a surprise for them when Major Hesse

dispensed his usual hospitality at the conclusion of the peal in the form of a birthday cake made by the Major's youngest son, Ronnie, and decorated with two silver bells. Ronnie was heartily congratulated on his cooking.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, has far outstripped her last year's record of peals, and on September 10th at Debenham rang her fiftieth peal this year. It is an extraordinary record for a lady.

It happened that this peal also brought her total to exactly a hundred. These have been rung in 38 towers with 139 different ringers. The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at Great Yarmouth was rung at St. Nicholas' Church on September 10th. It was the first peal of Royal in the method by seven of the band, and, by a coincidence, was A. G. King's 50th peal, Henry Tooke's 100th and William Clover's 250th.

A peal of Minor, rung at Uplyme, Devon, on September 10th, by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, was Cuthbert Powell's first peal in seven methods and his first as conductor.

Mr. Pat Cannon 'turned in' his seventieth tenor to a peal when he called a peal of Bob Minor at Warbleton, Sussex, on September 11th.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Patshull, Staffordshire, on August 13th and published in our issue of August 26th, should be credited to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and not to the North Staffordshire Association as stated.

College Single Major, which was rung at Bolderstone on September 14th, is one of the earliest of the eight-bell methods, the first peal being rung by the College Youths as far back as 1737, but since the 18th century it has not been practised except occasionally in Yorkshire. As it has not got Bob Major lead-ends, it does not comply with modern standards, but it has some good qualities. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Buckley, of Tideswell, the father-in-law of the conductor, who is one of a family well known among Yorkshire ringers.

### BELFRY STAIRS.

#### A NECESSARY SAFEGUARD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After the Central Council meeting some of us continued the discussion on handrails to belfry stairs. The result was that what appeared to be the best arrangement was a handrail on the inside, twisting round the newel or centre post. This would not only be much shorter than on the outside wall, but it would help to keep those using the stairs on the wider and safer portion of the treads.

A handrail on the outside should only be fixed on such stairs as are so wide as to have handrails on both sides.

Is there any objection to this arrangement? If not, ringers may well recommend it to the authorities in every suitable tower.

HERBERT DRAKE.

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the 157th anniversary of a peal of Bob Major rung by the College Youths at Ware in Hertfordshire. Two of their best men, John Povey and William Lyford, had to be put to the second, for one of the gudgeons was broken.

In September, 1732, the City Scholars rang 10,080 changes on the old light ring of eight bells at St. Giles', Camberwell. It was the third peal of over ten thousand changes that had up till then been achieved. The City Scholars had a short but brilliant career, another of their performances being 6,012 changes of Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate in the following month, at the time the longest length in the method. The band shortly afterwards broke up, some joining the College Youths, some the Eastern Scholars, and one of them went to Oxford and rang peals there.

Very commendable keenness was shown by two Yorkshiremen lately, who between them cycled 130 miles to ring in a peal of Bob Royal at Ossett. Mr. J. E. Turley cycled from Handsworth, a distance of 30 miles each way, and Mr. G. Graham from Eckington, a distance of 35 miles each way.

We are requested to state that ringers visiting Bournemouth should note that St. John's tower, Surrey Road, has been closed by the Vicar and local ringers dismissed. The reason given for the closure of the tower is the non-attendance at church every Sunday.

We have received a report of a peal of Bob Major rung at Middleton with some of the particulars missing. Will the conductor forward a complete record?

## POLICE GUILD VISIT BANBURY.

Advantage was taken of the Guild president (Supt. F. R. Williams) being on holiday at Banbury to convene a meeting in that town on September 11th.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was that the members present were able to make the acquaintance of Supt. A. Wiggins, Deputy Chief Constable of Berkshire, and Supt. W. Green, of Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, who were previously members of the Guild.

Ringings commenced at 2.45 p.m. and included some Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. The life of the party was undoubtedly Brother Bill, of Birmingham. He truly was a busy bee buzzing all the time. There is certainly nothing 'Dowdy' about him as was apparent from his 'Surprise Element' of conducting. An excellent tea was enjoyed at a club room at one of the local hotels. Thirty-five actually sat down to tea. Members later took part with some of the local company in ringing for the evening service.

The enthusiasm which is apparent at the National Guild meetings is really surprising. Members were present from so far afield as Weston-super-Mare, Cardiff and Manchester, apart from some of the Midlanders, who had travelled quite a considerable distance. It was announced after tea that arrangements are being made for the annual meeting to take place in London on Saturday, January 28th, 1939. It is well worth while for members to buy a new diary for the purposes of making a note of this 'red letter day.'

The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Impey, of the Banbury ringers, for the excellent arrangements made, which contributed very largely to the enjoyment of the afternoon, and also to the Church authority for granting permission to ring on the bells.

## LADIES' GUILD AT BEDALE.

The first meeting of the newly-divided Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bedale on Saturday, September 17th, in conjunction with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. This meeting was arranged with the definite object of arousing greater enthusiasm amongst the ladies in the North, whether members of the Guild already or not, and it was disappointing that a larger number was not able to be present. Several apologies for absence were received, and those members who did come were made very welcome and spent a most enjoyable half-day. They took part in the ringing (some good and some not so good!) in methods ranging from Plain Bob, via Grandsire, Kent, Double Norwich and Stedman, to Superlative. An excellent tea was provided at the Royal Oak, and, at the short meeting which followed, the president of the Cleveland Association welcomed the members of the Guild very warmly and expressed the hope that there might be more such joint meetings in the future. At the business meeting of the Guild there was some discussion of the effects on the district of the recent re-division, involving the loss of about half the members, including some of the officers. In particular the meeting expressed its keen appreciation of the splendid work done by Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham, as joint secretary. Mrs. Cotterell voiced the thanks of the members to the local company, to the Vicar of Bedale and the churchwardens, and to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, especially to Mr. Reed, the secretary, for making possible such a very pleasant meeting.

Special attention was called to the next meeting of the Northern District, to be held at Sheffield on October 8th. This has been purposely arranged for the same day as the annual Snowdon Dinner, and it is hoped that there will be a record attendance. Particulars will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—37.

## MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

In our issue of September 9th there is a report of a peal of Stedman Triples composed by Dr. G. W. Slack and conducted by Mr. Maurice Hibbert. It was a performance of more than usual merit, for the peal was in two equal parts with two ordinary singles only, and a very irregular arrangement of the bobs. It was only one of a number of very similar performances by Mr. Hibbert, and his title to be included in this series rests not so much on the number of peals he has called (there are only 45 of them), but on their quality and variety. The one, we fancy, he is proudest of is Law James' seven-part peal of Stedman Triples, which has 252 bobs and 210 singles arranged very irregularly, and no observation bell. It is a peal, as he himself says, which could very easily be 'cooked,' and so he had a competent umpire who made sure that every bob and every single was called in the right place.

Mr. Hibbert has never called the same composition twice, and his peals include such unusual ones as Erin Triples, Original Triples (the only one ever rung), Original Major, Erin Caters and Erin Cinques, besides three odd-bob or odd-and-even-bob peals of Stedman Triples. His other performances as conductor were Plain, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire Triples (including, of course, the Original), Plain, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Norfolk and Bristol Major, Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus. The two last were at St. Saviour's, Southwark; in both of them Mr. Hibbert rang the tenor, and on neither occasion had he previously called a bob on eleven or twelve bells.

Maurice Hibbert was born on Feb. 29th, 1888, at Newbury, Berks, and made his first acquaintance with a belfry at St. Giles', South Mimms, where his father was sexton, but it was at Bushey in 1902 that he learnt change ringing. His father had become sexton and vergier there, and Bertram Prewett was the leader of the ringers and instructed the novice.

Mr. Hibbert's first peal was on the tenor at Bushey in December, 1903, and his fiftieth (Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, in January, 1912) was his first as conductor. During the war he was stationed at Caterick and did his utmost to arrange a khaki peal, but in those days ringers came and went and continued in no long stay, so the nearest he got was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Richmond on December 14th, 1918, with five soldiers and three civilians. He did, however, call a touch of Stedman Triples at Blackpool in 1916 with an all-khaki band.

After the war he returned to Bushey to find serious losses in the belfry, and he had to take over the conducting and was largely responsible for the renewed prosperity of the band, which now (with Harold Cashmore as the principal conductor) ranks among the foremost in the country.

In all Mr. Hibbert has scored 271 peals, not a great number, but they include, besides all the standard methods, peals of Surprise Major in no fewer than 30 methods, and Spliced Surprise in all numbers from two to six methods. Even in these days when so many methods are rung this is a very notable record.

Some time ago there were rumours that Mr. Hibbert's health was not so good as could be wished, and his many friends have noticed with pleasure the renewed appearance of his name in the peal records.

## PENDLEBURY RINGERS' LOSS

After a very brief illness, Mr. Thomas Lingard, of Pendlebury, near Manchester, died on September 9th, aged 80. For over 62 years he had been a ringer at Christ Church, Pendlebury, and was conductor of the local band. As a tribute to his memory, 1,386 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled on September 17th by the following local ringers: Bernard Smith 1, Alfred Lomas 2, Norman Tompkins (conductor) 3, Daniel Howard 4, William Collier 5, Albert Wallwork 6, Thomas Howard 7, Fred Jones 8. This was the longest touch conducted by Norman Tompkins, who was a grandson of the deceased.



MR. MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

## THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

## A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

The annual early September tour, the seventh of this particular party, took place in Gloucestershire, and, as recorded in 'The Ringing World' last week, eleven peals were rung. After having had such a successful tour, both for ringing and the social side, at Bourton-on-the-Water last year, it was decided to go further into the same county on this occasion, and the organiser, Mr. Jack M. Cripps, was asked to arrange for 14 towers, which he did in conjunction with Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester. Headquarters for the week were at Kimbrose Hotel, Commercial Road, Gloucester.

Mr. Harry Hart's 20-seater coach, with Peter the driver, was engaged, this means of collective locomotion having proved eminently successful for the past two years in Somerset and the Cotswolds. On Saturday, September 3rd, the various members of the party, a dozen in all, were picked up, starting from Brighton and calling at Crawley, Guildford and Reading. After lunch at Reading a quick run was made via Wantage and Faringdon to Cirencester.

It had originally been arranged to have the 12 at Cirencester Parish Church for the first peal attempt on Saturday afternoon, but a few days beforehand word came that the bells were not available for a peal on that day.

However, through the kindness of Mr. Wilfred Hayward, the tower captain, the eight bells at Watermoor, about half a mile from the centre of Cirencester, were placed at our disposal. Mr. Hayward gave us a warm welcome, and we were also greeted by Mr. C. J. Gardiner, of Swindon, and Mr. John Thomas. London Surprise Major went very well indeed, and a good peal came round in 3 hours and 12 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of Major on the bells. This church has a fine octave, with tenor 20 cwt. in E, augmented in 1901, when two trebles were added. The curate-in-charge, the Rev. G. A. Harvey, himself a ringer, greeted the band after the peal and was very pleased with the good ringing he had heard.

After partaking of refreshments with the local ringers, a move was made to headquarters at Gloucester. The road, on the site of an old Roman road, runs as straight as a die for miles to Birdlip, from whence a fine view of Gloucester was obtained. By this time, however, it was getting dusk and we did not stop. At the Kimbrose Hotel the party were greeted by Mr. John Austin and ex-Sgt. J. Williams, who extended a very hearty welcome to Gloucestershire.

## PRIVILEGED VISIT TO GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Mr. Austin had arranged for service ringing at Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10.30, a privilege which was much appreciated. All the band were waiting outside the Cathedral at 9 o'clock to be introduced to the Archdeacon of Cheltenham by Mr. Austin. It was a long climb up to the belfry, which is in the big central tower, and we fully intended to give of our best, as it is over 20 years since a visiting band of ringers have been allowed to ring at this Cathedral.

Conditions in the belfry are certainly very unusual. The inside of the tower is enormous; beams and the clock case occupy a good deal of space, and the bells hang in a circle in one corner. In a frame right by the side of the ringers hangs the 63 cwt. bell on which the clock chimes the hour, and, in its great frame, dwarfs everything near. The light is very dim and there is no artificial illumination of the ringing room. The only light comes through the holes in the louvers of the tower wall; however, it is sufficient to ring by, especially when the eyes become accustomed to the gloom. The bells, a ring of eight with tenor 26 cwt. in D, are rather noisy in the ringing chamber, but are undoubtedly a fine peal. We rang a course of Cambridge, also one of London, and stopped whilst the big bell chimed at 10 o'clock. The noise was really terrific as the ten strokes boomed out. A touch of Stedman Triples completed the ringing before the bells were lowered in peal. All the ringing had been excellent, and it is to be hoped that this ringing may have done something to get the tower opened again to visiting ringers on future occasions.

A short ring followed at St. Michael's Church by the Cross at the city centre. Here, where St. Michael's Juniors were established in 1887, there is a nice peal of ten, with tenor a ton, and a fairly long draught of rope. Ringing is done from the ground floor and the bells are rather difficult to hear. Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

After an early lunch, the coach was directed to the Forest of Dean, piloted by Mr. Austin, who acted as guide throughout the week. Passing through some very beautiful country, with steep hills and valleys and dense woods, the coach zig-zagged for miles, with something fresh and interesting to be seen round each bend. We were not always sure we were going on just the right road. The Sergeant had warned us the night before that Jack Austin would get lost. However, he did get us safely to our destination, St. Briavels, to time.

St. Briavels stands on a very high hill overlooking the Wye Valley. Across the valley could be seen Monmouthshire and the Brecon hills. The Church of St. Mary has a square tower with a pleasant peal of eight, tenor 15 cwt. We were met by Mr. W. Coates, ringing captain and local policeman, who let us into the tower. The ringing chamber had been newly painted and was looking very clean, while the ropes were new. The bells were set going to Yorkshire Major, and a fine peal was completed in 3 hours and 12 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first in the method on the bells.

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## THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

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After a nice tea at the local inn, we departed, down into the Wye Valley across to the Monmouth side and down to Tintern Abbey. After a short stay we returned via Chepstow to Lydney, with lasting impressions of the lovely scenery of the Wye Valley. At Lydney was spent a convivial hour with some local ringers, then home to Gloucester. We were soon to discover that everywhere Jack Austin went he met friends, always pleased to see him.

### CLOCK WIRE ENDS PEAL.

On Monday morning in dull weather we set off on the ten miles' run south to Stroud, where we found a particularly fine peal of ten with tenor 20 cwt. The ringing here is from the ground floor, there is a nice circle and the bells are easy to handle. Yorkshire Surprise Royal, under the conductorship of F. W. Rogers, went splendidly for 2½ hours, when suddenly there was a rumbling sound overhead and the second came right down. Walter Judge pulled it up quickly, then both the treble and second dropped and could not be moved, and, of course, the ringing stopped. This was in the eleventh course. When the local man turned up, investigation showed that one of the clock



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hammer wires had broken and the long piece of iron controlling the hammer had become entangled with the treble and second bells, fortunately without doing damage to the bells. This was the first failure, if failure it could be called. It was just bad luck the wire should break.

However, after a good lunch, we set off on the four miles' run to Bisley, a quiet but picturesque village. The church is approached through the school playground, and some of our party looked as if they would like to join the children at skipping, but managed to refrain. The Church of All Saints has a tall spire and is another with a ground floor ringing chamber and long draught. The bells are a nice octave, tenor 16 cwt. in F, but the trebles are difficult to hear. London Surprise Major was successful in 3 hours 4 minutes, conducted by C. E. Smith, and it was a peal well earned. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Piper, greeted the party. He said he could not provide refreshments as his wife was ill in the Vicarage. She had, however, greatly enjoyed listening to the ringing and had specially asked that the peal should proceed, for those outside would have stopped the peal had it been necessary. Fortunately, the good lady likes to hear the bells. This peal was the first of London to be rung at Bisley.

A wet dismal morning greeted us on Tuesday, but we set off on the 20-mile journey south to Wotton-under-Edge, where the church, dedicated to St. Mary-the-Virgin, has a massive square tower with a peal of eight, tenor 18½ cwt. in F. The bells were originally cast by Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1756. Three of them were recast and all hung in a steel frame by Taylors in 1902. A nice peal, but a trifle noisy in the ringing chamber (upstairs, for a change). Bristol Surprise Major went well, and an excellent peal was rung in 3 hours 21 minutes, conducted by F. W. Rogers, the first of Bristol on the bells. The peal received honourable mention from the local men, and after lunch at The Falcon we moved off to Dursley, six miles away.

Mr. E. Morgan, the local captain, was waiting at St. James' Church, situated right in the heart of the town, near the Market Place. The church has a square tower and is another with ground floor ringing chamber with long draught. The bells are a fine peal, tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E, recast by Taylors in 1904. However, they needed careful handling, but Cambridge Surprise Major sounded well and a very good but well-earned peal was rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of Surprise on the bells.

Mr. Austin had made arrangements for the party to have a short pull at Painswick on the way home. He asked us to count the yew trees in the well-kept churchyard, but no one was keen to see if there were 99 or 100; it was taken as correct. The bells are undoubtedly a fine 12, with tenor 26 cwt. in D, they go well and the belfry is well kept. Three courses of Stedman Cinques and a course of Grandsire Cinques were rung before the bells were lowered in peal.

### ENTERTAINED BY VETERANS.

Then back to headquarters and supper and a social hour. Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sergt. J. Williams gave their celebrated course of Grandsire Triples, each four-in-hand and sitting back to back. They then entertained the company to some good tune ringing, which was received with applause. These two veterans, 75 and 86 years of age respectively, and certainly hale and, definitely, very hearty, are a good example both of the benefits of ringing and to the younger generation. It was very late when the cheery party broke up.

On Wednesday morning there was a ten-mile journey to Prestbury, a suburb of Cheltenham. We found at St. Mary's Church a fair peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt., the original six by Rudhall, 1748, and the two trebles added by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1886. Cambridge Surprise was going very well indeed when, in the 12th course, the tenor rope broke after 1 hour 25 minutes—again an unlucky termination and F. W. Rogers was once more the unlucky conductor.

The afternoon's peal was at St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham. We were greeted by Mr. Sid Hayward, and, with J. Austin and C. J. Gardiner (Swindon) in the band, Stedman Cinques was successful in 3 hours 51 minutes, conducted by W. F. Judge, this being the first peal on 12 bells by N. Elliott, W. T. Beeson and O. Sippetts. The peal was well rung, a good beat being found at the start and maintained throughout. If a shade slow, the ringing was good, as 'twas said outside afterwards. The bells are a very pleasant peal, with tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat, and every bell can be heard in the (upstairs) ringing chamber.

On Thursday morning there was a 20 miles' run due west to Lydney, with the Severn Estuary on our left and Forest of Dean on the right, but a misty rain was falling, and, to our regret, visibility was bad. We were greeted by the local captain, Mr. John W. Davis, who had the bells up in readiness. A service for the patronal festival (St. Mary) was in progress and a half-hour's wait was necessary, but eventually a start was made for Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, and it went like clockwork, with beautiful striking, and greatly appreciated by Mr. Davis. The peal was successful in 3 hours and 21 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, and was W. F. Judge's first peal of Spliced Surprise, also first of 'spliced' on the bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Jones, gave the party an excellent welcome and enjoyed the ringing, although he could not stop till the end of the peal. The band were joined by Mr. J. W. Jones and the Rev. Ivor Jones, from South Wales, who had run over by car to have a day with the party.

Lunch was partaken of at The Cross Keys, and here Mr. Davis voiced his appreciation of the peal. The late morning start had delayed matters and we were nearly an hour late in leaving for Ruardean, but Mr. Austin again succeeded in switching us all over the Forest of Dean. However, he managed to elucidate the tangle when we threatened to tell the ex-sergeant, and we safely arrived an hour late, to be greeted by Mr. W. Bishop, 'Mayor' of the little village and ringers' captain, the Rector (the Rev. G. F. Hilder) and local ringers. The Church of St. John-the-Baptist has a very tall pointed spire and overlooks the Wye Valley near Ross. It must be a good landmark and the country around is magnificent. The bells are a very good octave with tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F. The original six were recast and a new seventh supplied and the whole peal rehung with new fittings in 1929 by Gillett and Johnston. Ringing is from the ground floor with 75ft. draught of rope. The bells were set going to Bristol, and a fine peal was completed in 3 hours and 15 minutes, conducted by C. E. Smith, the first of Surprise on the bells.

On Friday we journeyed to Leckhampton, adjoining Cheltenham. St. Peter's Church is situated on a steep hill known as the Devil's Chimney, and is approached by a splendid avenue of lime trees. The light peal of eight (tenor 9 cwt.) are in two tiers in the bell frame, and ringing takes place in the centre of the church between the altar and choir stalls, with the organ on one side. However, with a nice new set of ropes and a short draught, an excellent peal of Superlative was rung in 2 hours and 57 minutes, conducted by F. W. Rogers, the first of Surprise on the bells. The back six were originally by Rudhall, 1688; Taylors recast 5 and 6 and added two trebles in 1904, and the whole peal were rehung by Mears and Stainbank about two years ago. The ringers were greeted here by Canon Hennsman (Rector) and Mr. W. Townsend (captain) and received a hearty welcome.

(To be continued in our next issue.)



**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.****MANY TOWERS INCLUDED IN WEEK'S TOUR.**

The September 'Guild Week' of the Cambridge University Guild is an institution that has been established for a great many years. This year the members were the guests of the Rev. E. G. Benson, of Hereford. They were fourteen: The Rev. A. C. Blyth (president), the Rev. E. B. James, J. H. R. Freeborn, E. M. Atkins, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, the Rev. H. G. Benson, the Rev. E. G. Benson, J. Woolley, C. Woolley, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, S. H. Wood, F. E. Haynes, R. D. St. J. Smith and A. R. Pargeter.

The following towers were visited: Burghill, where a peal of Cambridge came to grief; St. Briavels (8); Ross, a very grand eight; Ludlow, which has a really magnificent eight; Presteign (8); Leominster (10); Hereford Cathedral, a very grand ten, but here one too easily finds oneself dodging with one of the pillars; Clifford, where Cambridge Surprise came round happily; Bredwardine, an excellent little six; Llanfagan, really lovely bells, with the church right up a wild gully behind Brecon, hidden in the trees. This was a most marvellous setting for listening to the peal of Double Norwich. Other towers were Lugwardine (8); Malvern Priory, also a really grand eight, but without doubt quite spoilt by the silencing. However, a course of London and other touches were rung; Malvern Link, a good eight, but extraordinarily loud outside. Here a good touch of Cambridge brought the week's ringing to a close. Four tower-bell peals, one handbell peal and many good touches were rung.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****PLEASANT VILLAGE MEETING.**

After a period of ten years, the Burton District again visited Lullington on September 17th, and the members that ventured to this picturesque Derbyshire village received a warm welcome.

As Lullington is situated on the extreme border of the county and transport being the most difficult proposition, it was thought in some quarters that it would be a difficulty to obtain an adequate attendance. Special efforts, however, were made and the result was very gratifying, as touches in twelve methods were brought round during the afternoon and evening.

During the afternoon a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. C. Brentnall), with Mr. A. E. Rowley at the organ.

After tea at the Colville Arms, the Vicar was voted to the chair for the business meeting and welcomed the members to Lullington. He said he understood from the secretary that it was ten years since the last meeting was arranged for Lullington, when only four members turned up, so he especially voiced his appreciation of the wonderful gathering present. He spoke of the beautifully compiled prayers in the association's form of service, and in closing his remarks the Vicar hoped they would all come again soon for a similar meeting.

It was decided to change the next two meetings on the card, which will now read: Overseale, October 8th, and Tutbury, November 5th.

The meeting closed with the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) thanking the Vicar for the wonderful welcome given to the members, also for presiding and for use of the bells; to Mr. A. E. Rowley for his services as organist, and to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Curson, for having everything in readiness for the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and carried with enthusiasm.

The following district towers were represented: Burton (St. Paul's), Ashby, Measham, Overseale, Netherseale, Newhall, and welcome visitors from Hugglescote, Ibstock and Birmingham.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at West Houghton on Sat., October 1st. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—G. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets 7s. 6d. each.

**NOTICES.**

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. David).—W. H. Shuker and T. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Bramley and Womersley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next general meeting will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 24th, when the ring of 12 bells (tenor 60 cwt.) at the Minster will be available from 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, will also be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Dean of York, the Very Rev. H. N. Bate, D.D., extends a hearty invitation to Evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, Feasegate, at 5 p.m. The general meeting will be held immediately afterwards on the same premises. As the agenda will include very important business, it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—General quarterly meeting at Wirksworth, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open all afternoon. Committee 4 p.m. Meat tea 5 p.m. in Parish Room.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th, at 3.20 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and again in the evening. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Townsend Blake. Tea (1s.) at the Fox and Hounds Inn at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gulval, Penzance. Dedication of the recast octave (Taylor) on Saturday, September 24th, at 2.30 p.m., by the Suffragan Bishop, Dr. Holden. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The seventh annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Tickets, 3s. each. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), Claines (8) and St. Nicholas (6), all 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 61st annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, September 24th, when the bells of the Cathedral and St. John's will be available from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. A committee meeting will be held in the Crown Hotel at 3.30 p.m., followed by service in the choir of the Cathedral at 5 p.m., with an address by the Provost (Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.). Dinner will be served in the Crown Hotel at a cost of 2s. 6d. per head, followed by the annual general meeting.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—A joint meeting with the Ely Diocesan Association, Wisbech Branch, will be held at Tydd St. Mary on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd and W. W. Cousins, Hon. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashby Folville on September 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield and Stockport Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. J. A. Milner, 4, Hollinwood Road, Disley. New Mills bells will be available after tea.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) open from 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—Please remember postcard for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Winwick on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Hamerton bells also available. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at Winwick 5 o'clock. Bells recently restored, and the Rector extends an invitation to all ringers.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good train and bus service. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, September 24th, at 3 p.m.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O. Grappenhall.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for September, at 7.30 p.m., \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 27th; St. Magnus', 29th. \*Business meeting after.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**HOSE, NEAR MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTER.**—On Thursday, September 29th, at 7 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Leicester will rededicate the ring of five bells, recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, Mon. on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**ANNUAL DINNER.**—The third annual dinner of the Surrey Association will be held at 6.30 p.m. at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on October 1st next. The bells of the Parish Church (12) and of St. Peter's (10) will be available from 3.30 to 5.45 p.m. Ladies and other friends are invited, and the cost is 5s. 6d. per head. Tickets are available from the district officers, or application, with remittance, may be made to the assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden, 12, Green Lane, Belmont. Applications should be made as soon as possible, in any case not later than the 24th instant.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. Please advise Mr. N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath, Kent, by September 28th. And please don't forget. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than 28th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea. Please inform me of your intention to be present before September 28th.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hellingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up, not forgetting to send your name in for tea to the Vicar, The Vicarage, Waterfoot, before Wednesday, September 28th.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. For tea please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, for which a card would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at North Creake on Saturday, October 1st. South Creake bells also available.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Exton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Dis. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible and not later than September 29th?—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A joint meeting with the Sussex County Association at Rye on October 1st (Saturday). Will members make a special effort, please? Also names for tea Tuesday previous to meeting will assist.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 2, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 2.30 till 6.30, owing to the Market being close to tower. Please come early and have some good ringing before the butchers get going. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Goby, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea by September 26th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Beaconsfield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock, followed by tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting at White Hart Hotel. Train from Marylebone 2.5 or Paddington 2.25. Green Line coaches (1.16 or 1.46) from Oxford Circus pass the church. Postcards for tea must be sent to Miss D. R. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, not later than Tuesday, September 27th. Gentlemen very welcome, but it is hoped that ladies will not be in the minority at one of their own meetings!—I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec., 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, near Fafield, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday, September 28th. Look your 'Diagrams' up and let's see what we can do.—E. E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

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**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Eastern Division) **AND HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Acton (6 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have word by September 28th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Peterborough (St. Mary's) on Saturday, October 1st. It is also a farewell meeting to Mr. J. J. Jutson, who is leaving the country for New Zealand. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, October 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30, also Titchborne. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—The ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, October 8th. (Please note alteration.) Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room at 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Postcards for tea to me by Thursday, October 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing again after service till 9 o'clock. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, October 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR,** October 8th.—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing 5.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District).—A joint meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Don't forget Luton are playing at home, so come along. There will be everything from rounds to London Major.—H. V. Frost and F. J. Plummer, Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 8th. The district towers in union will be notified of details as usual.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ears Barton on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Eight bells. Please send your cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, October 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will take place at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd, and not on the second Saturday in the month as is customary. Further particulars later.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. George E. Symonds has removed to 57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

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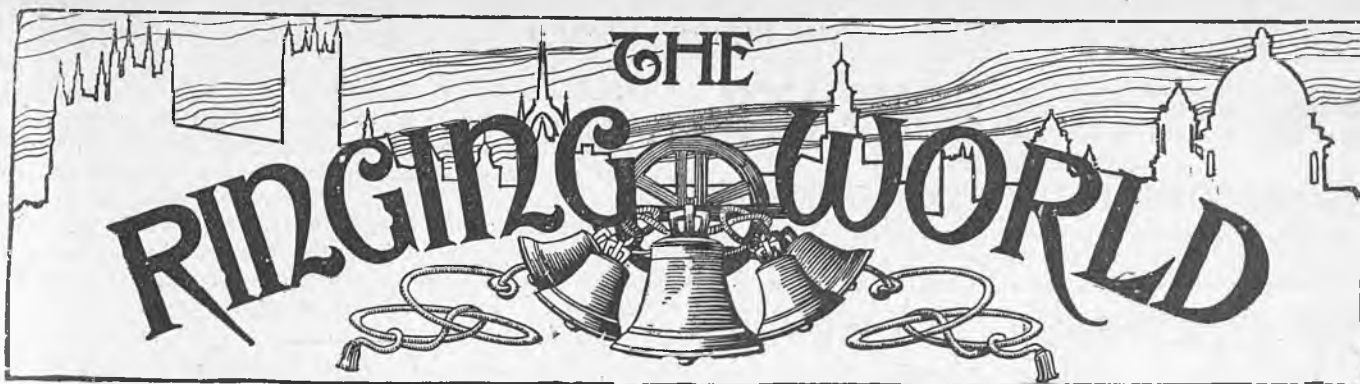
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There are, we are afraid, a great many towers where practice is a very haphazard affair, with little or no set purpose; certainly no preconceived plan of action and an absence of ambition. If real progress is to be made every band, when they begin their 'winter' operations, should set some definite goal before them. They may find setbacks which will prevent that goal being reached, but to have had an object in view will, they will find, have taken them a step forward. The band that has no ambition never gets anywhere; and there is nothing more discouraging to the enthusiastic ringer than to find himself among colleagues who are content to 'mark time.' There are scores of belfries where no effort is made collectively to get beyond, say, Grandsire or Plain Bob as a band. The ringers 'sit' on these methods for years, without effort to get beyond them. Is it any wonder, therefore, that sooner or later the company drops to pieces from sheer evaporation of interest? The keen ones, if there are any, go elsewhere.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN H. MANNING ...	Treble	FRANCIS E. BISHOP ...	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ...	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH ...	7
ERNEST J. KING ...	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	9
JOHN NASH ...	5	HARRY BROOKS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTEP.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ...	Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVISON ...	6
*CHRIS. HETHERINGTON ...	2	E. LAWSON ...	7
WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	3	ADAM DEAS ...	8
JOHN ANDERSON ...	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	9
†JOSEPH E. KEEN ...	5	JOHN HEDLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal. † 300th peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

F. LINFOOT ...	Treble	R. SQUIRES ...	5
F. POPPLEWELL ...	2	*V. BOTTOMLEY ...	6
W. DRANSFIELD ...	3	A. ROTHERY ...	7
W. HARGREAVES ...	4	F. RHODES ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. RHODES.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal by the association. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the baptism of Brian Rhodes, son of the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF RAUNDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ...	Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ...	5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	2	RICHARD G. BELL ...	6
HENRY HODGETTS ...	3	FRANCIS KIRK ...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

This is the first peal in the method.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL.—On September 13th, 720 Bob Minor by E. Cossentine, G. R. Pye, G. Lindoff, C. T. Coles (conductor), Col. C. F. Jerram, L. C. Wightman. First 720 of Minor by E. Cossentine and Col. Jerram. The other ringers were on tour in the district.



STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS C. BELTON ... .. Treble	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 6
WALTER J. CLOUGH ... .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BROWN ... .. 4	CECIL E. CARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.  
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church.

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALWYN TAYLOR ... .. Treble	NORMAN BERRY ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 6
OGDEN MOORES ... .. 3	JAMES H. BASTOW ... .. 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 4	ABRAHAM OGDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal by the ringer of the fifth and rung at the first attempt.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle on attaining the age of 87 years.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Gregory.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*W. BIGGS ... .. Treble	G. H. HARDING ... .. 5
S. J. HECTOR ... .. 2	W. R. BAXTER ... .. 6
K. MOON ... .. 3	C. F. ANDREWS ... .. 7
E. H. NASH ... .. 4	† L. A. FEAR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 5
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
REGINALD H. JARVIS ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 4	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*GEORGE A. BELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 5
†HERBERT A. MCKINNEL ... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6
†JOHN HASSELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	†FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PETER KINDRED ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... .. 2	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... .. 6
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE ... .. 3	†ERNEST A. LONG ... .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal away from the treble.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 22, 1938, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	*ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	LEONARD SHILWELL ... .. 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. B. FENTON.

Conducted by C. T. COLKS.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Fussell and Pitman.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. ALEY ... .. 2	HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 6
HARRY WARM ... .. 3	*CHARLES S. SMITH ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Botolph.

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First touch in the method.

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## CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY E. CLARK ... .. Treble	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 5
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 2	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	HARRY KILBY ... .. 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 4	†WILFRID G. WILSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal, all for the Middlesex Association.

## EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 5
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 2	JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6
FRANCES BOTHAM ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
*OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2	PETER CHARMAN ... .. 6
THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 3	JOHN COOK ... .. 7
*THOMAS E. DRYER ... .. 4	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 6
WALTER E. LONGMAN ... .. 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 7
GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. 6
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 3	*EDWARD C. WHEELER ... .. 7
LESLIE TREMBER ... .. 4	HAROLD P. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. J. Hill (one of the local band) and Miss I. Hibbs.

## PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF SPliced LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE  
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ... .. Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
REGINALD A. REED ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

This peal contains 2,496 London, 960 Bristol, 832 Cambridge and 736 Superlative with 98 changes of method.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON ... .. Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... .. 5
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... .. 2	HERBERT ROOKE ... .. 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3	HAROLD KENT ... .. 7
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Cecil J. BARKER ... .. Treble	†FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2	BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
*BERNARD W. PETTIT ... .. 4	*H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal of London Surprise. † 25th peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Brundle, of Ipswich.

## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

HAROLD F. WOOD ... .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 5
*FREDERICK ALLFREY ... .. 2	*FREDERICK ROBERTS ... .. 6
†EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... .. 7
RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 3	REGINALD WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

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## SWAVESEY, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... .. 4
*RUSSELL A. PAUL ... .. 2	DUDLEY PAUL ... .. 5
WILFRED YOUNG ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal 'inside' in seven methods.

## STISTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SPliced MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Killarney and Horsmonden; (2) Windermere and Frodsham; (3) London Bob, Lytham Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Wavertree, College Single, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Double Bob, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Bob; (6) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	†ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
*VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	†ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
†REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	†*RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th together.

## SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury and 39 of Grandsire.  
Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM G. DELAMONT ... Treble	*LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... .. 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	STANLEY A. GUPPY ... .. 5
GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 3	†RONALD WHITE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

## KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Court and Single Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain-Bob.  
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*CLAUDE DE ST. C. PARKS...Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 4
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 5
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks.

## LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KINGTON DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, September 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one twelve-score of Morris' arrangement and 40 six-scores, 11 callings.  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH BOWEN ... .. Treble	TREVOR JONES ... .. 4
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 2	JOHN F. BUTLER ... .. 5
WILFRED NORGROVE ... .. 3	ROBERT G. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

Rung to celebrate the christening of Brian Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler, which took place at morning service at this church, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Chandler both taking part in the ringing prior to the service.

## LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

EDWARD DAVIES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 4
MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... 2	LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

## BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge and York Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

REGINALD WEST ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

## TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JOSEPH PAPWORTH ... .. Treble	CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

## DRAYTON PARSLow, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

## SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in A.

*CECIL H. WOOD... .. Treble	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 4
†EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 2	†CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 5
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 3	WILLIAM DENMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DENMAN.

\* First peal on six bells. † First peal in five methods. The first peal on the bells since 1916, and the quickest peal on the bells.

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## HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 45, WALSHINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	1-2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER	... 5-6
EDITH K. FLETCHER	... 3-4	*RONALD H. BULLEN	... 7-8

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING	1-2	WILLIAM BARTON	... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	... 3-4	JOHN AMBLER	... 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

## THE GREAT NESS DISPUTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Incidents such as that reported in your last issue are very regrettable, but there is no need for us to give them an importance they do not deserve. They are really inevitable incidents in the life of the Exercise, and are due to the conditions under which ringing was practised for several centuries. For those conditions the Church was as much responsible (more in fact) than the ringers themselves. If ringers as a body were not conspicuous by their attendance at church that was the fault of the Church authorities: for ringing (as distinct from chiming) was a purely secular thing, and the ringers stood and always had stood even from pre-Reformation times outside the Church organisation.

What we want to do is to impress on the clergy that things are infinitely better now than they were in the middle of the last century and that the improvement is due to the ringers themselves. The improvement is a slow process and is only hindered by such drastic if well-meaning action as that by the Rector of Great Ness. On the other hand, ringers should realise that the future of change ringing depends entirely on how far the Exercise can co-operate with the Church authorities.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## INITIAL INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When pupils are being taught they find their greatest difficulty is in holding the tail end properly between the forefinger and thumb, and I have come across a great number who have never got over this fault, thereby losing the power of one hand.

I teach a pupil on the tail end first in the usual manner, and, after he has got the idea of pull and control, I let him catch the sally while I look after the tail end. But, before starting to catch the sally, I give him a piece of bell rope about 20-in. long and doubled same as the tail, and he must catch the sally with this rope between the forefinger and thumb, and I insist that all fingers must circle the sally. In this way he learns without the worry of dropping the tail end, and as a result does not hold the tail so viciously when he comes to actual ringing.

This may not be new to the older ringers, but to the young instructor I can vouch for its success.—Yours truly,

HENRY SARGENT.

26, Otago Street, Hillhead, Glasgow.

[A similar practice is recommended by Mr. J. T. Dyke in 'Hints for Instructors' published by the Central Council.—EDITOR, 'Ringing World.']

## NEWS FROM NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Uttoxeter on September 24th, when a company of 45 attended from Brown Edge, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Leek, Lullington, Longton, Measham, Newcastle, Overseale, Uttoxeter, Roslestone, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent and Wellington. The Rev. W. W. Sutton (curate), in the absence of the Vicar, conducted the service.

Tea was in a nearby cafe, where the curate welcomed the association to Uttoxeter. He was supported by Mr. E. Roberts, leader of the ringers at Uttoxeter. Mr. E. A. Ridgway thanked the Vicar and the ringers for the use of the bells, and the splendid welcome they had given the association. Thanks were also accorded the organist and the churchwarden for coming along to show their interest in the service.

## PEAL NOTES.

The peal of Minor at Llanfrecfha on Sept. 20th was arranged in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Ivor J. Richards and Miss Irene Powell, which took place on the same day at Llanhennock Parish Church, where the bridegroom is priest-in-charge. Mr. Richards was Master of the association last year and is a very keen ringer, but unfortunately has no bells at his church. He had modestly requested that no ringing should be done, but his friends held him in too much esteem to regard that request.

The first peal for the Huddersfield and District Association was rung at Elland on September 11th, and the band came from eight different towers.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Beckington on September 18th completed Mr. S. J. Hector's circuit of the tower. It was rung for the harvest thanksgiving, and afterwards the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Biggs.

On September 20th Mr. Kenneth Lewis called at Miles Platting the same composition as was rung by the Union Scholars at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, on December 27th, 1718. It was the very first peal of Major of any sort ever accomplished. The figures of the peal were printed in the Clavis, and the composer of it is generally said to be unknown, but there can be little doubt that it was the work of Robert Baldwin, who about the same time composed Union Triples, evidently in an endeavour to simplify the extent of Grandsire Triples which John Garthorn, of Norwich, had recently composed.

The calling of the Treble Bob is 4B., 2W., 2R., four times repeated, and it is true; notwithstanding that it was not until the year 1768 that ringers realised the necessity for testing the rows in the interior of the loads of Treble Bob Major.

Yet another Surprise Major method has been rung by Mr. H. G. Cashmore and his talented band. It was the same as Sedburgh Surprise, but with the addition of 7th place when the treble lies its whole pull behind.

The peal of Minor at Biddenham on September 20th was rung on the second anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Carey. Mr. R. West has now twice circled the tower, and Mr. P. Inskip has rung 25 peals in the steeple.

Mr. E. A. Barnett reached his fiftieth peal during the present year when he took part in the 5,056 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Northfleet last Saturday. It was Mr. P. A. Corby's first in the method as conductor, and the first in the method on the bells.

The peal of Stedman at Dartford on September 19th was arranged and rung for Mr. Reginald H. Jarvis, of Chipping Norton, who was spending a holiday in London. He was elected a member of the Kent County Association before starting for the peal, which was the first he has rung outside his native county.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Lowestoft on the 22nd was the one hundredth that Mr. E. R. Goate has rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association. It was a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Constance, the ringer of the third.

At Warnham in Sussex some years ago the local company rang eight peals within one week, which seems to show that ringing was not very unpopular among the village people. There are still peals rung there, though usually by visiting bands, and on the 24th Mr. A. H. Pulling called 5,088 changes of Kent Treble Bob. The peal was specially arranged to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. Walter Charman and Thomas Adams, the ringers of the treble and third; and the silver wedding of the Vicar of Warnham, the Rev. F. D. Farebrother.

Mr. Robert Sperring has now rung a peal in every tower in the Crewe District of the Cheshire Association which has eight bells or more. The peal at Lawton on Saturday was a birthday compliment to Messrs. George A. Packer and A. Crawley, the ringers of the fourth and sixth.

The peal of Spliced Minor at Stisted on the 17th, in which 25 methods were introduced, involving 156 changes of method, was of particular interest. It marked the 25th peal together of three couples participating, viz., Mr. V. Morley and Mr. R. Bird, Mr. Reginald G. Simmonds and Mr. A. L. Dixey, and Mr. A. M. Genery and Mr. R. Bird. It is an example of friendship engendered by peal ringing. The peal was rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Stisted (the Rev. V. H. A. Charles), and was the first peal in 25 methods by all and for the association.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 24th. Forty-four members were present from Aldington, Bethersden, Brabourne, Hythe, New Romney, Staplehurst, Tenterden, Throwley, Willesborough and the local band. Ringing in various methods was carried on during the afternoon and evening. The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Duncan S. Bowen.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. All the district officers were unanimously re-elected. Quarterly meetings were proposed to be held at Hythe in December, Wye in March, and Biddenden in June.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and organist, and members then returned to the tower, ringing continuing until 8.30 p.m.



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AT RAWMARSH.****RINGERS' REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

An announcement was made at the quarterly meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association at Rawmarsh on September 17th that as a result of the Central Council's efforts to have a representative from the ringers on every Diocesan Advisory Committee of the Sheffield Diocese.

About 35 members attended, the following towers being represented: Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Ranmoor, Handsworth, Rotherham, Eastwood, Wortley, Doncaster, Arksey, Felkirk, Warth and the local company. The ringing included touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent, and the service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. G. Scovell), who gave a much appreciated address.

A feature of the Rawmarsh meetings is the excellent teas. Local ringers' wives and sweethearts surpassed themselves on this occasion, and the voices which were so much in evidence at the service were conspicuous by their absence during the meal. While the ladies cleared the tea tables a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryder, Messrs. G. Lewis, S. F. Palmer and J. J. L. Gilbert.

Canon Scovell, who presided at the business meeting, welcomed the association to Rawmarsh, and Mr. Lewis accorded a hearty welcome to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, the new divisional secretary, who has succeeded the late Mr. F. Clark. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. B. White (Rawmarsh), H. Rusby, F. Rusby, N. Moxon and W. Broadhead (Cawthorne). Arksey was chosen for the December meeting, the opinion being that it would be a gracious act to visit the tower where Mr. F. Clark, the late divisional secretary, did most of his work.

Announcing that the annual Snowden Commemoration Dinner would be held at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, Mr. S. F. Palmer said there was no reason why the dinner should not be better than any before, and he hoped all members would make a special effort to attend. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, to Mr. Blyth (the organist) and the ladies. Ringing continued in various methods, including Oxford, Double Norwich and Superlative, until 8.30 p.m.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—To celebrate the centenary of the London and Birmingham Railway, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on September 17th by the following band: W. French 1, E. Whitlock 2, R. G. Abrahams 3, H. Ridgway 4, H. C. Edwards 5, R. Hall 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, E. Lathall 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 3 and 6. All the above band are employed in the L.M.S. Works, Wolverton.

**A NEW TOWER FOR THE GUILDFORD GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRAMLEY.**

There was an atmosphere of youth about the meeting of the Guildford District at Bramley on Saturday, which augurs well for the future of the Exercise. An attendance of 45 for a light six-bell tower is very creditable, and with the addition of Womersley bells some two miles distant, the tastes of the company were well catered for.

Probably the most gratifying feature of all was the election of eight new members from Bramley. A new band of young ringers has been assembled, with Mr. C. M. Martin as the hon. secretary and Mr. L. G. Hyde as captain. In the opinion of the Ringing Master of the district, the material of the new band is very promising. The secret of success, he emphasised at the meeting, was to 'stick it.' Nobody is more pleased at the new turn of events than the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who presided at the meeting and conducted the Guild service in the Parish Church. 'People in the parish,' he said, 'have remarked to me how pleased they are to hear the bells ringing again.' The welcome back into the Guild of Bramley ringers was voiced by Mr. R. Whittington. 'I have been in the habit of coming here for over 50 years,' he said, and recalled the days when Bramley had a good band.

There was, however, a sad side to the proceedings. The meeting heard with regret of the death of Mr. Cole (Old Woking) and Mr. D. Cheeseman (Pirbright). Sympathy was expressed with Miss Avenell (Worpleston) in the death of her mother. A report was received from Albury of a restriction of the number of Guild members from eight to four. Mr. W. F. J. Cope (the hon. secretary) is personally investigating the matter.

An appeal was made by the hon. secretary for tower secretaries to increase their number of honorary members. In connection with this forward drive, the Vicar of Bramley associated himself with the idea and was elected to honorary membership. The next meeting will be held at Old Woking on November 26th.

The ringers did not leave Bramley without expressing their thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. C. M. Martin, who made the local arrangements, and all others who contributed to the success of the meeting. As to the ringing, it embodied a very full compass. There was some good ringing and other of an indifferent character.

**LINCOLN.**—On September 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Giles' Church as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Sydney Chambers: Percy Holmes 1, John Walden 2, John Freeman 3, Noel Chambers (first quarter-peal) 4, Sydney Chambers (first quarter-peal) 5, Jack Millhouse 6, Harold Marcon (conductor) 7, George Flintham 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

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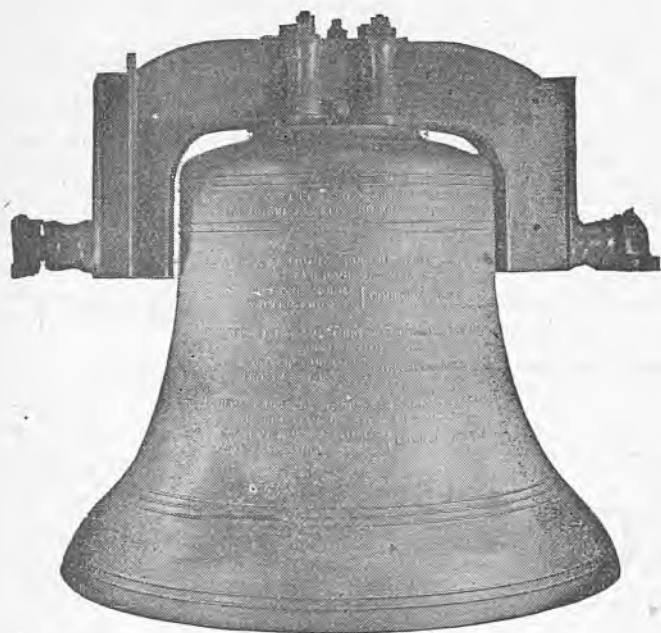
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Editor, who has been on a short holiday to Egypt, is due home at the beginning of next week.

The many friends of Mr. James H. Riding will join us in expressing our sympathy with him on the occasion of the death of his mother, which took place on Sunday, September 18th, at Wistaston. Mr. Riding also has lost his father within the last twelve months.

Two bell 'opens' take place in Cornwall next Thursday. In the afternoon the Bishop of Truro is to rededicate a restored ring of six at Marhamchurch, and in the evening his lordship will perform the rededication of a recast peal of eight at St. Mary's, Launceston. In both cases the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

To-day is the one hundred and seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of William Shipway, which took place in Bath. Shipway came up to London as a young man and joined first the Junior Society of Cumberland Youths and then the senior society. For many years he was one of the leading Metropolitan ringers, but to-day is best remembered as the author of 'Campanalogia or the Art of Ringing,' one of the best books which has ever been written on the art and science.

September 29th is the date of the first peal on the ten bells at St. Leonard's, Skoreditch. It was one of Grandsire Caters, rung in 1765 and by the College Youths. The belfry was for many years the principal meeting place of the Cumberlands, but just then they were having a slack time and did not ring a peal during the year.

The claim that the peal at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, on September 2nd, was the first in seven methods is refuted by Mr. Charles R. Lilley, who sends us particulars of a peal he called there 35 years previously on December 5th, 1903. The peal consisted of 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

On Saturday, September 28th, 1734, the College Youths rang the first peal at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. There were then eight bells in the tower said to be the heaviest ring of eight in England, the tenor weighing 49 cwt. The method was Bob Major, Annable conducted and two men, John Cundell and John Trenell, rang the tenor.

This month the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards joins the ranks of those ringers who have more than 50 years to their credit. He was taught to handle a bell on Thursday, September 13th, 1888, and rang in rounds on the following Sunday. Mr. Edwards has made a record of his own, for he has rung or chimed bells in eleven different lands.

While we thoroughly appreciate the motives of the band who recently rang a muffled quarter-peal before Sunday evening service for a very respected ringer who has recently passed away, we should like to point out that bells should never be muffled before any regular Sunday service unless it is in the nature of a requiem or memorial service. This is the recommendation of the Central Council and is in accordance with ecclesiastical usage.

The peal of Royal at Beccles on September 14th, reported in our last issue, was the first on ten bells by Mr. R. W. Coates, the ringer of the seventh, not by Mr. Stanley Fenn as reported.

The peal rung by the Cambridge University Guild at St. Briavels, Gloucestershire, on September 6th, contained 5,184 changes, not 5,040 as published.

The date of the meeting of the Essex Association to be held at Springfield is October 8th, not October 18th as advertised in our last issue.

We are asked to remind our Cornish tourists that the peal at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, was not the first peal of Surprise on the bells. A peal of Superlative was rung there on October 6th, 1897, conducted by J. W. Washbrook. This was the first peal on the bells and of Surprise in the county.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION AT DUNMOW.

Forty-six ringers attended a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Dunmow on September 17th, the parishes represented being Halstead, Dunmow, Earls Colne, Greentead Green, Hatfield, Sudbury, Hornchurch, Fobbing, Leytonstone, Bishopsgate, Stebbing, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Sawston, Coggeshall, Sawbridge-worth, Wanstead, Cambridge, Newmarket and Little Munden.

The Vicar (the Rev. E. N. Mellish, V.C.) gave an appropriate address at the service, and the tea was provided by local ringers, their ladies serving. Thanking them for their hospitality, Mr. F. Ridgwell (District Master) mentioned that it was typical of the welcome the association always received at Dunmow.

At the business meeting, Mr. N. Vagg (Sible Hedingham) was elected a ringing member of the association, and Mr. J. Redgwell (Witham) was re-elected a member. It was decided to hold the next meeting, which will be the annual district meeting, at Braintree, on November 19th. The District Master thanked the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells, and expressed thanks to the organist and the ladies who had served the tea.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on the Parish Church bells.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—38.****JOSEPH T. DYKE.**

Comparisons are odious and we should not like to say who is the leading conductor in the West; but if we had to name the first three or four, the list would certainly include the name of Mr. J. T. Dyke.

And yet one does not think of him especially as a conductor; at least not in the same way one does so of some other men. Rather we look on him as typical of the very best class of all-round ringers who can ring methods, call bobs, turn in tenors, teach learners, run an association and set a high standard of striking. And incidentally make a host of friends in the process.

Mr. Dyke was born in 1892 at Burton-on-Trent, where there was then a company which had ranked as the foremost in England, the first band to ring the standard Surprise Major methods as part of their regular repertoire, and here, 17 years later at St. Paul's Church, he rang his first peal, one of Grandsire Triples. During the next year he conducted a five thousand in two methods of Doubles at the neighbouring tower of Horninglow. In 1914 he joined H.M. Forces, and from 1915 to 1919 he was overseas in France, Belgium and Germany.

Altogether he has rung 562 peals, of which he called 237. They were performed in 214 towers and in 26 counties, and included the 15,312 of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929, which many people think is the greatest of all long peals, all things considered.

Twice he has rung in two peals of Cambridge Maximus in one day, and he took part in the only peal of York Surprise (not Yorkshire Surprise) Royal ever rung, in a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus, a silent peal of Cambridge Major and an all-conducted six-bell peal in seven methods.

He called 10,032 changes of Bob Major at Bradford-on-Avon, and the first peals of Surprise Major and London Surprise by a resident Somerset band.

Mr. Dyke is well known as an outstanding tenor ringer. He rang the tenor at Sherborne and the tenor at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, to Major, and the tenors at Queen Camel and Hoar Cross to Minor; in each case shortly before the bells were rehung, and later the Queen Camel tenor to seven Surprise Minor methods.

During the course of a twelve-month Mr. Dyke travels about 5,000 miles in pursuit of ringing, and at least half of them when he is engaged in instructing. This is one of his strong points and on which he has very definite views. He was the author (in collaboration with Canon Coleridge) of the 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' which is published by the Central Council, and of which many hundred copies have been sold. It is the work of a man who has not only had a great deal of experience in teaching, but has used his experience to discover the best ways of instructing; and here no doubt Mr. Dyke's profession is a great help to him, for he is a schoolmaster. He says himself that he is intolerant of the bad striker. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that he is intolerant of bad striking—which is not quite the same thing.

Mr. Dyke was a branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association from 1920 and general secretary from 1925, and he represents that association on the Central Council.

**PROFITABLE MEETING AT BANSTEAD.**

Banstead, one of the extremes of the Guildford District, was the venue of a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on September 10th. A party of 26 sat down to tea at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. A. Harman (Ringing Master) presided at the business meeting, when Mr. D. J. Donohoe, of Banstead, was elected a ringing member, Mr. A. J. Peacock, of Badsworth, Somerset, a compounding member, and the election of Mr. H. A. Holden, of Bexley, Kent, as a compounding member previous to a peal at Leatherhead was confirmed. The business ended with a vote of thanks to Canon Skene for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. G. Woodiss, who had made all the arrangements.

During the day, two Triples, two Plain Bob, two Treble Bob and five Surprise Major methods were rung by members from Banstead, Cobham, Epsom and Leatherhead, with visitors from Chertsey, Cranleigh, Kingston, London and Sutton.

**MR. JOSEPH T. DYKE.****THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EIGHTY PEALS RUNG DURING PAST YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Wigan on Saturday, when a membership of 1,466 was reported.

Ringing took place previous to the service at the Parish Church. Dr. David, the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, was the preacher and expressed the hope that the members would return to their different parishes strengthened after participating in the service. Assisting in the service were the Rector of Wigan and the Rev. A. Scott (president of the Guild).

There was an attendance of 54 at the tea in Lee's Cafe. The annual meeting was held at the Blue Coat School. The committee's report stated that the association had a membership of 1,466, of whom 1,030 lived in the county. Seventy new members were enrolled and 69 removed from the books for arrears. Twenty members had passed away, among them being an original member of the association, which was formed in 1876, two others who had served on the committee and as branch secretaries for 26 years, and life members who joined round about 1890. There had been four bell restorations. During the year 80 peals had been rung, which was not so many as last year, but a good average of methods had been maintained. There had been heavy calls on the balance sheet, but the association nevertheless concluded the year with a balance. The report and accounts were adopted.

The resolution, 'That each branch of the association be allowed to elect one member for the Central Council in rotation,' was discussed from both sides, and, as the matter was not pressing, it was put back for twelve months with instructions to the branch secretaries to discuss it at their meetings. There were eight nominations for the Central Council, the voting being in favour of Messrs. P. Crook, G. R. Newton, W. H. Shaker and T. B. Worsley. Seven hundred and sixty-seven voting papers were sent out and 497 returned. Blackpool and St. Helens were both proposed for the next annual meeting, and Blackpool was selected.

The president voiced the best thanks of the association to the Rector of Wigan for arranging the service, use of his church, bells and organ; the Vicar of Poolstock for his bells; the Lord Bishop for his address; the organist and choirboys for their assistance, and the branch secretary and the two towerkeepers for their help in the towers, cafe and schools.

One dear old lady thought the Wigan ringers should have rung for the occasion. When it was explained to her that it was a ringers' festival, she added, 'You should not let the visitors do the work.'

**LEEDS SOCIETY VISIT ROTHWELL.**

On September 17th, the Leeds Society held another successful meeting at Rothwell. Fine weather tempted ringers out early, and the bells were raised in peal at 3.15 p.m. Ringing continued in various methods (and rounds for learners from the nearby church of Woodlesford) until 5 p.m., when some 25 ringers enjoyed a very good tea, provided in the Church Institute by the local company.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews) presided, and members were present from Armley, Burley, Birstall, Batley, East Ardsley, Headingley St. Chad's, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Sherburn, Selby, Woodlesford and the local company.

Nine new members were elected, viz., Messrs. H. Cowling, S. Grubb, B. Nicholson, F. Watson, A. Emmett, A. Thorpe, W. Kilmister, L. Hobkinson, J. A. Madeley, all of the Woodlesford company. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. H. Morley. Mr. Wormald (Vicar's warden), in reply, said that they were only too well pleased in anything to help their bellringers, who were such an asset to their church, not only in the tower, but in all branches of their church work.

The society's jubilee will be next year, and a proposal was put to the meeting that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the best method of celebrating the jubilee. The following were appointed to serve: The Rev. J. A. B. Andrews (president), Messrs. W. H. Senior and T. W. Strangeway and the secretary (Mr. H. Lofthouse).

**DEATH OF NOTED BERKSHIRE RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Holifield, sen., who passed away peacefully at Appleton, Berks, on Sunday morning. Mr. Holifield was 80 years old and had taken part in more than one record length of Caters rung at Appleton, including three of Stedman Caters—12,041 and 15,041 in 1888, and 21,363 in 1922. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.**

SEVENOAKS.—At the Parish Church on September 25th for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, Miss O. Matthews (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, L. Turley (conductor) 3, P. Turley 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. J. Ford 6, W. Turley 7, S. Comber 8. At the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, Miss O. Matthews 2, L. Turley (conductor) 3, P. Turley 4, Miss D. Colgate 5, H. J. Ford 6, R. Collins 7, F. Paige 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On September 22nd, 1,500 London Surprise Major: N. Shorter 1, A. Pitstow 2, A. Austin 3, F. Dench (conductor) 4, L. Pitstow 5, R. Knights 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Ward 8. Also in honour of the birth of a son to Roland Ridgwell, a local ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE TOUR.

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### A Tewkesbury Disappointment.

The afternoon brought the party to Tewkesbury, where they arrived at the Abbey in good time. It was a long climb up to the belfry in the enormous central tower, in one corner of which the bells are situated, a part being boarded off to make a convenient ringing chamber. Several of the ropes needed attention and quite a bit of binding up was necessary. The bells are a good peal of 12, the two trebles having been added in 1934 as a memorial to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and the whole peal retuned by Taylors. Eventually a start was made for Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the back ten. However, it did not go so well as had been anticipated, and stand was called after an hour owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor. It was discovered that the back ten are on plain bearings, the tenor had a little oil, but no grease. Workmen are busy on scaffolding around the tower working on the outside stonework, and chips and stonedust must get in the bearings. We were given to understand there is now no local band at the Abbey and that the bells are rung only when visitors arrive. It seems a great pity that such fine bells should be left neglected and not rung. They are worthy of the fine building and should be rung for service. Fred Rogers was again the unlucky conductor. He was calling all three of the efforts which came to grief, neither of them any fault of the conductor or the band. After bidding farewell to W. F. Judge, who had to leave for home at Oxford, the party turned back to Gloucester to have half an hour's pull on the bells at Barnwood.

The road was very winding when we went to Longney on Saturday morning, 6½ miles through the heart of the country. A small church, dwarfed by an enormous yew tree, six houses and a farm constituted the village, an ideal spot for peal ringing. Ex-Sergt. J. Williams came along to spend the day with us and to listen to some good ringing. The bells are a very handy and pleasant peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt. in F, rung from the ground floor. Rudhalls were the founders, and the whole peal were rehung on ball bearings by Taylors a few years ago. A peal board records a peal of Stedman Triples rung on the bells on January 16th, 1931, in 2 hours and 36 minutes, conducted by William Longney, sen. We were told this was the first peal of Stedman Triples rung. Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major went very well indeed and was successful in 3 hours and 7 minutes, conducted by O. Sippetts, the first of 'spliced' on the bells. After the peal the party returned to Gloucester for lunch, then, in the afternoon, a mile on the Cirencester road to Barnwood for the final attempt of the week. Mr. Harry Newman was waiting to let us into the belfry. The square tower contains a musical octave with tenor 10 cwt.—a nice handy ring on which to complete the week. The back six are by Rudhall, the two trebles having been added by Taylors in 1912. A good peal of Cambridge was tapped out in 2 hours and 57 minutes and was George Poppnell's 250th peal.

### A SATISFACTORY TOUR.

The band were naturally highly satisfied with the week's results, 11 peals rung out of 14 attempts, with four conductors, and all rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Several local ringers, together with Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sergt. Williams, joined the party at headquarters for a social evening, in which the handbells, to change and tune ringing, played a prominent part, and it was very late before the party broke up.

With a few words, the organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, voiced the band's great appreciation of the great help rendered by Mr. J. Austin in arranging and carrying out the programme. His local knowledge was unrivalled, and it was good to see how welcome he was everywhere they went. Mr. Austin was with us from 9 in the morning until 11 or after at night, every day; he knew everyone and exactly what to do. Without his great help the tour could not have been carried through so smoothly, and his cheery company was greatly enjoyed by all. A suitable presentation was made and acknowledged. Mr. Austin said anyone who came to Gloucester would receive the same help and welcome. It had been a real pleasure to him to help organise and arrange, and if the tourists got the same pleasure out of it as he did, he was well satisfied.

Spliced Surprise was called by Mr. Austin, 'London, Brighton and South Coast Railway,' for it appeared on the programme as Spliced L.B.S. and C. This was a great joke, but he knew and found it could be rung well. Mr. Austin joined in one peal during the week, at Cheltenham, but could not be persuaded to stand in another, he was content to come along and listen.

Having completed the peal programme, service ringing was not forgotten. On the day of departure we rang for an hour in the morning at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, ringing Spliced Surprise, Cambridge and Stedman Triples. The coach was directed towards home at 2.30, and after a pretty run along high ground, a call was made at Bourton-on-the-Water at last year's headquarters, the New Inn, where Mr. Morriss expressed great pleasure in meeting us again, as we were pleased to see him. Only a short stay was possible, and the 35-mile journey to Drayton, Berks, to ring London Surprise and Stedman Triples for service on the light octave, tenor 9 cwt. Then home, the coach dropping the various members of the party between Guildford

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## SURREY ASSOCIATION AT EPSOM.

### CHANGING CONDITIONS IMPEDE PEAL RINGING.

A meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Epsom Parish Church on September 24th, and was attended by 30 members representing Ashted, Baustead, Beddington, Bishopsgate, Croydon (St. John's), Chelsea, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Kingston-on-Thames, Leatherhead and Mitcham.

Ringling commenced at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 5.15, when an adjournment was made to the Church Room for tea. The business meeting followed and was presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master. The chairman welcomed Mr. R. F. Roe, of Wigston, Leicestershire, who was spending a holiday in the district. In replying, Mr. Roe thanked the Surrey Association for their hospitality and invited them to attend meetings of the Midland Counties Association should they at any time happen to be in the Leicester District.

One new member was elected, and the ratification of the elections of two other members, which had taken place in belfries prior to ringing, were confirmed.

The gradual closing of towers in the district for peal attempts was discussed. It was pointed out that, in nearly every case, the present state of affairs had been brought about by alterations in local conditions over which the association had no control. Churches which 20 years ago were situated in rural areas and at which peal attempts were fairly frequent were now, owing to the growth of population, in the midst of urban districts. A proportion of the new inhabitants were unsympathetic towards bells and bellringers, and some of these people voiced their opinions in no uncertain manner, with the result that peal attempts had become restricted.

No other business being forthcoming, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the captain of the local ringers, Mr. P. T. Cooper, for arranging the meeting. Members then returned to the tower, where ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

## LADIES' GUILD.

### FIRST MEETING IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

The first meeting of the Ladies' Guild in Bedfordshire, held at Dunstable on September 17th, was a great success. Twenty-six members of the Guild attended, the majority of whom came from the South Midland District, but the London District was represented by eight members.

After a short service, conducted by the Rector, tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which 73 ringers and friends sat down. The Mayor and Mayoress of Dunstable were present and the Rector of Dunstable and Mrs. Griffiths.

There being no business meeting, the president (Miss Steel) welcomed the visitors and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by eight members of the Guild. Some of the visitors adjourned to a nearby six-bell tower and enjoyed an hour's ringing.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, September 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples: Miss D. Williams 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, R. Davies 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, J. Cawley 5, L. G. Pratt 6, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 7, F. E. Collins 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, and first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell by the ringer of the 2nd.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, September 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. G. Cooper 1, H. C. Chandler 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 4, A. Jones 5, G. W. Morris 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. W. Webb 8. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. F. Ellingham 1, H. C. Chandler 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. W. Webb 4, C. J. Tricker 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. Jones 7, F. E. Hawthorne (first quarter of Major as conductor) 8.

**WORSLEY.**—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,293 changes): K. Welsby 1, H. Allred, jun. 2, Miss J. Blackman 3, R. Allred 4, C. Ridyard 5, A. Rance 6, F. Grundy 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 9, R. Jones 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters for the 2nd, 3rd and 6th ringers.

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and Brighton, after having spent a very enjoyable week in Gloucestershire, both the ringing and the social side being excellent, and the band look forward to another successful tour next year.

Thanks must be tendered to the various incumbents for their ready permission, also to the various tower captains for getting things ready, and last, but not least, the fact that the tour was made possible by the great work put in by the organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, who arranged all the details in conjunction with Mr. J. Austin. The band are deeply grateful for the work put in by these two, who did not meet until the first day of the tour. Our host at The Kimbrose, Mr. A. Timmes, and his daughter, Mrs. Pritchard, made us very comfortable all the week. Here's to the next time! C. E. S.



**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.****A YEAR OF PROGRESS.**

The sixty-first annual meeting of the association was held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on September 24th. The bells of the Cathedral and St. John-the-Baptist were kindly placed at the disposal of the members from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and ringing took place in both towers.

The service was held in the choir of the Cathedral, by permission of the Provost (the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, M.A.), and was well attended. In an informal address the Provost, who was only recently inducted to the benefice, welcomed the association to Newcastle, saying how pleased he was to have the opportunity of meeting the members. He took as his theme St. Paul's mention of the components of the Body of Christ, and said that although bellringers were not mentioned specifically, he thought they could be included as helpers. He believed that if ringers were sincere in their work of calling people to church and set an example by attending services themselves, they could exercise a good influence on other people. He hoped that none of the ringers present rang the bells and did not attend service! He went on to say that he had no knowledge of change ringing, but from a recent visit to the Cathedral belfry he judged that a good deal of patience and skill were required to become proficient, even though he had an unmathematical mind. The Provost gave an instance of what he termed the trend of modern times when he said he had recently asked a young man why he did not attend church, and received the reply that his (the young man's) Sunday would be spoilt. He thought Sunday should be set aside for worship, and that the sound of the bells each Sunday served to remind those who were unmindful that the worship of God was taking place. A collection, the proceeds of which are intended to form the nucleus of a bell restoration fund, realised £1 6s. 6d. At the conclusion of the service prayer was offered at the Association War Memorial by Canon Stephenson (Rector of Gateshead), and a course of Grand sire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Anderson, C. L. Routledge, J. E. R. Keen and R. Park. Dinner was served in the Crown Hotel, followed by the general meeting.

The president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge) was in the chair, supported by Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary), Mr. W. N. Park (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. L. Routledge (hon. editorial secretary), Canon Stephenson, the Rev. J. Hudson Barker (Vicar of Northam-on-Tweed), Mr. A. Payne, O.B.E., J.P. (immediate past president) and Mr. J. Anderson (a former president). The loyal toast, given by the president, was accorded musical honours.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke, the Rev. W. S. Baker (Vicar of St. John's), Messrs. R. A. Gofton, K. Arthur, T. W. Crowe, F. Robson, W. H. Barber and W. J. Davidson. The secretary's annual report, the peal report and the treasurer's statement were unanimously adopted.

**A PLEA FOR HIGHER METHODS.**

In his report, the secretary stated that the meetings held during the year had been more successful than those held in the previous year, but there was still room for improvement. He called upon members to attend all the meetings they possibly could, and support the endeavours of the officers to place the association second to none. The records of the association showed that ringing history had been made in the past by its members, and could be repeated, but a great effort would be necessary to accomplish this. This could not be accomplished by the officials alone, and it was up to each member to 'pull his weight.' The secretary also said that the number of peals rung during the year (numbering 26), as set out in Mr. Routledge's peal report, could be considerably increased, and, whilst not in the least disparaging the peals rung as a rule, suggested that attempts to ring peals in higher methods might be organised by the officials so that the record of the association in the Central Council Analysis may look a little more impressive than of late. The report made reference to the passing of one of the patrons of the association—the Rt. Rev. J. G. Gordon, D.D., Bishop of Jarrow, who, although he did not take an active interest in the affairs of the association, endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by reason of his gentle and kindly manner. The Diocese of Durham has suffered a great loss by his passing. Reference was also made to the passing of Mr. R. A. Johnson, of Durham Cathedral, Mr. J. Stuart, of Gateshead, Mr. J. W. Foster, of Benfieldside, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, a life member for many years.

The number of peals rung during the year was 26, which was two more than in the previous year. There were eight first peal men, and Mr. W. Robson, of South Shields, entered the list of conductors for the first time. The two outstanding peals of the year were probably a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Newcastle Cathedral to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the association, and a peal of Surprise Minor rung half-muffled at Holy Trinity, Darlington, as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Gordon.

In the Sunday service ringing scheme, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, took the first certificate in the section for eight, ten and twelve bell towers, with a score of 1,216 points, having returned an excellent record. North Shields were placed second and Whitley Bay third. North Shields would undoubtedly have had a much higher score but for the fact that their bells were in the hands of the bellhangers for several weeks for retuning and rehanging. In the six-bell section Holy Trinity, Darlington, took the first certificate with a score of 1,405 points, Benfieldside remaining second and Benwell third.

The hon. treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand of £71 15s. 9d., and although this was £5 less than last year, it was considered satisfactory when it was recalled that £10 had been donated to bell restoration funds.

**WELCOME TO CANON STEPHENSON.**

The president addressed words of welcome to Canon Stephenson and the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, expressing pleasure at their presence. In responding, Canon Stephenson referred to his 31 years' membership of the association, and said he looked forward to attending the annual dinner as often as possible. He spoke at length, and, amongst other things, said that of all the organisations connected with his church, none could surpass the belfry in their unanimity. The Rev. J. Hudson Barker also responded, and said that although it was some years since he was able to attend annual meetings owing to the fact that he always took his holiday in September, he had not lost touch. In a passing reference to the political situation, he recalled that during the last war two bands of ringers at his church in Consett were called to the Colours and very few returned. He prayed that disaster might be averted and that all present would be able to attend the meeting next year.

The president thanked the Rev. G. E. Brigstocke for the use of the Cathedral bells and for conducting the service, the organist and the Rev. W. S. Baker for the use of St. John's bells. He said how greatly the association valued the interest of the clergy, especially for their readiness in granting the use of the bells for meetings and peal attempts.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers, and, on behalf of the members, thanked them for their excellent work during the year.

**THE NEW OFFICERS.**

The election of officers then took place as follows: President, Mr. M. D. Oubridge; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Park; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. N. Park; hon. editorial secretary, Mr. C. L. Routledge; hon. auditor, Mr. J. F. Bird; Peal Referees Committee, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen and J. W. Parker; Central Council representatives, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. J. Davidson and J. W. Parker. District officers were elected as follows: Northern District: Vice-president, Mr. E. Wallace; district secretary, Mr. J. Roach. Southern District: Vice-president, Mr. R. Jeff; district secretary, Mr. J. T. Titt. Eastern District: Vice-president, Mr. R. L. Patterson; district secretary, Mr. F. Robson. Western District: Vice-president, Mr. F. Sheraton; district secretary, Mr. J. A. Brown. Wednesday Guild: Vice-president, Mr. W. Sheraton; secretary, Miss M. A. P. Bertie.

The president submitted the suggestions of the committee regarding meetings to be held during the ensuing year, and these were adopted as follows: December 3rd, 1938, special meeting at North Shields; February 18th, 1939, pre-Lent meeting at West Hartlepool; May 20th, 1939, pre-Whitsun meeting at Hexham; July 8th, 1939, summer meeting at Morpeth; and September 30th, 1939, annual meeting at Durham.

**REORGANISATION SUGGESTIONS.**

Whilst speaking on the subject of meetings, the President said Mr. G. W. Park had placed a suggestion before the committee to the effect that the association meetings, other than the annual meeting, should be cancelled and that all meetings should be arranged and held as district meetings in view of the small attendances. He said that discussion had been postponed until a later meeting, but he asked members to attend the intervening meetings because the committee did not wish to take any drastic step and the attendances would act as a guide in their decision.

A suggestion formulated by Mr. K. Arthur and placed before the meeting on his behalf by Mr. C. L. Routledge to the effect that the districts as at present constituted should be disbanded and the territory covered by the association divided into a Northern, Central and Southern Division met with considerable opposition. Messrs. J. Anderson, R. L. Patterson, T. W. Dodd, S. Thompson and J. A. Brown all spoke against it, and in view of the fact that Mr. Arthur was not there to defend his proposal, discussion was deferred until the Hexham meeting.

The toast, 'The continued and increased prosperity of the association,' given by Mr. W. Storey, was received with acclamation.

Mr. E. A. Gallimore, of Durham Cathedral choir, again entertained the company with songs and monologues which were greatly appreciated by all, and a vote of thanks to Mr. Gallimore and the accompanist, Mr. Sullivan, brought an enjoyable gathering to a close.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickinghall (6) and Hinder Clay (6). All are welcome. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea provided by the Rev. Stevens in the Mission Room. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Oct. 11th.—R. D. Nelthorpe, District Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

## NOTICES.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m., also at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m., and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at St Leonard's Church at 4.45 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 3d. each, at the Express Dairy Depot, 196, Shoreditch High Street, at 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, E. J. Butler and C. T. Coles, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will take place at Great Holland (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells will be available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15.—R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., to be followed by tea. Full choral service at 6 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry afterwards. Further ringing to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at Wellington. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held in church, after which the Vicar is arranging for tea to be provided (at moderate charge), followed by the usual short business meeting. It is hoped you will appreciate the privilege of again using these bells (after so long a period), and turn up.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth Church (8 bells) on Saturday, October 1st. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Petherton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, October 1st. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Buxted bells will be available after tea.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch at North Creake on Sat., Oct. 1st, is postponed.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Exton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Dis. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Sussex County Association at Rye on October 1st (Saturday). Will members make a special effort, please?—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 2, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 2.30 till 6.30, owing to the Market being close to tower. Please come early and have some good ringing before the butchers get going. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Goby, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Look your 'Diagrams' up and let's see what we can do.—E. E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for Westhoughton has been transferred to Hindley, a joint meeting with the Wigan Branch, Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 1s.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Cheriton on Saturday, October 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30, also Titchborne.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged at Chicheley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired. All ringing visitors welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley, Bucks.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER, OCTOBER 1st.**—Just a reminder that the above is due to commence at 6.30 p.m. prompt, so will all those attending kindly arrange to be at their seats by that time. Please bring your ticket to facilitate seating arrangements.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, near Fafeld, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 534, Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—The meeting arranged for Beaconsfield on Saturday, October 1st, is cancelled.—I. R. Housden, Hon. Sec., 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11.

**SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.**—The Rural Dean of South Wirral, the Rev. E. G. Audem, M. A., will dedicate the bells next Sunday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m. The former ring of three bells restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for October, 1938.—St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 6th, 8 p.m.; St. Paul's Cathedral, 11th,\* 7.30 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 13th and 27th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 18th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 25th.\* \*Business meeting afterwards.

**LAUNCESTON, ST. MARY'S, CORNWALL.**—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Thursday, October 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Truro. A recast ring of eight by John Taylor and Co.

**MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.**—The ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro at 3 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors may attempt a peal at Handsworth (8, tenor 12 cwt.), starting not later than 2 p.m., by applying to Mr. F. Watkinson, 8, Bramley Drive, Sheffield, 9. Tickets (4s. each) may be had from the divisional secretaries up to Tuesday, October 4th, or from Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, October 8th. (Please note alteration.) Bells

(8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room at 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Postcards for tea to me by Thursday, October 6th.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing again after service till 9 o'clock. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by Wednesday, October 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR, October 8th.**—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing 5.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District).—A joint meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Don't forget Luton are playing at home, so come along. There will be everything from rounds to London Major.—H. V. Frost and F. J. Plummer, Dis. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Eight bells. Please send your cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ubley bells available after meeting. Please notify by the 5th for tea.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Will members please note change of meeting place, which has become necessary owing to the closing of Buxted tower during repairs?—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgwood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, October 8th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please send the number for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, October 8th. Business at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral.—E. Dorice Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hanmer on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Mollington, Chester.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—As Lutterworth and Claybrooke are not available, the next meeting will be held at Thurlestone on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. G. Wright, sen., Enderby Lane, Thurlestone, near Leicester, not later than Friday, October 7th, please. It is hoped that all towers will be represented to discuss an item of interest to all members.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 8th. Peal of 10 bells available from 3 p.m. Association service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, followed by business meeting. As tea is provided by the association, it is important that the secretary should be notified by Wednesday, October 5th, of the number to expect from each tower.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting of the branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, October 8th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by presentation to the branch chairman, who is leaving Norfolk, by the president of the association, the Rev. Hugh McMullan. All members are welcome, but don't forget that card. Names or numbers to Mr. W. C. Duffield, The Mill, Buxton, Norwich, or Mr. H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk, by Wednesday, 5th. Free tea.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 8th. Tea 9d. per head. Ringing from 2 p.m.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A postcard to let me know you need tea will oblige. Come and enjoy the country and renew your Minor acquaintances.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Caversham on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Parslows, 18, Prospect Street, at 6 p.m., 1s. per head. Please let me know by Wednesday, October 5th, how many for tea. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The first meeting of term will be at St. Peter's Hall, in Mr. Bryan's rooms, on October 11th, at 8.30 p.m. Any ringers coming up will be welcome, and further information may be had from the acting secretary, Mr. H. Miles (St. Cath's), 53, Oakthorpe Road, Oxford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday, October 12th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at

Whittle-le-Woods (8 bells) on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea provided at 9d. each to all who notify Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, Clayton-le-Woods, not later than Thursday, October 13th.—A. Blogg and S. Forshaw, Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. Paley, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock will be provided free to all who inform Mr. H. Rodmell, Mount Pleasant, Wawne Road, Sutton-on-Hull, Hull, by Wednesday, October 12th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege (6) from 2.30; Cathedral (12) after meeting (if possible). Service 4.30, at St. Alphege, followed by tea (free) and meeting, in Gaywood's Rooms, High Street (entrance between Goulden's Library and Messrs. Leon's). Nominations for district officers must reach me not later than Saturday, October 8th, and names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, October 12th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Oct 15th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Andrew Hall, 1s. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The first annual dinner will be held at Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th, 1938. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3s. each, apply (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, before October 8th. Bells available: Wistaston (6 bells), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

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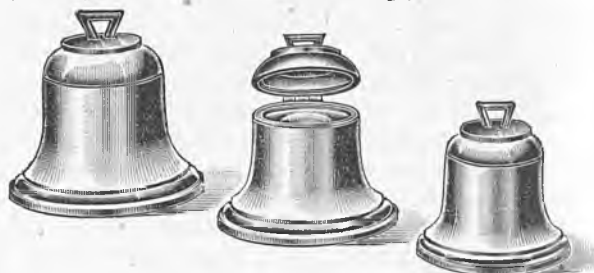
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**YOUTH AND THE FUTURE.**

At the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association, one of the more recently established among these interesting social events, and one which is growing into a gathering of some importance, speakers made an appeal to the younger members to take upon themselves responsibilities as officers and as conductors. The future of ringing, as with other things, rests with the youth of to-day. To-morrow, those who now keep the machinery of the Exercise running smoothly will no longer be able to bear the burden of the task, and it is never too early for the younger members to take a share in the affairs of their association, or to learn the lessons which will turn them into competent conductors. One of the mistakes sometimes made is to leave the responsibilities to the old heads. Experience is a valuable and essential asset to the successful conduct of any organisations, but it is of greatest advantage when it can be coupled with the enthusiasm and imagination of youth. The management of an association is liable to become 'stodgy' when it remains in the unbroken care of a set of officials who, with the passing years, lose keenness and initiative. The lassitude which grows on them does so unsuspected by them, and experiment and change are not welcome. The young members are encouraged in the idea that only the seniors are capable of carrying on the affairs efficiently, but there can be no greater mistake than this. Young blood can bring a new enthusiasm to bear, and is necessary to the life of every organisation. When it can also be tempered by the experience of age, there is a combination which makes for success. The important thing is to encourage capable young ringers to interest themselves in association affairs and to take office.

In the tower, too, there should be every inducement to the younger members to take up conducting. All too often the master of a tower imagines that he is the only one who should conduct the touch or peal, whereas, while he is responsible for the ringing, it should be his first concern to see, not only that the men under his direction ring well, but that the more capable of them at least are given opportunities to learn and practise conducting. The conductor, with an eye on the future of ringing generally and in his own tower in particular, will not monopolise the conducting. If he does, there comes a time when, he himself failing, the band is left without anyone to do the calling, and, for a time at least, the bottom falls out of the structure that has been built up. It is, indeed, a short-sighted policy that makes a man, however competent, an autocrat who never gives others a

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chance—and yet there are many such. There are cases, of course, where the ringers are quite content to leave it all to the tower master, but the latter should make it a part of his duty to ensure that others beside himself are able to conduct touches and peals; he should give them his aid and advice, and see that facilities are provided for them to get the practice by which alone they can become efficient. A man who does this loses nothing of his prestige, but he adds very materially to the success of his band and the future progress of the art. Again, it is youth that should be encouraged to take its part; if it is there is not much doubt that it will respond.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*NORMAN H. MANNING ... 8
ERNEST J. KING ... 3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
HENRY G. MILES ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 6	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 35 cwt.

*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
†JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 8
†VERNON SYKES ... 3	†ALBERT FORD ... 9
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†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6	§JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal on 12 tower bells. § First peal of Maximus in the method, and first peal of Maximus as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 27, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;**

FRANCIS A. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE ... 7
HENRY C. WHITE ... 3	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... 8
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late G. Holifield, sen., who was interred at Appleton the same day.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;**

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	FRANK VARTY ... 7
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	HUGH ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.  
Rung, by the Rector's permission, as a thanksgiving for peace.



WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 8
GEORGE LADD ... .. 4	WALTER H. FREEMAN ... .. 9
LEWIS BUSH ... .. 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Specially arranged for Mr. G. Lindoff, and rung for the harvest festival.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, September 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5
JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... .. 6
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 3	WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 7
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. KNIGHTS.

Composition No. 60. This peal was arranged and rung as a tribute to the Rector, Canon W. R. Hewson, on his retirement, after 36 years as priest in Eckington.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 23, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. WOODBURY ... .. 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 6
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER... .. Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 5
EDWARD SPRAGUE ... .. 2	JOHN DEEN ... .. 6
JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM HAYMAN ... .. 7
JOHN GLANVILL ... .. 4	GEORGE RENDELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED PRIOR ... .. Treble	PHILIP H. AVEY ... .. 5
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE DAWSON ... .. 7
MRS. FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 2	NEVILLE HOLLINGWORTH ... .. 6
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	† CYRIL WANDER ... .. 7
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* 100th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. † First peal on eight bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD...Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the association. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary of the association.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*DONALD W. NASH ... .. Treble	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 5
*DAVID H. ANSTEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... .. 6
*RONALD F. KINGHAM ... .. 3	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... .. 7
ERNEST P. AUSTIN ... .. 4	† HARRY MUNDAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of London on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
RONALD SICKLING ... .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

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*On Monday, September 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK ... .. Treble	JAMES F. G. HUME ... .. 4
CYRIL G. HURST ... .. 2	BERT DEAN ... .. 5
*JACK GREEN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First peal away from treble.

ATTLEBOROUGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

NELSON W. BANHAM ... .. Treble	LANCLOT LAWRENCE ... .. 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... .. 3	Cecil V. EBBERTSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

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

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... Treble	*RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	†ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM BIRCHALL ... .. Treble	†JAMES W. MELDRUM ... .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... .. 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the harvest and for peace.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

*On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... .. 3	JOHN CHURCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*ALBERT HARRIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE DANIELS ... .. 4
WILLIAM RANSOME ... .. 2	*HARRY WALKER ... .. 5
JOSEPH HOBBS ... .. 3	*GEOFFREY TURPIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH HOBBS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 715th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

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

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

Consisting of 42 six-scores.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*GEORGE BARNARD ... .. Treble	EDNA M. P. FETHERS ... .. 4
†CHARLES W. LAWTON ... .. 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK ... .. 5
TOM TAYLOR ... .. 3	*EDWARD SEED ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in the method for the band. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a thanksgiving peal for the preservation of peace and for the harvest festival.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury and Clifford, three 240's of Pitman's and Morris' and one of Lindoff's arrangements of Grandsire, two 120's of Percy's Pleasure and London Doubles. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 4
†FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 3	*ARTHUR INSEAL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Doubles in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

PUDSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, September 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

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

WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 1-2	MRS. J. COTTERELL ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**NEWCASTLE MEN'S PEAL AT RIPON.**

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild spent a most enjoyable time at Ripon, Yorks, on Saturday and Sunday, September 17th and 18th. After a hurried lunch at headquarters (The Black Bull), a move was made to the Cathedral, and a peal of Stedman Caters, conducted by Bill Barber, was rung. In this two of the youngest members rang their first peal, and the Deputy Master, Mr. Keen, scored his 300th peal. The Ringing Master, Mr. C. L. Routledge, made his first peal attempt for over two years, and the band enjoyed the help of their old friend, Mr. Percy Johnson, who tried to reduce his weight on the ninth.

The members wish sincerely to thank the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells for the peal, also Mr. Tingle and the steeplekeeper for seeing that all was ready. Without their kind help the attempt would have been impossible.

After an excellent dinner the visitors made their way to Sharow and enjoyed more ringing. Still they were not satisfied, and, after seeing the ancient custom of the curfew, the hornblower at the market cross, further ringing was indulged in on handbells.

Sunday found them again at the Cathedral for morning service ringing, and after lunch they had a very enjoyable motor run, which eventually took them as far as Birstwith, where, after disturbing Mr. Ewhank's 'forty winks,' permission was granted by the Vicar for a ring on this lovely peal of eight. This was quite an unexpected treat and made a very enjoyable finishing touch to a most successful weekend outing.

In connection with the peal at Ripon, it should be noted that the name of the ringer of the 7th was Charles E. Lawson.

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## DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HOLIFIELD

### PASSING OF AN APPLETON VETERAN.

An interesting personality has been removed from the Exercise by the death (as reported briefly in our last issue) of Mr. George Holifield, sen., of Appleton, Berks. He passed away on September 24th at the advanced age of 80 years.

Throughout the long ringing history of the little Berkshire village, where many records have been made, two names stand out conspicuously, White and Holifield. Appleton got its bells in 1818, and the name of White has been associated with them ever since, but George Holifield has been a living link with that distant event, for, born in 1858, he knew personally villagers who were present at the opening of the bells 40 years before.

Every year since 1818 Appleton ringers have celebrated 'March the 4th,' and the story is interesting. It is said that under the land enclosure of 1815 the then Lord of the Manor of Appleton took more than he was entitled to. There was an outcry against his action, and to appease the villagers he presented a ring of six bells to the Parish Church, and on the day they were opened, March 4th, 1818, he gave a feast to all the parishioners, and this event has been annually commemorated with a dinner.

George Holifield began his connection with ringing at Appleton something like 65 years ago, and he rang with some of the men who in 1821 rang the first 720 on the bells. As can be imagined, he was a storehouse of information and anecdote, and it was not only interesting but a real entertainment to listen to him when he was in a reminiscent mood.

Appleton saw some of its palmiest ringing days in the years when the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and James Washbrook were at the zenith of their powers. A number of records were made at Appleton, which by that time had had its bells increased to ten, and George Holifield was one of those who shared in these great performances. In the year 1838 they rang 12,041 Stedman Caters in February, 13,265 Grandsire Caters in April, and 15,041 Stedman Caters on the last day of the year, while, in addition to other peals, they scored a 10,080 of Double Norwich Major.

At the age of 64 Mr. Holifield once more helped to create a record at Appleton, when he took part in what is still the longest length by one set of men, 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung in 12 hours 25 minutes. This, also, was at Appleton.

Mr. Holifield rang, in all, something over 400 peals, his last being in February, 1936. In addition he was the composer of several peals, and the record of 16,271 Grandsire Caters at Appleton in 1932 was his composition, although he did not take part in the ringing.

Throughout the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was one of the oldest members, he was highly esteemed and respected, and, although advancing age had recently curtailed his activities, he will be remembered for his cheery nature, his great enthusiasm for ringing, and particularly for his great pride in Appleton bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week at Appleton, the family mourners being Messrs. G. Holifield and W. Holifield (sons), Mrs. C. G. White (daughter), Kathleen, Eileen, Doreen, Yoland and Tony Holifield and Dorothy White (grandchildren), Mr. A. E. Lock and Mrs. Lock (niece). Four ringers, Messrs. R. White, F. White, A. H. White and F. C. White, acted as bearers, and other ringers present were Messrs. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), E. Humfrey and H. Smith (Reading), H. C. White and F. Messenger (Appleton). The Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master of the Oxford Guild) and the Rev. Thorne (Rector of Appleton) conducted the service, before and after which the bells were rung fully muffled.

In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, in which eight members of the White family took part.



MR. G. HOLIFIELD.

### THANKSGIVING TOUCH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Great Baddow, Essex, on Sunday evening, October 2nd, by Don Green (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, George Green (conductor) 2, Miss D. K. French 3, P. Green 4, Pat Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer Phillips 7, L. Castleton (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8. This quarter-peal was arranged and rung as a thankoffering for the preservation of peace.

## PEAL NOTES.

A peal of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, with the tenors in the tittums position, was rung at Oldham on Saturday. The composition, by the conductor, Mr. John Worth, was rung for the first time and he has now scored peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

The following are the figures of the peal. The bells are put into the tittums by calling a bob on 10-11-12 in the first course, and back into the rounds position by calling two bobs on the same bells in the last course. The first bob is made by the tenth, the second by the tenor and the third by the eleventh.

23456	M	W	H
62534	2	1	2
46325	2	1	2
43265	1	2	
62345	2	2	
54326	1	1	1
53246	1	2	
23456	2	1	

Mr. Arthur Knights is still finding some of his oldest compositions and ringing them for the first time. At Eckington, Derbyshire, on September 20th, he called a peal of Kent Treble Bob, which he composed in 1888, but which had never been rung.

The Rector of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and his ringers showed intelligent anticipation of events when, with the former's permission, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Wednesday, September 28th, as a thanksgiving for peace.

Other thanksgiving peals for the maintenance of peace have been rung, including a peal of Superlative Surprise at Bocking, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Huyton, Lancashire. The bells at Huyton are the heaviest six in the county (the tenor is 19 cwt.), and this was only the second peal rung on them.

Mr. J. R. Hayman rang his sixtieth peal when he called Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire at Witheycombe Raleigh, Devon, on September 24th.

The 'coming of age' of All Saints' Church, Basingstoke, was celebrated on Saturday by a peal of Grandsire Triples. The church was dedicated 21 years ago.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, a peal of Minsmere Surprise Major was rung at Oxhey on Saturday. It was the first in the method by the association and all the band, and was rung without previous practice.

The peal of Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark on Saturday week was rung on the 31st birthday of Mr. T. W. Taffender, the hon. secretary of the association, and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. H. G. Miles, of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and Mr. F. Donald Boreham. It was the first twelve-bell peal by the ringers of the 6th and 8th, Messrs. W. J. Rawlings and Norman H. Manning.

Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has been spending a few days in Lincolnshire, and two peals, Treble Bob Royal at Wisbech and Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Spalding, were arranged for him. The Royal was also rung for the harvest festival, and the Major was Mrs. R. Richardson's one hundredth peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

On Thursday week, Mr. Cecil Ebberson rang at Attleborough his one hundredth peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. It is 40 years since a peal was rung in this tower, where the ropes fall in a very bad circle. The ringers of the treble, third and fourth belong to the local band, and this was their first attempt for a peal.

The peal of Bob Minor at Harston, Sept. 26th, was rung on the 11th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Ward, who afterwards entertained the ringers at the Vicarage.

Mrs. Frederick W. Housden was elected a member of the Essex Association before starting for the peal at Leytonstone on September 26th, which was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. H. Avey.

Mr. D. H. Bennett rang in his one hundredth tower when he took part in the first peal in seven Doubles methods on the bells at Madley, Herefordshire, on Sunday.

The peal of Bob Doubles at Bosley, Cheshire, on Saturday, the first in the method for all the band, was a joint thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and the ingathering of the harvest.

A thanksgiving peal was rung in seven Minor methods at Henlow, Beds, on Saturday last.

On Thursday, September 29th, there was some really 'nice tapping' when a peal of Minor in three methods was beautifully rung at Groby, Leicestershire. The peal was arranged for Mr. Ronald Swann, who is to be congratulated upon capturing his first peal; incidentally this was his first touch of Oxford Treble Bob. Mr. Swann's name will, we hope, often be appearing among peal bands, and we wish him the success his enthusiasm deserves.

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## THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL DINNER.

### An Appeal to Young Ringers and Conductors.

Worcester, the 'Faithful City,' was the venue of one hundred ringers and friends when the seventh annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association took place at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, on Saturday, September 24th. In the afternoon members and visitors availed themselves of the opportunity to ring at All Saints' (10 bells), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6). Just before dinner commenced reference was made to the sad loss sustained during the week by the host, Mr. Higgins, in the death of his wife.

The chair was taken by the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary of the association) in the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. Arthur Davies), who, however, was able to be present for a short time later in the evening. With the chairman were Mrs. Webb, the Rev. F. C. Champion (Vicar of Powick), Mr. S. T. Holt (Master), Miss M. Carpenter, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. H. Johnson (treasurer) and Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles (freemen).

After dinner the Chairman submitted 'The King,' and then followed the time-honoured toast of 'Church and State.' This was proposed by Mr. J. R. Newman, who said that in view of the international situation he had acquired a somewhat different outlook on the toast. All those who were churchmen and who took Christ's teaching to heart believed those two bodies were sincerely going to do more for international peace than anything that had been done. It was their sincere wish as ringers and churchworkers that the association of Church and State (separate in a sense yet bound together) would find their influence steadily increased. It gave him particularly great pleasure to propose the toast that night and to wish continued association of Church and State.

The Rev. F. C. Champion (hon. member), who responded, said there was a sadness in these days to find a certain section within the Church who would like to see it separated from the State. The Church gave a dignity to all State occasions and functions, and he was personally sorry to see how to a great extent the bellringing part had, in what was known as State ringing, passed out. Mr. Champion instanced how State ringing used to be carried out at his own church at Powick, and supposed that the reasons for so little State ringing in the country to-day was due to the fact that the money left for such purposes had given out. He did not suggest that ringers wanted money for ringing on those occasions, but they needed some compensation for the loss of time from work. Concluding, the speaker said Church and State ought to work together in close harmony, for there was a special unity in that binding up.

### RECORD MEMBERSHIP.

The toast, 'Worcestershire and Districts Association,' was proposed by the Master (Mr. S. T. Holt), who referred to the men who founded the association and those who carried it on in its infancy. 'Are we carrying on with the good work?' he asked. He thought they were holding their own with other organisations. Although their peals were down in the last two or three years, he had noticed in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' what appeared to be a general depression. Mr. Holt said he agreed with a leading article in that paper regarding lost peals and thought it would be a good idea if their association kept a record of all peals lost. He would go further by suggesting that, with the co-operation of conductors in towers, a record be kept of all Sunday service touches, as this would indicate what progress was being made. They could not put all this extra work on their already over-burdened secretary, but they could appoint someone as lost peals secretary, or if that title implied that the secretary was lost, then perhaps secretary for lost peals would be more suitable (laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Holt said their membership had increased by nearly one hundred that year, and constituted a record both in members gained in any one year and total membership. It was pleasing to note that most of those new members had youth on their side, and he appealed to them to copy the methods of the stalwarts of the past by giving of their best. If they did that the association would have nothing to fear for its future. The Master said he would like to see a little more enthusiasm among budding conductors. They need not be afraid of missing a bob, as most successful conductors could truthfully say it had happened to them. 'Have a shot at it,' said the speaker; they could always get any desired information from good and tried conductors.

Concluding, Mr. Holt appealed to all members, young and old, to bear in mind that their association stood for duty to the Church and all that the Church stood for. They were all small parts that went towards the assembling of the association machine. The individual, the tower, the three branches all made one smooth running machine. Their work must not be for themselves alone, nor for their particular tower alone, but for the association.

Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary), in responding, said that the Master had spoken so much of what he wanted to say himself that he had a suspicion that Mr. Holt had been looking at his (Mr. Johnson's) notes (laughter). It was gratifying to the Dinner Committee to see such a large gathering assembled, the numbers having doubled themselves in the past three or four years. He thought they could

congratulate themselves on the year's work, since something like 90 new members had been enrolled, spread fairly evenly over the three branches. These new members had, however, created a problem on how best they could be served, since so many of them were new bands in new towers. He could not go into details there on how best this might be done, but they would bear it in mind and consider what were the best steps to take. He would make one suggestion, and that was for the budding conductors (mentioned by the Master) to go out to the isolated bands and teach them Grandsire Doubles; it would be a valuable experience.

### BRANCH SECRETARYSHIP CHANGES.

Referring to the branches, Mr. Johnson remarked on the changes in branch secretaries which had occurred during the last two or three years. These secretaries had found that they required more and more time for the work and had less and less time in which to do it. The Northern Branch had already elected a new secretary for the ensuing year and another branch would be doing likewise at its next meeting. It took at least twelve months for a secretary to get used to the work, and he hoped the new secretaries would keep office for a longer time. The retiring secretaries had very good reasons for giving up and had done their work extremely well, but it made his (Mr. Johnson's) work very difficult with such quick changes. He advocated as a policy for the association that branch secretaries keep office for a longer number of years.

Mr. W. C. Dowding, proposing the toast 'Kindred Associations and Visitors,' said the wonderful spirit and comradeship exhibited at such dinners, if present in national and international relations, would find the world in a better position than it was in to-day. They were pleased to see so many of the St. Martin's Guild members present: William Davies and Fred Price, from Aston, though in the case of Mr. Davies it looked at one time as if there was not a chair in the room to hold him. (The speaker was referring to an amusing incident earlier on, in which the chair Mr. Davies sat on collapsed and another broke when he tried to save himself. A stronger chair was procured and the evening passed off without further ado.) Continuing, Mr. Dowding referred to Mr. Dan Matkin, and congratulated him on his appointment as Ringing Master of Edgbaston Parish Church. With him was Mr. Sidney Freemantle, who was vicar, verger and everything else at the same church (laughter), and whose cheerful, smiling countenance spoke of one used to the Royal Navy. They had also with them Mr. Colclough, of the Dudley and District Guild, and Mrs. Colclough, and that old stalwart, William H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), who had brought with him another well-known ringer, W. J. Davidson. Then there were Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, of the Middlesex Association, but, continued Mr. Dowding, 'as they travel so extensively it is difficult to know exactly where they come from' (laughter). Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler, and the Midland Counties Association were represented by Mr. C. A. Manning. The Gloucester and Bristol Association had one member in Mr. L. Sheasby, and last, but not least, there was Mr. John W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, without whom no dinner would be complete. Mr. Dowding remarked that when they first formed the Police Guild of Ringers they wondered how they could get Mr. Jones in as a member, but realised there was no hope unless they made him a special constable (laughter). On behalf of the Worcestershire Association he extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

### AN APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN.

Mr. J. W. Jones, who replied, on behalf of kindred associations, extended hearty greetings. 'Long may the Worcestershire Association flourish,' he added. Mr. Jones said he had that afternoon been ringing on a peal of ten (All Saints'), where, he had been told, the bells were only rung once in three or four months, and he thought it a pity that sufficient ringers could not be found in the city to ring even the front six for Sunday services. He laid emphasis on the need for getting bells rung for Sunday services, and asked those present to read the leading article in that week's issue of 'The Ringing World' on Band Building, if they had not already done so, for he felt sure that if the suggestions contained in it were carried out there would be very few idle bells in the country. Referring to all that Mr. W. Short and other stalwarts had done for the association, he exhorted the young men in the room to carry on the good work they had done. 'Never mind Cambridge, ring Grandsire Doubles,' said Mr. Jones, and he asked them to remember that the association was formed for the promotion of change ringing and to get their bells rung for the Sunday services.

The Chairman, who at this stage was preparing to depart, gave one of his characteristic speeches, in which he said he was pleased to see so many of the fair sex present. He was particularly pleased at having brought his own wife with him, as he had long wanted to introduce her to them. He had told her what a jolly set of men the ringers were and he hoped they would make her an honorary member (applause). When the Western Branch visited Longdon she would do her best to entertain them. Continuing, Mr. Webb said he was proud of his position as clerical secretary to the association and would serve it to the best of his ability. He had long taken a keen interest in its activities and placed the association in the front of his interests. These dinners bound them together in a brotherhood and fellowship, and he was glad to see the interest in them increasing.

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**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday. There was a splendid attendance from both dioceses, and visitors from Bristol. The bells, a light ring of eight installed 50 years ago, were raised about 3 o'clock and were kept busy until service was held, the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Newport) officiating, assisted by his curate.

Following the service a bountiful tea was enjoyed in the Schoolroom. The Archdeacon took the chair at the business meeting and extended a cordial welcome to all. He gave a brief history of the bells, with the ringing done on the opening day and since.

Before the minutes of the previous meeting were read, it was unanimously decided to send a letter of best wishes to last year's Master, the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, on the occasion of his recent marriage.

Instructors' reports were received and a place for the next Monmouth meeting decided upon. Bedwellty was proposed and an invitation from Ebbw Vale received. On going to the vote, the majority were in favour of Ebbw Vale.

The next Glamorgan quarterly meeting is fixed for Merthyr.

It was decided to send to send a letter of sympathy to the Lord Bishop of Llandaff (one of the presidents), who is ill, wishing him speedy recovery.

After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were again rung in various standard methods, including Double Norwich and Cambridge. It was a most pleasant and enjoyable afternoon and evening.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.**

(Continued from previous page.)

Mr. W. B. Cartwright briefly thanked the chairman and Mrs. Webb, after which the company drank their health with musical honours.

The musical programme was made up of songs by Messrs. W. C. Dowding and G. J. Hemming, piano accordion solos by Miss C. Heath, and tunes on handbells by Mr. W. Short and party, and later by Mr. G. Leech and party. Change ringing consisted of two excellent courses of Stedman Triples (non-conducted), rung by J. Thomas 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, W. Short 7-8. The evening ended with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem. The accompanist was Mr. J. W. C. Corbett, organist of Shirley Parish Church.

The association's annual dinner is like a child with growing pains. With a larger room next year the Dinner Committee can confidently look towards a still further increase in numbers.

**A MEETING AT PAINSWICK.****VILLAGE HAS DIFFICULTY IN GETTING RINGERS.**

The Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a monthly meeting at Painswick on Saturday, September 24th, which coincided with the 252nd anniversary of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. Thirty ringers attended from Bradford, Yorks, Cheltenham, Charlton Kings, Cirencester, Frocester, Gloucester, Leckhampton, Lyme Regis, Minchinhampton, Meyshampton, Painswick, Poole, Randwick, Swindon, Stonehouse and Stroud.

After prayer in the belfry, the bells were raised in peal and kept going for two hours to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Royal. By kind invitation of the Vicar of Painswick (the Rev. H. Craven), all adjourned to a nearby cafe for tea. Afterwards, in the absence of the Vicar (who was conducting a service in church), Mr. T. Price, branch hon. secretary, extended a very hearty welcome to the visiting ringers and said how pleased he and all members in the branch were to welcome them to the meeting.—Mr. Yeend, of Cheltenham, and Mr. Hayward, of Cirencester, responded.

A short discussion on the history of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths started. Unfortunately, nobody knew much about it.

To the pleasure of all present the Vicar came into the room. He was given a very warm welcome, and thanked for the use of the bells and for providing tea. In reply, he said he was very pleased to welcome the association to Painswick, and added that they were having a difficult job to get young men to take up ringing. They were doing their utmost to get a band. At one time people complained that they were getting too much ringing. Now, however, it was the other way; there was not enough.

A discussion on the insurance of bellringers was brought up. After the Vicar and several ringers had given their views, it was decided to leave the subject till some future meeting.

The tower was again visited and the famous peal of twelve was kept going till 8.45 p.m., when a very successful meeting came to an end.

**NOTTINGHAM RECRUITS.**

At St. Mary's, Nottingham, a number of youthful recruits between the ages of 15 and 19 are being trained, and the first results of some months of work have been the two following 720's of Bob Minor: For evensong on Sunday, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Everitt 1, W. Nichols 2, Miss I. B. Thompson 3, F. Blood 4, H. Brown 5, R. Narborough (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 5. On Monday, September 26th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Holland (first 720) 1, R. Narborough 2, F. Bradley 3, J. A. Barratt 4, H. Brown 5, F. A. Salter (conductor) 6.

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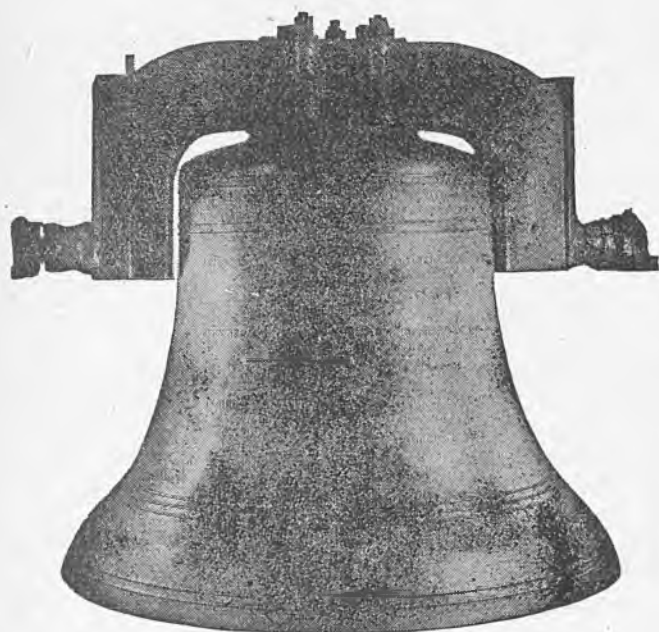
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringers of St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, have been reinstated by the Vicar, and the usual practice and Sunday ringing continue as before.

Mr. James George, we regret to say, is not making the progress that could be wished. He is still under treatment in his home, and his many friends will wish him a more speedy recovery.

Two members of the Central Council made a pilgrimage to Bethnal Green last Saturday to drink beer in the Whittington and Cat in Church Row, a house which in the eighteenth century was the headquarters of the London Youths and where in 1854 the College Youths rang the first true handbell peal of Stedman Triples. They found the name of the street changed and no trace of the public-house. So another historic London landmark has disappeared. However, M. A. Wood's name is still on the door of the house where he and his father and his grandfather lived for so many years.

It is usually said that the modern tuning of bells was introduced by Canon Simpson, and certainly his pamphlet had a great effect on the matter; but in a book published in 1828 W. L. Bowles says that Mr. Lawson Huddleston, of Shaftesbury, tuned several peals 'according to the chords—namely, keynote, third, fifth and eighth.' They included St. Cuthbert's at Wells.

## BAD STYLES IN RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of September 30th Mr. Sargent explains his way of teaching beginners how to handle and control a bell, and his method is undoubtedly a very good idea. Some considerable time ago, Mr. Storey, of Newcastle, wrote in 'The Ringing World' on how to hold the rope, and also referred to the stance of the ringer. The Lancashire Association has issued a small booklet on how to hold the rope the right way and the wrong way. The way some ringers do it is, in my opinion, ridiculous. We see ringers, 6ft. in height, as well as ringers of shorter stature, who do not reach up enough, either at hand or back, thereby impeding the command of their bell, probably because they think they may touch the belfry ceiling or feel a bit out of place in being next to a smaller ringer. Here are a few of the bad habits which I have noticed:—

(1) Standing with feet about 18 inches apart at times instead of having one foot slightly in advance of the other, and so retaining better balance of the body and command of the bell.

(2) Ringing too erect, more like a mechanical toy, and pulling only from the shoulders instead of the whole body being in action.

(3) Leaning against the belfry wall, as if they are tired. That, I consider, is lazy ringing.

(4) Ringing with the first finger pointing up the rope at backstroke.

(5) Holding the rope with the hands too far apart instead of close together.

These are bad habits one sees during one's ringing career. Can anyone wonder at the bad striking, referred to many times in 'The Ringing World,' which causes much annoyance to the public, who know nothing about the art of campanology? The sooner ringers get out of such bad habits and acquire a more graceful style of ringing the sooner we may get better striking, which should be everyone's aim.

A. W. F.

## THE PEAL AT LANHYDROCK.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your reference in last week's Belfry Gossip to the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, was of special interest to myself. When I read the reported result of the recent Cornish tour, I felt convinced that I had rung a peal of Superlative at Lanhydrock when I was a member of a touring party in Cornwall. I could not, however, substantiate this, having lost my record of peals while in South Africa. I do not know how many of the party are now living. I only know of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and myself. I remember among those taking part in the tour were J. W. Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Willett, Charles Hounslow, W. W. Gifford, N. J. Pitstow, the Rev. Maitland Kelly. N. J. Pitstow did not take part in the peal in question, for I remember him remarking after the peal that it was the best ringing he had had the pleasure of listening to.

A. E. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden.

## LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, September 24th, the wedding of Miss Doris E. Blencowe and Mr. S. G. Catherall was solemnised at St. Laurence's Church, Reading, Berks. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (Canon G. F. Coleridge) officiated, assisted by the Rev. N. J. Raper, of St. Laurence's. Two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung and the bells fired as the happy pair left the church, the ringers wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

The reception at St. Laurence's Hall was attended by approximately 100 guests, including Guides and Rangers, Sunday School teachers and ringers, to all of which organisations Miss Blencowe belonged. Grandfire Triples, Caters and Cinques.

Miss Blencowe has been a most punctual and regular attendant for service ringing and practice for some 16 years and will be missed. She is one of the few ringers of the gentle sex who have rung Stedman and

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—39.

### WALTER AYRE.

Mr. Walter Ayre is a Lincolnshire man, born at Barton-on-Humber on December 4th, 1891, but for some years he has been living at Leverstock Green, near Hemel Hempstead, in Hertfordshire.

His first peal was one of Minor in three methods rung at Barton on April 22nd, 1911, one of the band being Charles Jackson, who for so long was the leading ringer at Hull just across the Humber.

Mr. Ayre's first peal as conductor was one of Bob Minor on October 19th, 1912, and since then he has taken part in 476 peals, of which 166 were on handbells and 223 conducted by him. These show an extraordinary amount of variety, and it would take a page of 'The Ringing World' to describe them all. They include the first peals of Eyrie, Bushey and Aldenham Surprise Major, Double Court Royal and Shipway's Court Major, and on handbells the first peals of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus, Wellington Little Court, Little Oxford Bob and Richmond Bob Major. The handbell peals were called by Mr. Ayre.

After ringing his first peal of Major at Hull in 1911, and of Triples at Grimsby in 1912, he removed to Nottingham for a time, and when there rang his first peals of Royal (Treble Bob at Chesterfield), Caters (Grand-sire at St. Mary's, Beverley), and Superlative at Nottingham. He joined the Army very soon after war broke out, and served with the R.F.A. in France and Belgium. Discharged in 1917, he entered a training college in London, and while there took part in a handbell peal of Bob Royal, conducted by John D. Matthews. In 1920 he rang his first twelve-bell peal—Bob Maximus on the tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

It was in 1922 that he went to live at Leverstock Green, where there are only two bells, so he had to travel for his ringing. Peals in all the standard methods and many others followed—London in 1922 without previous practice. In 1924 he rang with a band of Royal Cumberland Youths in a peal of Stedman Caters at the Imperial Institute. He also rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus—which completed his sequence in the method—for the same society.

In 1932 Mr. Ayre joined the band at Apsley End, where he rings twice on Sundays, as he does not consider that a man is justified in ringing peals unless he is a service ringer, but he returns to Leverstock Green to sing in the choir. In 1932 the Apsley band rang very few methods, but last year they rang over 50 fresh Minor methods. Mr. Ayre has conducted peals at Apsley in 16 Surprise methods (February 26th, 1938), 25 Minor methods (May 2nd, 1938), and 24 Surprise methods (September 5th, 1938). His other six-bell performances include a peal on the heavy ring at Bray in Berkshire, in which he rang the tenor.

Mr. Ayre lives not far from Bushey, and he is a member of the very talented band there. He has taken part with them in many performances of new Surprise methods.

He was a district secretary of the Hertford Association from 1923 to 1930, and from 1932 to the present time; was president of the association in 1935, and has been one of its representatives on the Central Council from 1937.

### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### NORTHERN BRANCH AT WESLEY'S BIRTHPLACE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Epworth on Saturday, September 24th. Over 80 members and friends made good use of the beautiful new ring of eight bells, the ringing extending from rounds to Spliced Surprise.

All present were delighted to see the president, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, back again after his long illness.

Epworth is the birthplace of John Wesley, and after the formal business had been dealt with, the president gave interesting facts about Wesley's life and read extracts from his journal.

The Vicar of Epworth, and others who had assisted, were warmly thanked for the welcome and efficient arrangements which made the meeting so successful.



MR. WALTER AYRE.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### A PRESIDENTIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at York on Saturday, September 24th, when, by kind permission of the Dean (the Very Rev. H. N. Bate), the splendid ring of 12 bells at the Minster was available, and also the light ring of six at SS. Philip and James, Clifton. In spite of the uncertainty of the weather, upwards of 100 members and friends were present in the course of the afternoon and evening, some viewing the ancient beauties of this historic city, while others sampled the splendour of the mighty bells.

The official proceedings commenced with a meeting of the General Committee in the Flower Vestry at 3.15 p.m. Most of the members were punctual, but owing to the bus in which he was travelling stopping at every point en route to pick up and set down passengers, and several other times for no apparent reason, the general secretary arrived 35 minutes late, someone being so unkind as to suggest it was time he got married!

Most of the members attended evensong in the Minster at 4 p.m. at the special invitation of the Dean. An excellent tea followed at the Feasegate Cafe and Restaurant, at which approximately 90 sat down.

The general meeting followed, presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), and the vice-presidents (Messrs. G. Lewis, F. Cryer and H. Gibson). At the outset, the President, in welcoming the Dean, said how pleased they were to be honoured with his presence at their meeting for a few moments, and wished to express to him their grateful thanks for allowing them to hold their meeting at York.

The Dean, in reply, said he was exceedingly happy to welcome them to York, and added that the relations between the clergy and ringers at the Minster were of the best. They had a good and loyal team of ringers and valued their services highly. He hoped everyone present would enjoy their visit to York and particularly to the Minster.

Before proceeding with the business, the President announced that the association had lost by death one of its stalwarts, Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull. Mr. West had worked hard to promote progress in the Eastern District, and not only his valued services, but his cheery face would be sadly missed by all. As a tribute of respect, the members stood in silence. A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of York and the Minster authorities for the use of the Minster bells, and to the Vicar and churchwardens of Clifton for the use of their bells, was moved by the president, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ringers of York and Clifton for welcoming the association to their towers and for their kind arrangements.

Mr. G. Horner replied and added that the task of arranging for tea had been considerably mitigated by the satisfactory manner in which the members had applied for their tickets. He hoped that state of affairs would continue.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Halkesworth, seconded by Mr. J. Holman, it was unanimously agreed to try and arrange the next meeting at Leeds. It was pointed out that it would be the annual general meeting, and that it was desirable to hold this in a good centre, affording easy access to members from all the districts.

### QUESTION OF BELL RESTORATION GRANT.

An appeal from the Ripponden ringers for a grant in connection with the rehanging of the Ripponden Church bells was then reported upon. The President announced that the committee had already carefully considered the matter, and were unanimously agreed that as no fund existed specifically for this purpose, they could not accede to the request on the grounds that it would create a precedent, the outcome of which it would be difficult to tell.—This was endorsed.

Mr. F. Rayment, in proposing they should have a 'whip round,' said he thought that in principle most of them present would agree to do what they could unofficially. This was seconded by Mr. H. Gibson. A collection was taken and realised the sum of 36s.

The President reported that an appeal had been received from the Rev. R. H. B. Staveley asking for an instructor or assistance from the association to teach the ringers of his church change ringing. He pointed out that this matter had also been discussed in committee, the Northern District secretary, Mr. E. Hudson, offering to look into the matter and do what he could to help.

The next item on the agenda was the suggestion of instituting a presidential chain of office. Mr. F. G. Sherwood reported that he had been in touch with a firm of jewellers and submitted a suggested design. A lengthy discussion ensued, humour striking the predominant note. It was eventually moved by Mr. F. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, that a chain be purchased. It was also moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler, that a sub-committee, consisting of the president, the general secretary, the peal secretary, the treasurer and Mr. F. G. Sherwood, be set up to deal with the matter.

Mr. W. Barton then gave notice of motion affecting the rules appertaining to finance (particulars of which will be published on the circular advertising the next general meeting). He pointed out, in briefly prefacing the circumstances which had decided him to bring the matter forward, that the existing rules were not only ambiguous, but conflicting, and it was very necessary that they should be clarified.

Further ringing at the Minster afterwards took place.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION TO HON. SECRETARY AT ANNUAL DINNER.

### More About Broadcasting Bells.

'I hope to-morrow the bells of England will ring out more merrily than ever before, to mark what, pray God, may be the start of a new age of friendship between the nations of the earth.' This appropriate sentiment was expressed by the Bishop of Croydon, who presided at the third annual dinner of the Surrey Association at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday. Reference to the feelings of thankfulness and gratitude also found expression in the drinking of the toast of 'Mr. Neville Chamberlain' after that of 'The King.' The company numbered about 60, and included Mr. H. K. C. Birt (Master), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. G. Talbot (hon. secretary) and Mr. J. Hobden (assistant hon. secretary).

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. C. F. Johnston said the ringers of England had a very intimate touch with their national Church. In the anxious times they had all been through they knew that masses of people had turned to the Church for support and guidance. Even while the Prime Minister was flying to foreign lands in his efforts to preserve the peace, they knew that thousands, including his wife, were praying daily at the Abbey. In the times of crisis the association of ringers with the Church was most marked because peace bells ringing out from the church were the most coherent means they had of expressing the thanksgiving of the nation. Coupling the name of the Bishop of Croydon with the toast, Mr. Johnston referred to the many threes in the Bishop's life. He was Bishop, Archdeacon and Vicar of Croydon, and had served in the Army, Navy and Air Force. They had had a succession of remarkable men as the 53 Vicars of Croydon during the past 659 years. He doubted whether any predecessor of their Vicar had ever been an ex-sergeant-major in the British Cavalry!

### THE BELLS OF CROYDON.

The Bishop, in his reply, said from time to time he climbed the tower of the Parish Church to say a prayer with the ringers, and he heard strange grunts coming from the captain (laughter). He heard strange names as Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major that left him rather bewildered. They who were in a position of responsibility in the Church were very conscious of what they owed to the bells. He would never forget his first entry into Croydon Parish Church on the night of his institution as a stranger to succeed a very great man. As he passed under the tower he was welcomed by the bells, which made him feel at home. He knew from his experience of broadcasting how much those bells of Croydon meant to people in the far ends of the earth. After a broadcast a few months ago he had 20 or 30 letters from Australia and New Zealand, and the thing which touched them most was the old bells of Croydon, which brought back memories of the place in which they lived. His first act was to thank them for the part they played in their worship of God.

The second thing he would stress was the quite amazing freemasonry which existed among the ringers. This freemasonry ought to exist among all Christian people. He would like to see choristers when on holiday go and take their place in the choir as ringers frequently did in the visiting belfry, and churchwardens go and make themselves known to other churchwardens. He felt that there was a great deal they could do to get outside their parochial bond, and ringers gave the Church a great lead in that direction.

### ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.

The toast of 'The Surrey Association' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes, who said they all knew what fine work had been done by the Surrey Association since its formation 57 years ago. He remembered the old stalwarts of the association in Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Drewitt and Mr. Edgar Hallam, but that was in the past, and no association or guild could live on its past. They had to think of to-day and the future. Happily, to-day the Association was fortunate in having enthusiastic and active officers. It was invidious to mention names, but from his limited experience he knew what the association owed to its Master and secretary, and men like Mr. Charlie Kippin and Mr. Dan Cooper, and while the association had active officers it would always prosper.

There was another phase of the Surrey Association of which it could be proud, and that was its care of the bells. That was evident by the number of bell restorations which had been carried through in the last 20 years. He was rather sad when he heard that the association had to give up monthly Sunday ringing at Southwark Cathedral. He knew the reason that most of their ringers were attached to local towers and their first duty was to their own church. At the same time, if by matter of organisation it could be brought into being again, it would be doing a very great work. In the old-fashioned formula of another society, might he give the toast of 'The Surrey Association, by root and branch may it prosper for ever' (applause).

The Master, in reply, said he had two letters of apology—one from Mr. Goldsmith, who at that moment was in the Bay of Biscay—he hoped he was not tossing too much! (laughter). The other was from the treasurer of the Southern District, Mr. M. Northover, who was in Scotland.

Mr. Birt said he was glad Mr. Hughes had referred to the excellent work done by the officers of the association, as they owed a great deal to them for their keenness and capacity. He was glad to think that

the association was on the up-grade. In the North-Western District there was a record in membership, and this year there would be 11 meetings, counting the joint meetings, as against seven last year. In the Southern District the ringing for the most part had been kept up to the standard. He made particular reference to the peal at Limsfield Chart, which included five young ringers, whose average age was only 17 years (applause).

Change ringing originated from the days when the Church played a much more important part in a man's life than to-day, and in the early part of the 17th century the idea of worship as a necessary part of man's life was much stronger than now. He believed the pendulum must swing back and worship would play a much larger part. The tragedy of the world in these days of wars and crises would force man to realise that this world was God's world and would only work as he designed it on the basis of love and not of hatred, fear and greed. Ringers by the bells could keep reminding people that this was God's world.

### SECRETARY'S APPROACHING MARRIAGE.

At the conclusion of the speech the Master presented from the association a clock to Mr. Edward Talbot, the hon. secretary, in view of his approaching marriage to Miss Dora Clayton, and wished them every happiness in their new life.

Mr. Talbot, in acknowledging the present, remarked that it was exactly the thing they wanted. 'There must be fairies at the bottom of the garden,' he added, amid the applause of the company.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was presented by Mr. C. Parks, who paid a tribute to Mr. Goldsmith's service to the Exercise, and acknowledged by Mr. T. W. White.

The Rev. Gerald Hart submitted 'The Visitors,' to which the Rev. R. Talbot, Vicar of Reigate, replied. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, also responded, and said although he lived 2½ miles outside the association's area, he had never had occasion to join the association for peal ringing. He was very pleased it was to be rectified within three weeks (applause). 'I have said some hard things about broadcasting and the ringing in broadcasting,' said Mr. Lewis, reverting to a favourite theme. 'Every time I have turned on Croydon I have always heard good ringing. I am very pleased that for broadcasting you ring ten bells and not twelve bells. Ten bells are very much more suitable for broadcasting than twelve bells. The public do not understand twelve bells. The Croydon broadcasting was excellent, and was just what is wanted and not like some of the recent broadcasting in my own county, Kent, which was a perfect disgrace.'

Mr. Lewis reiterated his appeal for the younger clergy to take up ringing. Twenty or thirty years ago there was a number of clergy ringers who were prominent conductors and composers, and some had contributed to the standard literature of ringing. They had lost a great many in the last 10 or 15 years. As they knew, students in two of the theological colleges were being taught ringing. He wanted to congratulate Croydon because he understood the whole of the clergy staff took a practical interest in ringing.

During the evening handbell ringing was given by members of the Croydon band and the Banstead band. Mr. Horace Brend entertained with magic and a ventriloquist sketch, and a happy evening concluded with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### A 'PATHFINDER' SECRETARY.

A joint meeting of the Stockport and Macclesfield Branches was held at Disley on September 24th, when about 45 members and friends were present. The bells were busily employed during the afternoon until service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. O. A. Thomas, who also gave a very fine address. Tea was served in the nearby schools, and an excellent repast was enjoyed by all.

The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the branch chairman, Mr. Wolstencroft. In his opening remarks, the Chairman made reference to the pleasure always felt in coming to Disley, and said his remembrances of this pretty village went back for over 50 years, yet he never tired of visiting it. The business was of a routine nature. The election prior to peal attempts of Alan Beeley, Jocelyn B. Gardiner, Ivan B. Gardiner and Eric B. Hartley were confirmed. The death of Mr. Pierce, of Cheadle, an old and well-respected member of the branch, was reported, and the members stood for a moment in silence. Mr. T. Taylor expressed the thanks and pleasure of the Macclesfield Branch at being able to join with the Stockport Branch, and Mr. J. Whittaker supported his remarks. The secretary proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the Rev. E. O. A. Thomas for his address, the organist, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the Vicar of New Mills for permission to use his bells in the evening, and to all who in any way assisted to make the meeting a success. Mr. Hough seconded the resolution, which was carried with acclamation.

Further ringing took place on the bells at Disley, on handbells and also on the eight bells at New Mills, and a large variety of methods were rung, particular attention being given to the learners.

A party under the direction of the Stockport Branch secretary, a Rover Scout holding the Pathfinder badge, had a very exciting time trying to get to New Mills Church, and finally arrived in the middle of a large field before he discovered they were off the track. Happily they finally arrived at the church, but the secretary's reputation as a pathfinder has vanished (if it ever existed). The only thing he had to say in extenuation of his conduct was it was very dark and he never did know much about New Mills!



## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

### FIFTEEN PEALS OUT OF SEVENTEEN ATTEMPTS.

As will have been seen by the peals already published, this tour met with a considerable amount of success. Apart from this success, however, it was generally felt that some good work was done in a 'backward' area, and that the idea which caused this tour to be arranged on somewhat fresh lines was quite a good one. The virtues ascribed to the tourists in the leading article on September 9th were placed at a very high standard, but every effort was made to live up to them.

By devious routes and methods of travel the band, or nearly all of it, had met at the Castle Hotel at Launceston by tea time on September 10th. One member of the party, however, who had a rendezvous with Rupert, kept it just 24 hours late. Consequently he found a new route from Worcester to Launceston, which took him via Oxford, Reading and several other places. We can understand railwaymen going wrong, but do not expect it of anybody else.

The first peal of the tour was rung at Stokeclimsland, a few miles away from Launceston. It was difficult to obtain much information about these bells, but it would appear that some of them, perhaps all, were by Pennington. They were rehung in 1922, since which date the seventh became cracked and was recast by Taylors. The first peal of Major on the bells, Cambridge Surprise, was conducted by the organiser of the tour, C. T. Coles, and it was Mrs. E. Richardson's 200th peal. Thus a promise made four years ago, when the 100th was called by the same conductor at Harmston, Lincolnshire, was redeemed. The occasion was later on celebrated in fine style, with the usual generosity displayed by Rupert and his lady. The 200 peals constitute an interesting record, and have been rung in 28 English counties, in Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Tasmania and on the high sea.

Ring on Sunday morning was arranged at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, where in the afternoon the first peal of Major on the bells was conducted by the youngest member of the party, Ernest Turner. These bells were rehung and augmented by Taylors in 1923, and are a very pleasing peal. The weight of the tenor is 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., not 18 cwt. as shown in the peal report. Tenors have a habit of growing in Cornwall as elsewhere, but this one has since been found out! Some members of the party did evening service ringing at St. Thomas', Launceston, six bells. The ringing room at this tower is surely the smallest anywhere! It would be interesting to know where J. H. S. got to during Sunday. He disappeared quite early, and although he came in to lunch, he went off again until late in the evening. Last year, at Chester, a mysterious telephone message, appearing to come from a lady, was left for him at the hotel, and we wonder if his disappearance from Launceston was in any way connected with that incident. The worst of these bachelors is that they are so reticent, and, therefore, we can only make guesses.

### 'CATHEDRAL OF THE MOORS.'

On Monday morning a move further west was made. At St. Non, Altarnon, the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise in Cornwall was rung, the conductor being Frank Bennett. This church is known as the 'Cathedral of the Moors.' The tower, a very fine edifice, contains eight bells, tenor 11½ cwt., on which is inscribed, 'These eight bells replace five cast A.D. 1736 by John Pennington. Mears and Stainbank, 1923.'

At St. Meubredus, Cardynham, Cambridge Surprise was rung, conducted by Rupert Richardson. This turned out to be the most difficult job so far undertaken, and the ladies in the band are to be congratulated on sticking to their task so well. Three of the bells were in the tower prior to 1896 when Messrs. Mears and Stainbank completed the octave. The Rector at that time was the Rev. Athelstan Coode, himself a change ringer, and he rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells, Grandsire Triples. After the peal the tourists were entertained to tea by the local ringers, a kindness that was much appreciated, especially as it would have been quite impossible for so large a party to obtain anything in so remote a part of Cornwall. The Cardynham ringers were greatly interested, and there appears to be some fertile ground for change ringing at this tower.

Truro was reached late that same evening, with everybody very tired, but arrangements had to be made for an early start next morning. Cyril Lanxon, of Truro, who had arranged the programme for the tour, here joined the party, and early on Tuesday conducted the tourists to St. Anthony-in-Meneage, situated on the edge of the sea in a beautiful wooded creek. Leslie Morris conducted the first peal of Superlative on these bells, and Cyril Lanxon rang his first peal (incidentally his first blow) in the method. These bells are a mixed peal. Three of them were dated 1674, these were recast and augmented to six in 1924 by Gillett and Johnston, when a frame for eight was provided. The two trebles were added by Taylors in 1935.

During the first part of the peal, Col. Jerram, who had previously welcomed the tourists, conducted some of them to Dennis Head, a local beauty spot, where the echo of the bells could be heard from across the creek, whilst the headland itself shut out the actual sound of the bells. The name of St. Anthony is derived from Lantunney, the place of Sacred Fire, which is pre-Christian.

### AN INTERESTING 720.

Whilst the peal was in progress, too, four members of the party made a hurried visit to Manaccan Church, where a 720 of Bob Minor was rung for the benefit of E. Cossentine and Col. Jerram, which for both of whom was the first in the method. As showing the great difficulties for change ringers in such out of the way places in Cornwall, it might be mentioned that for both these gentlemen very many years had elapsed since their first attempt for a 720 of Minor, and their gratification at at last succeeding was a joy to behold.

At St. Michael's, Helston, the first failure of the tour occurred, Bristol being lost through a shift course after 1½ hours' ringing. The attempt afforded Cyril Lanxon an opportunity for some good practice, however, with a satisfactory sequel the next day. The Helston bells are a Taylor peal, dated 1904, the tenor weighing 12½ cwt. At All Hallows', St. Kea, the same evening, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung for the benefit of two Cornish ringers, and Mr. A. W. Brighton, who was in the district, also took part. Jim Bennett, of Lewisham, was the conductor, and it was a source of satisfaction that the 'extra' peal was successfully brought round.

### THREE PEALS IN A DAY.

On Wednesday three peals were rung. The first, at the Church of SS. Mauganus and Nicholas, St. Mawgan, was a peal of London Surprise called by Ernest Turner, it being the first peal rung on the bells. No information regarding these bells could be obtained, they are apparently 'wropt in mystery.' In the evening, at St. Petroc's, Bodmin, Bristol Surprise was rung, conducted by Leslie Wightman, on an octave by Rudhall, rehung in 1910 by Taylors. This peal was the first of Major on the bells, and it was Cyril Lanxon's first in the method. At St. Nyvett's, Lanivet, the same evening, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the benefit of Messrs. F. H. Harris and P. R. C. Williams, of Redruth. Mr. Harris, who rang the sixth, did exceptionally well considering the few opportunities for practising this method in Cornwall. It was his first peal in the method. Five of the bells are said to have been bought from an old priory at Bodmin in 1538 for less than £40. Two trebles were added and the peal restored by Taylors in 1924. The tenor is also from Loughborough.

Next day another three peals were arranged. At All Saints', Tucknham, near Camborne, Yorkshire Surprise was rung, conducted by Frank Bennett, this peal being the first on the eight bells, which were augmented by Taylors in 1931. At the conclusion of the peal it was found that Dr. Symons and Miss Symons, of Penzance, and Mr. Wood, of Gulval, had come up from far west to meet the tourists, and whilst old friends met old friends, there were several introductions to be made. A pleasant meeting passed all too quickly, but it ended with Dr. Symons' very cordial invitation to pay another visit.

In the evening, at St. Enodrus', St. Enoder, a peal of Double Norwich was rung to enable Cyril Lanxon to secure his first in this method. The Rev. C. E. Wigg paid a flying visit to Truro and rang in this peal.

At St. Martin's, Camborne, the same evening, an attempt for Bob Major was lost through a shift course after 1½ hours' ringing. This was the third of the peals arranged for Cornish ringers, and four took part in the attempt. It was regretted that the result was that no peal could be recorded. The bells are not easy to ring, the 5th and 6th especially being false. The 3rd of the original six is by Rudhall, 1767; the other five of the old six by Mears and Stainbank, 1894; and the two trebles by Taylors, 1934. Whilst ringing was in progress two ladies of the party, taking tea in a Camborne cafe, were interested to hear that the reason the bells were ringing was because war had been declared!

(To be continued.)

### CANCELLED ELY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having had to cancel at very short notice the district meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 1st, I wish to apologise to all members and visitors whom I was unable to notify.

C. W. COOK, District Secretary.

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## NOTICES.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The seventeenth commemoration dinner will take place at Ye Olde Castle Restaurant, Exchange Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (R.C.) (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and Ranmoor (10) from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 4, Quarry Road, Totley, near Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Overseale on Saturday, October 8th. (Please note alteration.) Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in School-room at 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (North-Western District).—A combined meeting of members of the above will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing again after service till 9 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, F. E. Hawthorne, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR**, October 8th.—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) will be open for ringing 5.30 to 8.30. All ringers welcome.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) **AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District).—A joint meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Don't forget Luton are playing at home, so come along. There will be everything from rounds to London Major.—H. V. Frost and F. J. Plummer, Dis. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, October 8th. Business at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral.—E. Dorice Kelly, 164, Richmond Road, Sheffield, 9.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Martin on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ubley bells available after meeting. Please notify by the 5th for tea.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, Frome.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify re tea. Will members please note change of meeting place, which has become necessary owing to the closing of Buxted tower during repairs?—B. Saunders, Hon. Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgwood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—As Lutterworth and Claybrooke are not available, the next meeting will be held at Thurlstone on Saturday, October 8th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Postcards for tea to Mr. G. Wright, sen., Enderby Lane, Thurlstone, near Leicester, not later than Friday, October 7th, please. It is hoped that all towers will be represented to discuss an item of interest to all members.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, October 8th. Peel of 10 bells available from 3 p.m. Association service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting of the branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, October 8th. Bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by presentation to the branch chairman, who is leaving Norfolk, by the president of the association, the Rev. Hugh McMullan. All members are welcome, but don't forget that card.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 8th. Tea 9d. per head. Ringing from 2 p.m.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. A postcard to let me know you need tea will oblige. Come and enjoy the country and renew your Minor acquaintances.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Caversham on Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at Parslows, 18, Prospect Street, at 6 p.m. 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

**ST. DENNIS, CORNWALL.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro to-morrow, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m.; the former ring of six rehung and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Purton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhaves, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Quarterly Meeting, October 10th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 8.15 p.m. Ringing from 6.45. Also October 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 1st, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.**—The first meeting of term will be at St. Peter's Hall, in Mr. Bryan's rooms, on October 11th, at 8.30 p.m. Any ringers coming up will be welcome, and further information may be had from the acting secretary, Mr. H. Miles (St. Cath's), 53, Oakthorpe Road, Oxford.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for October, 1938.—St. Paul's Cathedral, 11th\*, 7.30 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 13th and 27th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 18th, 7.30 p.m.;

St. Mary-le-Bow, 25th.\* \*Business meeting afterwards.  
— A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, North Shields, on Wednesday, October 12th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.  
—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead (not Binfield), Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing at All Saints', Wokingham, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 7 till 9.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods (8 bells) on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea provided at 9d. each to all who notify Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, Clayton-le-Woods, not later than Thursday, October 13th.—A. Blogg and S. Forshaw, Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege (6) from 2.30; Cathedral (12) after meeting (if possible). Service 4.30, at St. Alphege, followed by tea (free) and meeting, in Gaywood's Rooms, High Street (entrance between Goulden's Library and Messrs. Leon's). Nominations for district officers must reach me not later than Saturday, October 8th, and names for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, October 12th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, near Barnsley. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The first annual dinner will be held at Kettell's Restaurant, High Street, Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th, 1938. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3s. each, apply (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, before October 8th. Bells available: Wistaston (6 bells), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickingham (6) and Hinder Clay (6). All are welcome. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea provided by the Rev. Stevens in the Mission Room. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Oct. 11th.—R. D. Nelthorpe, District Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. Paley, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock will be provided free to all who inform Mr. H. Rodmell, Mount Pleasant, Wawne Road, Sutton-on-Hull, Hull, by Wednesday, October 12th. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, Oct. 15th, by kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of ringers. The peal of six bells will be available during the afternoon and evening, and the peal of eight bells at St. Leonard's, Malton, will also be available after tea. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. H. Rowsby, 2, Park Road, Norton, Malton, before Thursday, the 13th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting, Dore, Saturday October 15th. Please note, the date, not October 8th as arranged, as this clashes with the Yorkshire Society's dinner fixed for that day in Sheffield. A card to the Secretary will ensure adequate arrangements.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Tunstall (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Oct. 12th? Committee after tea.—Andrew Thompson.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing 6 o'clock. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge for those who notify by Wednesday previous the Rev. T. Williams, The Vicarage, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Andrew Hall, rs. Half rail fare (maximum rs. 6d.) to members—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The October quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who send the number in by Thursday, Oct. 13th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—An item of special interest to all members will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Oct. 15th, and a good attendance is requested. Usual times. Send Mr. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, p.c. for tea.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The unveiling ceremony of the 'George Hughes Memorial' tablet and peal board will take place at Wednesbury on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 3.30 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Oct. 15th. All ringers (especially Oldham and district) cordially invited to attend.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clapton-in-Gordano, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Battersea, S.W.11, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (recently rehung) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby restaurant, 1s. per head. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

**OXHEY,** Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30, Cottage Café, High Street. Ringing till 8 p.m. Train or coach service, Bushey Station.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Farnham, Faringdon, Berks.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Oct. 17th?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Hanwell (5), recently rehung, will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 and after the meeting. Wardington (6) if required. For tea please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District). Preliminary Notice.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in St. John's Hall at 5.15 p.m. Social at 7.30 p.m. Further details next week.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association (South and West District).

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind

invitation of the Dartford Band of Ringers, will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 17th. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Annual district meeting at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Ringing and service at the Cathedral. Full particulars next week.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. Please be sure to send a postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

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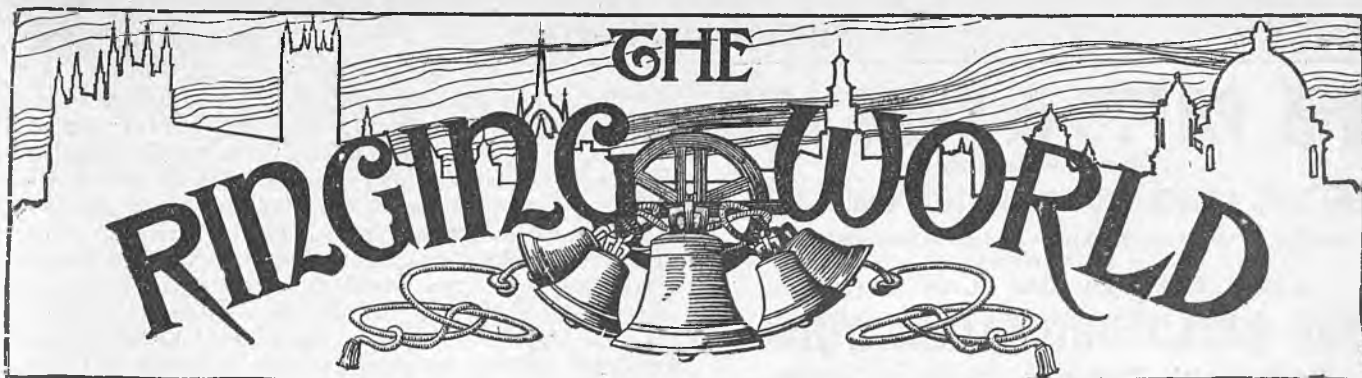
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It is, we think, a hopeful sign that one of the old London societies, the Royal Cumberland Youths, took part recently in a joint meeting with two of the modern territorial associations that function in and around Greater London. It will be all for the good of ringing in the metropolis when such gatherings become a feature, instead of an exception, in the proceedings of the London societies. Meetings in which the associations officially share not only help to break down artificial barriers but emphasise the common purpose of all the organisations within the Exercise; and yet, in London, where we might look for a lead, the oldest of the societies have been the last to take advantage of the opportunities thus offered. One could, perhaps, have understood such an attitude in the old days, when jealousies and selfish ambitions kept them in rival camps, but this spirit should now have no place in the ranks of ringers if, as we are encouraged to believe, the promotion of the art of change ringing and service to the Church are the two great aims of ringing organisations.

The first step towards this happier relationship might well be the abolition of the rule which excludes a member of one of these old societies from membership of the other. A plea for this was put forward at the meeting at Shore-ditch, and we know there are many members of both societies who would like to see such action taken. The tradition behind this attempted exclusiveness may be of long standing, but its incorporation in the rules dates back to more recent times. Ever since the days when the St. James' Society came into being, the custom of preventing a man joining any other society failed to be really effective, and with the growth of the territorial associations and the expansion of the old London societies to include provincial members, the barrier has simply developed into an absurdity. If the College Youths and the Cumberlands were merely what they were originally, two rival London companies, adherence to the rules might have some justification, but in the present circumstances the inhibition is not only outworn but useless; not because there would be so many ringers who might want to join both societies, but because it tends to harbour rivalries of the wrong kind, sets up false conceits, and prevents that co-operation which might be turned to most valuable purpose in setting right some of the things which obviously need taking in hand in connection with London bells and bell-ringing.

It is to the younger generation that the Exercise must look for a change in the present policy. It is hardly to be expected that the men who have grown up steeped in a

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tradition, which they have accepted as a matter of course, are likely readily to listen to the voice of reform; but until there is a more amicable official relationship among all the ringing societies that operate in the London area, little can be hoped for in the improvement which is so badly needed in the scores of neglected towers. A custom which had the purpose knocked out of it a hundred years ago, and from which the usefulness, if ever any existed, vanished long before that, ought not to be allowed to stand in the way of action which, let it not be forgotten, will yet be needed to save the bells of London for the art of ringing.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. J. BRAY ... ..	Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	7
JOHN FREEMAN ... ..	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	9
*MRS. C. MCGUINNESS ... ..	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ..	10
JOHN WALDEN ... ..	5	HAROLD WALKER ... ..	11
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	6	JACK BRAY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... ..	Treble	*ALBERT G. WARNES ... ..	6
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	2	*RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	7
HENRY TOOKE ... ..	3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..	8
*BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... ..	4	*GEORGE BAILEY ... ..	9
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	5	*REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Double Norwich Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes, at 8

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 2

*RALPH NARBOROUGH ... ..	Treble	JOHN WALDEN ... ..	68
JOHN FREEMAN ... ..	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... ..	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... ..	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... ..	4	*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... ..	9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... ..	5	HAROLD WALKER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... ..	Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... ..	6
CHARLES ALLSOP ... ..	2	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... ..	7
*MRS. N. S. BAGWORTH ... ..	3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... ..	8
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... ..	4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... ..	9
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... ..	5	JOHN T. GRANT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.

\* First peal on ten bells.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Thursday, September 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN F. ATKINS ... .. Treble	NORMAN G. GOODMAN ... 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	ERNEST BOYLIN ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3	*ERIC COLE ... .. 7
WILFRED MUMFORD ... .. 4	†THEODORE RUSSELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN

\* First peal of Major. † First peal on a working bell.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD AUSTIN ... .. Treble	JAMES J. CAUSON ... .. 5
FRANK COLE ... .. 2	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6
WILLIAM STAITE ... .. 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 7
LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4	MELVILLE JORDAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FRED LACEY ... .. Treble	*FRANK LORD ... .. 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 6
*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	*GEORGE DOBBS ... .. 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTROW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

*IVAN POLLARD ... .. Treble	*STEPHEN MAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. BRADFIELD ... 2	SYDNEY J. LEVETT ... .. 6
†ARTHUR H. FUNNELL ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 7
ALBERT A. EASTON ... .. 4	WILLIAM LEVETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Leslie Hook.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	*HAROLD WALKER ... .. 7
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal in the method.

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*On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble	CECIL NICE ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*STANLEY WOOD ... .. Treble	JAMES FIELDING ... .. 5
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... 2	RICHARD BENSON ... .. 6
MISS G. ANNIE CROOK ... 3	PETER CROOK ... .. 7
ALBERT FORD ... .. 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by Miss G. ANNIE CROOK.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF WOODSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JOHN C. OKE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 5
ARTHUR GOODING ... .. 2	*ARTHUR MITCHELL ... .. 6
THOMAS LAVER ... .. 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 7
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4	*GEORGE SKINNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Stedman.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble	SYDNEY DABINETT ... .. 5
JAMES HUNT ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
*RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 3	J. THOMAS LOCKE ... .. 7
PERCY H. LOCK ... .. 4	EDWARD STEVENS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Grandsire.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

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

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	*FRANK C. MAY ... .. 5
*WILLIAM S. MAY ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
†GERALD FROST ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. 7
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMMING.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	CYRIL BRENT-SMITH ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

A birthday peal for Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., and E. Brett.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ALLEWAY ... 5
*DENNIS CATTELL ... 2	EDWARD ASHBY ... 6
*FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	FREDERICK W. HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Grandsire away from the treble.

## BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS H. JUSTICE, JUN. ... Treble	FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 5
WALTER FARLEY ... 2	WILLIAM H. LOWE ... 6
DENNIS HOLLEN ... 3	JOHN GOODMAN ... 7
NORMAN LEECH ... 4	THOMAS H. JUSTICE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

\* First peal away from the tenor.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 2	*CHARLES SHARPLES ... 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TYSON ... Treble	MAJOR CROOK ... 5
JAMES FIELDING ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
JOHN F. WOOD ... 3	CHARLES BROWNLOW ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	RICHARD WM. MOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to Bolton.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## LLANDOVERY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt.

D. G. FRANCIS ... Treble	H. REES ... 4
D. LLEWELLYN ... 2	G. E. PARMENTER ... 5
S. V. REES ... 3	W. ROBBINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. V. REES.

A birthday compliment to W. Robbings.

## HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD WRIGHT ... Treble	ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 4
MELVILLE JORDAN ... 2	THOMAS WORRALL ... 5
LESLIE BARRY ... 3	CHARLES HODGES ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung for harvest festival.

## BASSINGHAM, LINES.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	PERCY HOLMES ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	KENNETH W. MEYER ... 5
WALTER TOMLINSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

Rung during the octave of the patronal festival.

## PURLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED CHALK ... Treble	ERNEST J. RUTTER ... 4
*JOHN SHEPHEARD-WALWYN ... 2	*RICHARD C. CLARK ... 5
MISS ANNIE WHITE ... 3	LESLIE J. CLARK ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT 56, MOORLAND AVENUE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 11½ in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	HAROLD WALKER ... 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

## SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. CHAMBERLAIN, 2, EASTHORPE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 1-2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3-4
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RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5-6  
Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire—A. J. Chamberlain.

**A HAMPSHIRE TOUR.**

The following peals were rung for  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 18 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 1	Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2		FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 3		ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 7
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. 4		REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.  
A 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Monday, October 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 2		GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3		REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal of Surprise. Rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

**EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 3		REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 4		JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Wednesday, October 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2		FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4		REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A silver wedding compliment to the Rector (Canon R. B. Jolly) and Mrs. Jolly.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Thursday, October 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 1	Treble	*LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 6
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 2		†ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4		HAROLD P. REED ... .. 9
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 5		REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First ten-bell peal as conductor.

**HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 1	Treble	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3		GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
†REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

**WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Friday, October 7, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 3		REGINALD A. REED ... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4		SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

**CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.**

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 1	Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2		REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3		JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4		REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.****A MEETING AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.**

The quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip on Saturday, October 1st. Instead of the usual Guild service, members and friends attended the choral evensong held at 6 p.m., in which the special prayers of the Guild service were incorporated. In the course of the service, the Provost, the Very Rev. J. H. Richards, M.A., made special reference to the ringers being present and to the value of their services in the belfry.

In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the vice-president, Councillor A. Paddon Smith, presided at the business meeting.

The secretary reported that on applying for the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, he was informed that Saturday, March 4th, was already booked. He had, therefore, booked the previous Saturday, February 25th, for the dinner.—This arrangement was confirmed, and it was unanimously agreed to invite the Rev. Canon Stuart Blofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston, to preside at the dinner.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. H. King and T. H. Gostling, of Hampton-in-Arden, Messrs. J. T. Atkins, E. Boylin, W. Mumford, T. Russell, of the Parish Church, Edgbaston.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at headquarters on January 7th, 1939, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Rowley Regis on Saturday, November 12th.

Reference was made to the illness of Mr. James George and Mr. Tom Miller. It was reported that Mr. George's leg was still giving him considerable pain and that Mr. Miller had now been discharged from the hospital and was continuing to make good progress.

**HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The September meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Lindley, when members attended from Longwood, Meltham, Elland, Brighouse, Ripponden, Halifax Parish Church, All Souls', Halifax, and Lindley. The bells were kept going throughout the day, and the methods included Kent, Oxford, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Stedman.

The business meeting took place after tea with the joint president (the Rev. A. L. Minns) in the chair. The practice meetings for the Halifax District were changed to All Souls', Halifax, on Wednesday evenings, and it is hoped that they will prove more successful than they have done in the past.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and the local ringers was proposed by Mr. F. Rhodes and seconded by Mr. S. Manchester.—Mr. W. Hargreaves replied on behalf of the local company.

There was some excellent Minor ringing, and one ringer from a certain six-bell tower said that he was yet to be convinced of the superiority of Major ringing. If he had paid a visit to Elland on the occasion of the inauguration peal on September 11th he would most certainly have been won over.

## LONDON RINGERS' COMBINED MEETING.

### STEP TOWARDS GREATER HARMONY.

A joint meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Essex Association and the Middlesex Association was held at Shoreditch on October 1st and was attended by a large number of well-known London ringers. The ringing at St. Leonard's was under the direction of Mr. A. E. Coles, Master of the Middlesex Association, and the service in the church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. Cecil, the lesson being read by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

In his address, the Rector said how pleased he was that the meeting had coincided with the news that peace had been preserved. People had asked him that morning why the bells were not ringing, and he had been happy to be able to reply, 'Wait till this afternoon.'

The preacher then referred to several things for which Shoreditch Church is famous, but what makes it best known to people all over the world is, he said, its bells. He gave a short account of them, but unfortunately he took as his authority a history of Shoreditch Church, where legend and fable are pushed to the utmost limits, and beyond. As a matter of fact, the Duke of Cumberland never had anything to do with Shoreditch, he was not a ringer, and he did not give the two trebles which made the ring of ten. There is not the least bit of truth in the story that his portrait once hung in the vestibule of the church and was removed to St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where it now is. We imagine that this tale arose from the fact that the medallion worn by the Master of the Cumberlands Society bears the duke's portrait and that the society moved some peal boards from St. Leonard's to St. Martin's when they changed their headquarters.

Tea was served at the depot of the Express Dairy Company to about 70 people. Afterwards Mr. George Steere, on behalf of the Cumberlands, in the absence of the Master, welcomed the two other associations. It was the first time the Cumberlands had taken part in a joint meeting and he hoped it would not be the last. He added that he could assure the Rector that if a picture was taken from St. Leonard's, the present members were not responsible for the theft.

Mr. C. T. Coles, speaking for the Middlesex Association, said it was a red letter day, for it was one step further in the movement for bringing all the ringers of London into greater harmony and concord, and he hoped that it would do much to remove misunderstandings which ought never to exist. The societies had everything in common, and existed for one aim—the advancement of ringing and there was no reason for rivalry. Speaking as a Cumberland Youth, he hoped that the society would repeal the rule which forbade its members to join another society. It was said that this rule promoted healthy rivalry, but in his opinion it promoted much more undesirable feelings.

Mr. E. J. Butler spoke for the Essex Association. He considered that joint meetings would do an immense amount of good, and he did not see why their scope should not be considerably enlarged.

Mr. Summerhayes moved a vote of thanks to the incumbents who had placed their bells at the disposal of the ringers, and to others who had contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment.

During the evening there was ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and St. Olave's, Hart Street.

### SALISBURY GUILD'S LOSS.

#### DEATH OF MR. R. N. DAWES AT DORCHESTER.

Branch Chairman for Twenty Years.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Councillor R. N. Dawes, of Dorchester, who died on September 29th at the age of 71 years. By his death Dorchester has lost one who, for 42 years, had been prominently associated with the life of the town and who had given of his best to public service in many ways. For two years, in 1933 and 1934, he was accorded the highest honour that the town could confer on him, that of the Mayoralty, and both he and Mrs. Dawes filled the respective offices of Mayor and Mayoress with dignity and distinction.

In 1910, when the present hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild called the first meeting to inaugurate the branch, Mr. Dawes, who was then churchwarden at St. Peter's, Dorchester, was elected chairman. This office he held for 20 years. His efficiency and good humour at the meetings, his great interest in the Guild, in ringers and in ringing endeared him to the members and won him the highest respect.

Of the many meetings held, one in particular he used to look forward to, the annual gathering at his own church, St. Peter's, Dorchester. When he relinquished his office (owing to pressure of other duties), a very high tribute was paid to him at the annual meeting for his devoted work, and he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Mr. Dawes held other public offices, and the large gathering, which included the Mayor, aldermen, councillors, Corporation officials, Freemasons (he was P.M. of his lodge), Fire Brigade, etc., that attended the funeral on Saturday week testified to the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow-townsmen. The chairman of the Dorchester branch (the Rev. A. W. Markby) officiated at the service, and the Salisbury Guild was represented by the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry), while members from Dorchester, Bournemouth, Poole, Wimborne and Wyke Regis rang a special half-muffled touch as the cortege left St. Peter's Church as a last tribute to his memory. Among the many wreaths was one from the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, and a floral bell from the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

## PEAL NOTES.

### ANOTHER HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

There was a peal ringing tour in Hampshire last week, in the course of which nine peals were rung. It was not all 'highbrow' stuff, but it was, we feel sure, none the less enjoyable for that.

Some of the 'old stagers' formed the backbone of the company. George Williams, at 81, was in eight of the peals, Bill Fussell, at 77, stood in all nine. Frank Bennett, Sam Hector and Jim Shepherd, all rapidly approaching 'the allotted span,' took part, the two first named ringing in all the peals and the last in seven of them. The older they get the worse they get, these boys.

The methods they rang were Bob Major (2), Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major (2) and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

A footnote to the peal at West Meon, the second of the tour, says it was rung on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Mr. Williams was in both peals. The only other survivors of that first peal—also rung during a Hampshire 'tour'—are Messrs. Keith Hart and J. S. Goldsmith.

The peal of Superlative at Southampton was a noteworthy performance for Mr. John Faithfull. On the previous evening the Hastings stay of the 3rd had been broken while a learner was practising, but, despite this, Mr. Faithfull, who has only one arm, rang the bell to the peal.

Mr. Ernest J. Munday had a good week. The seven peals in which he took part included his first peal on ten bells and his first of Cambridge and Double Norwich, while the peal of Kent Treble Bob at East Tytherleigh on October 4th was rung on the third anniversary of his wedding.

The final peal of the tour, Bob Major, at Curdridge, was the fiftieth peal which Mr. George Williams and Mr. Reginald A. Reed, his pupil, had rung together. Mr. Williams has called 28 of these.

Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, Surrey, rang his 350th peal on Saturday, when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at Warnham.

The peal at Edgbaston on September 29th was rung to mark the 30th anniversary of the appointment of Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle as beadle of the Parish Church.

A peal in yet another new method has been rung by the Hertfordshire band, under Mr. Harold Cashmore. At King's Langley on Saturday they knocked off without previous practice the first peal of Woodston Surprise Major.

The method is a combination of Ashtead and London Surprise, with 7th's place, instead of 5th's, when the treble lies behind. But while the place-making in the sections follows these two methods—Ashtead with the treble below 5th's and London when it is above 4th's—the ringing of it, of course, is altogether different.

Apart from the amazing variety that can be used in the place-making in Surprise methods, this arrangement is another example of the wide combination of sections that can be introduced. For the benefit of those readers who may not know what a 'section' is, we may explain that it is the four rows with the treble in any one of its dodging places, that is, either 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8.

### BLIND RINGER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. John Shephard-Walwyn, a member of Oxford University Society, who learned to ring while an undergraduate, has rung his first peal. What makes his achievement noteworthy is that he is blind.

The peal, in which he rang the second, consisted of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob and was rung at Purleigh, Essex. Those who have seen Mr. Shephard-Walwyn ring know how well he has overcome his affliction. He strikes, of course, entirely by ear, and rings methods by counting the places.

After a peal of Grandsire Triples at Drayton, Somerset, on Saturday, when Mr. Jack Roy rang his fiftieth peal, the visitors were entertained by the local men, and wish to thank them for their hospitality.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Heavitree, Devon, on Saturday, was rung as a thankoffering for the maintenance of peace.

A new Rector, the Rev. Leslie Hook, was welcomed to All Saints' Church, Hastings, on October 5th, with a peal of Oxford Bob Triples; he had been inducted by the Bishop of Chichester on the previous day. The peal composition was J. J. Parker's Ten-Part, No. 1, from the 'Collection of Triples Methods.'

Three ladies took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Lincoln Cathedral on Oct. 1st. Their respective husbands were 'also present.'

Some of the band who rang in this peal had another burst of energy on the following day, when, after ringing a peal of Bob Major on handbells, they went on to Bassingham and scored a peal in seven Minor methods.

Llanely Parish Church ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llandovery on September 24th as a birthday compliment to one of their number, Mr. W. Robbins.

Several members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from Lincoln visited Nottingham on Saturday and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary's Church. It was the first peal in the method on the bells. It was conducted by the Master of the Lincoln Cathedral band, Mr. John A. Freeman, who has now called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. At the same time Mr. G. W. Creasey completed peals in the method from six to twelve bells.

The quarterly peal of the Dudley and District Guild, rung at Bilston, Staffs, on Saturday, was the 140th for the Guild by Mr. John Goodman, the conductor.

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**A 'DOUBLE' BIRTHDAY PEAL.**

(Continued from previous page.)

The peal of Stedman Triples at Chislehurst on Saturday was arranged specially as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Thomas Groombridge, sen., and Ernest Brett. It was intended to ring a Surprise peal, but owing to shortage of time, Triples was substituted and brought round just, and only just, in time for the evening service.

At the hotel facing the church a 'surprise' awaited the party in the shape of a meat tea, a double, kindly provided by the honoured two. What a feast! Whilst ample justice was done to the goodies provided, another peal would be required to enable the tables to be cleared. Congratulations and thanks were accorded to Tom and Ernie, and once again 'time' was a factor in terminating the happy evening, although it does not appear to dampen the spirit of those two College 'Youths.'

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the old ten bells, in the year 1769. In 1775 the bells were recast, and the tenor again in 1814. No other peal of Double Norwich Royal had been rung in the tower since that time until last week. It can thus be claimed to be 'the first on the bells.'

Mr. Charles Sharples, of Blackpool, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, rang his first peal of London Surprise Major on Saturday. He has been trying since 1914 to score a peal in this method, and his success came at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, 70 miles away from his home. But it still required considerable effort, for four starts had to be made for the peal, involving 4½ hours' ringing, the peal itself taking three minutes over three hours.

To celebrate the centenary of the granting of the Charter of Incorporation to Bolton, Lancs, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church on Saturday by a band unique in its composition inasmuch as it consisted of one representative from each of the eight towers in Bolton.

Another peal, completed at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on the previous day, and conducted by Miss Annie Crook, was rung as a thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, was arranged as a farewell to the Rev. H. Lawrence (curate), who left that day for New Zealand.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

On the occasion of the wedding of a local ringer, Mr. C. Bates, and Miss A. Roberts, at Ardley, Warwickshire, on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: \*O. Harris 1, W. O. Rhodes 2, \*A. Stain 3, \*A. T. Hands 4, A. T. Scriven (conductor) 5, G. Crofts 6. \* First quarter-peal.

**SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND HAWKHURST GUILD.**

A joint meeting of the Sussex County Association and Hawkhurst and District Guild was held at Rye on Saturday, October 1st, when about 40 members attended from Eastbourne, Hastings, Battle, Hailsham, Brede, Northiam, Etchingham, Tenterden, Benenden and Hawkhurst, together with members of the local band. Good ringing was done in the afternoon and evening, and it was most gratifying to see that nearly half the members present were young beginners, many of whom rang their first touch in a fresh method.

In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the curate, who gave an interesting address.

The tea and business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. W. Franks, of Battle.

The election of Mr. Charles A. Bassett, of Wadhurst, was confirmed, and Miss Peggy Buller, of Christ Church, Eastbourne, was elected a member of the Sussex Association.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (Sussex Eastern divisional secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the curate for conducting the service, and to Mr. G. H. Hodson for making arrangements for the meeting. He remarked how pleased he was to welcome the Hawkhurst and District Guild to the meeting.

**SOUTHERN DIVISION AT MARESFIELD.**

On Saturday, October 1st, a meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Maresfield, to take the place of one arranged there last year which had to be transferred owing to illness.

The six bells were kept going continuously from three o'clock in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, although the 'go' of the bells was rather poor with the tenor turned in. The peal is by Rudhall, with a tenor of 15 cwt., of a sufficiently pleasant tone, but with a weak frame suffering from the passage of time.

It was hoped that after tea Buxted bells would be available, but here the death-watch beetle had been discovered in the belfry, which, combined with the feared weakness of the ornamental plaster roof in the chancel, had put a stop to both the bells and the organ. Fortunately the Vicar of Fairwarp offered the use of his tower at short notice, and there, although the bells seemed familiar enough with Cambridge, they would not respond to Little Bob.

The welcome change in the national situation caused a greater attendance than was expected, and in the evening about 30 ringers were present, including the Master of the association, Mr. H. R. Butcher.

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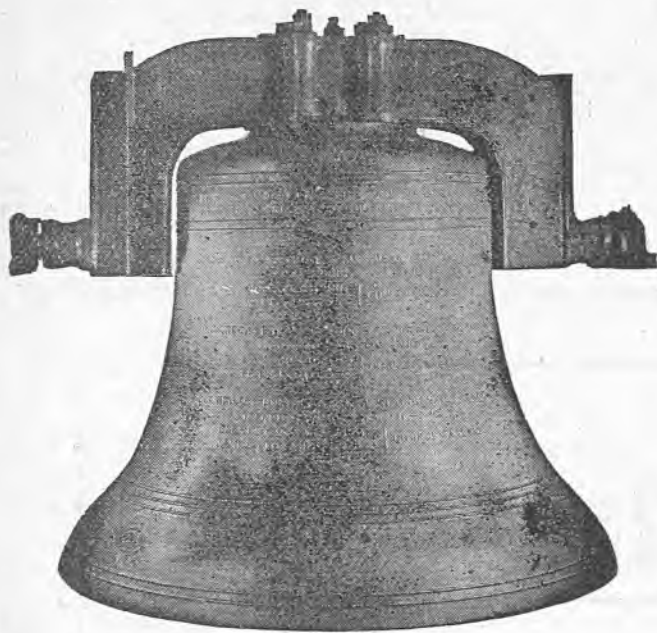
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

At Keresley, a Warwickshire five-bell tower, where a young band is making excellent progress and rang three quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles on Sunday week for the harvest festival and services of thanksgiving for the maintenance of peace, it is hoped shortly to augment the bells by the addition of a treble.

It is said that the Olde Castle Restaurant, Sheffield, had to be enlarged to accommodate the company at the Yorkshire Association's commemoration dinner on Saturday. Certain it is that a new dining room had been added at the top of the building, and this was the first public dinner held in it.

Mr. Sidney Palmer, who so ably and energetically discharged the local secretarial duties for the event, had an interesting souvenir of the occasion. It was a lapel badge, made of stainless steel, bell shaped, and containing in the centre a miniature photograph of Jasper Snowden. It was made by an old Sheffield ringer, Mr. William Bugar, and nothing could have been more appropriate.

Mr. Palmer has been co-opted on the Sheffield Diocesan Advisory Committee, and has already been doing useful work in reporting upon proposed bell restorations.

Those who, on the strength of previous information, have reserved March 4th for the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham, are asked to note that circumstances have compelled changing the date for this event to February 25th.

Two errors crept into the report of the Gloucestershire tour. In the report of the peal board at Longney (on page 638) the date of the first peal of Stedman should have been January 16th, 1831, and not 1931 as printed, and the conductor of the peal of Spliced Surprise on Longney bells was F. W. Rogers and not O. Sippetts as printed.

The death has occurred at Glossop of Mr. Henry Cooper, a ringer who has been connected with the Parish Church belfry for 60 years.

## CAMBORNE BELLS.

The writer of the article on the recent Cornwall tour has been informed that the particulars of the bells at SS. Martin and Meriadoc's Church, Camborne, as given in last week's instalment, are incorrect. The facts relating to them are as follow:—

Before 1882 there was a ring of six by Rudhall. In 1882 Messrs. Taylor and Co. augmented them to eight by adding a treble and tenor and by recasting the old fourth (now the fifth) a semi-tone lower. The 5th is 2 qr. 9 lb. heavier than the 6th, and, while the 7th is 9 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., the tenor is 17 cwt. 2 qr. The bells were also hung in an iron frame in 1882. They were rebung on ball bearings, in the same frame, with various other new fittings, in 1934 at the expense of the Barron Bell Trust.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

### A PLEA FOR YOUNG ASPIRANTS.

A very successful meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on Saturday, September 24th. The eight bells, which have recently been overhauled, were kept going all the afternoon to various methods up to London Surprise, and, generally speaking, the striking was good. The committee met in the Parish Hall and carried through their usual routine business. Arising from this, an appeal for help to the Bell Repair Fund at Langer, Notts, was heard, and when this suggested scheme is put in hand help will be given.

Mr. Over, of Loughborough District, brought forward the matter of ringers' badges for association members, and this was left in his hands to find out costs, etc., in bronze and silver. Local secretaries are asked to get to know approximately how many will be required in each district and then to inform the general hon. secretary.

At the tea, to which about 30 members and friends sat down, the Vicar of Wirksworth was present and extended a hearty welcome.

The general meeting followed. Mr. J. Oldham, vice-president, took the chair, supported by Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris (hon. secretary) and members from Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Hinckley, Loughborough and Nottingham. Leicester was not represented, as unfortunately a local meeting clashed owing to dates being uncertain. In this connection, will all local secretaries and members note that the next general meeting is provisionally fixed for January 28th, 1939, at Hugglescote?

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they were meeting at a very critical moment in the country's history, and—with all members—he prayed that the issue would be a peaceful one. He gave a review of the past quarter's work, commenting on various interesting aspects of the 32 peals rung during that period. He referred also to the great loss the Hinckley District had sustained in the tragic death of Mr. Percy Aldham, son of the late Mr. Arthur Aldham. The deceased was a very keen ringer and had rung over 100 association peals. He asked members to stand in silence for a moment to his respected memory.

A number of life, honorary and ringing members were elected.

Mr. Ferguson, of Repton, voiced the grievance of the beginner, especially at meetings such as that, and stressed the need of looking after their interests by giving them every encouragement in asking them to have a ring. 'Let us ring the higher methods by all means,' he said, 'but also give younger aspirants a chance too.'

Mr. W. E. White proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and local committee for arrangements made to carry out a very happy meeting.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—40.

### MAURICE SWINFIELD.

Genius in conducting develops on different lines in different ringers. Mr. Maurice Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, has demonstrated his penchant by calling a great variety of peals of Stedman Triples. The compositions which he has conducted number well over a hundred, some of them of great complexity and calling for great mental effort. Peals of Stedman Triples on almost every conceivable plan have been called by Mr. Swinfield, and seldom from an 'observation' bell, which makes his performances all the more remarkable.

Son of a highly esteemed Midland ringer, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. Maurice Swinfield was born at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, on February 14th, 1898, and began his ringing at the celebrated tower of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, to which he is still attached. His first peal was Stedman Triples at Burton on December 27th, 1920, and just two years later, on Boxing Day, 1922, he conducted a peal for the first time, when he called J. O. Lancashire's variation of Washbrook's Four-part peal of Stedman Triples at Overseal.

Most of his peals have been rung with the 'Wednesday' band, which, including several veterans, made a practice of meeting nearly every Wednesday for a considerable period. Among other things which this little company did was to ring peals of Stedman Triples in all possible numbers of equal parts up to twenty, and many of the compositions which have been rung have been an exacting task for the ringers as well as for the conductor.

Strangely enough, Mr. Swinfield has not yet rung a Surprise peal 'inside,' but of his total of 237 peals he has conducted 208. Included in the peals which he has called have been the longest length of Duffield Major, 5,760, the longest length of Forward Major, 5,728, thirteen peals of Grandsire Triples, eight of Stedman Caters, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Duffield and Forward and one of Little Bob Major. All the rest have been Stedman Triples, 54 of them odd bob, odd and even bob, and odd and even bob and single peals, one with twin bobs and twin singles. The rest have been twin bob peals.

Among the interesting peals which Mr. Swinfield has called have been one of Grandsire Triples and two of Stedman with all the 4-6's, 6-7's and 7-4's at backstroke.

With the exception of five compositions, the reverse of others, although claimed by different composers, two variations of Thurstans', one of Brooks' and one of his own, with 42 singles and all the 6-7's at backstroke, all the peals of Stedman Triples have been different compositions, and Mr. Swinfield acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. J. W. Parker, Mr. A. J. Pitman and the late Mr. J. J. Parker for their patience and kindness in helping him to master the plans and calling of the different peals.



MR. MAURICE SWINFIELD.

### SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

#### ENGLISH VISITORS' ENTHUSIASM.

The half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, October 8th. The attendance was smaller than usual for this meeting, about 30 members being present. They were pleased to have with them two visitors from England, Mr. and Miss Rawlings, of Beckenham, Kent. Mr. Rawlings and his daughter travelled from London on Friday night and proceeded to Alloa to attend the meeting on Saturday and returned south the same evening. Such enthusiasm for ringing made a great impression on the young Scottish ringers.

Mr. and Miss Rawlings were elected life members, and the election of the eleven ringers who toured Scotland in August and rang four peals for the association was confirmed.

The ringing at the meeting was of a good standard, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Major were brought round.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. J. S. Wilson, and, after tea, the bells were kept going until train time.

## A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

### ADVOCATED AT COMBINED MEETING AT KINGSTON.

Kingston-on-Thames was chosen for a friendly gathering of members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild with the Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday last. Fifty-four ringers attended from a wide area, and included Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, Middlesex Association), Mr. C. T. Coles (general secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mr. G. L. Grover (general secretary, Guildford Guild).

Ringings commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued till 4.30, when those present adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, at which the Rev. T. B. Scrutton (Vicar of Kingston) presided. He extended a hearty welcome to the ringers of Surrey and Middlesex and hoped they would all enjoy their visit to Kingston. He then left the meeting to prepare for the service, saying that he would have more to say to them then and promising that his address would not be lengthy.

Mr. D. Cooper then took the chair, and in the name of the Surrey Association welcomed the Middlesex Association and Guildford Guild to Kingston. 'We are,' he said, 'in this district now quite familiar with joint and combined meetings. They are always well attended and are very popular. I think we may regard them as now firmly established. I hope they will live and grow in popularity and will be used to foster good fellowship and comradeship amongst all ringers in the neighbourhood.'

Mr. Trollope, replying on behalf of the Middlesex Association, thanked Mr. Cooper for his remarks, and said that if these meetings were to become more useful and effective they would have to do their best, as individuals, to overcome the isolation and detachment which existed amongst some bands and certain groups of ringers. He suggested a complete breaking away from the old spirit of rivalry, which still existed in certain quarters, and the burying of some of the old traditions, which had long since outlived their usefulness. He thought these things could best be brought about by encouraging their younger members, who had learned their ringing in a much more healthy atmosphere, and who had little respect for some of the hoary old traditions of the past.

### REMEDY FOR OVERLAPPING.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne spoke for the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and prefaced his remarks by giving a welcome to individual ringers to attend Kingston tower on practice nights (Tuesdays) or on Sunday mornings. Continuing, he advocated the formation of a National Guild of Ringers, to which all ringers could belong upon payment of one inclusive annual subscription. He was of the opinion that such a Guild would be better able to deal with questions affecting the future and welfare of the Exercise as a whole than 30 or 40 different county, diocesan or territorial associations as they had at present. Such a guild, with a membership of some thousands, would be able to deal authoritatively with complaints made by the general public, especially with regard to noise, and at the same time provide a remedy for overlapping and the needless waste of effort occasioned by having two or more sets of officers in an area (each set working for a different society) and carrying out duties which could more effectively be handled by one group of officials. He thought it was a question which might well be referred to the Central Council for debate.

After the usual votes of thanks were passed, those present went back to the Church for the service.

The Vicar, in his address at the service, dealt with the subject of conceit. 'Conceit,' he said, 'was the sin of over-estimating our worth or ability and led to the worship of a god called "me." It was a common weakness of our human nature, but it was a thing to fight against and overcome. The snare to admire ourselves, our knowledge or our achievements was always there, and God, our Creator, was forgotten. I have even known a woman to take credit for having a pretty face,' he said, 'and I have often heard a man or woman complain because someone else does not think enough of them. I do not know the first thing about bellringing, but I expect that, even in your bellfries, you have people who are so convinced of their own importance that they cannot get past themselves.'

He asked his hearers to imagine a blackboard in the centre of which is written the letter 'I.' 'The cure for conceit,' he said, 'is to put a cross through that letter "I." You then have a crucifix.'

After the service the tower was again visited and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m.

### ARUNDEL BELLS.

#### EFFORTS TO RESTORE A SUSSEX PEAL.

Whilst we have recently read with regret of the closing of towers through the lack of co-operation between ringers and clergy, a different report comes from Arundel, in Sussex. The Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Vincent Brown, inducted to the living last May, is doing his utmost to restore the bells, now silent owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle. 'Not only do we love to hear the sound of the bells,' he remarked to the Parochial Church Council, 'but we must not forget the ringers have been deprived of their work for the church.' On November 2nd (All Souls' Day) he is remaining in church for the whole day to receive donations towards this cause. There may be some ringers who would like to be associated with this restoration; any donation sent to the Vicarage will be gratefully acknowledged.

The bells, a ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.), were presented to the Parish Church in 1855 by the 14th Duke of Norfolk (the present Duke's grandfather), and it is hoped sufficient money will be received to enable a complete restoration to be made.

## YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER. REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD. The Services of Past Officers.

Although not quite a record in point of numbers, the Yorkshire Association's seventeenth annual commemoration dinner held at Sheffield on Saturday almost touched high water mark in attendance, and it was notable for the fact that, for the first time, the Bishop of Sheffield was present. Ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral (12), Ranmoor (10), St. Marie's and Handsworth (8), and a jovial company spent an enjoyable evening at the Olde Castle Restaurant, under the genial chairmanship of the president (Canon C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. L. H. Burrows), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Councillor A. Paddon Smith (vice-president, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven. W. E. Baker) and Mrs. Baker, the Rev. Fr. Bradley (St. Marie's), the Rev. E. St. Leger Blakeney (Sheffield Cathedral), Mr. W. H. Jenkinson and Mr. F. Mason (churchwardens, Sheffield Cathedral) and Mrs. Mason, Canon F. C. Scovell and the Rev. O. A. E. Comely (Rawmarsh), Canon H. C. Foster (Ranmoor), etc. Among those present were Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. L. W. G. Morris (hon. secretary of the association), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western District) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. George Lewis (vice-president, Southern District) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Miss L. K. Bowling (vice-president, Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. Cotterell (Leeds), Mr. W. H. Thomas (Bristol United Guilds), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison and Master Geoffrey Harrison (Loughborough), Mr. J. W. Ward, Mr. C. W. Pipe and Miss Sylvia Bowyer (Ipswich), Mr. G. E. Fearn (Birmingham) and members of the Yorkshire Association in large numbers, from Sheffield and district and from York, Leeds, Rotherham, Bradford, Arksey, Doncaster, Eastwood, Bolsterstone, etc.

After dinner an interesting programme of toasts and musical items was enjoyed, the chairman opening this part of the proceedings by proposing 'The King.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in proposing 'Church and State,' first expressed his pleasure at being back again in Yorkshire. The Yorkshire Association, he said, gave them such a wonderful time when the Central Council met at Leeds last Whitsun that when Mr. Palmer asked him to join them that night he felt he could not possibly refuse. Ten days ago he did not see any prospect of that dinner being held; he thought it was ninety-nine to one against it, but they were happy to meet with the crisis past (applause).

### RINGERS IN CHURCH AND STATE.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said 'Church and State' was a good old-fashioned toast, which probably dated back to the time when everybody who was a member of the State was, nominally at any rate, also a member of the Church. Times had changed and that could no longer be said. There were many people to-day who were members of the State, but not members of the Church, while the passing of the Education Acts had resulted in a great many people being brought up without any education in religious matters at all, and there were many who, although their lives were more or less ruled by the ethical standards and moral codes which the Church had developed in this country, could scarcely be called Christians in the proper sense of the term. Luckily for this country, Church and State were still closely tied together, although for a considerable time, as far as doctrine and order were concerned, the Church was almost entirely ruled by Parliament. Convocation was silenced and the Church had no means of deliberating on those questions. Convocation was, however, re-established and the Church got more control of doctrine and order, but it was still a curious position that, in the final appeal on these questions, they had to go to Parliament, the members of which need not be members of the Church at all. They saw the effect of this about eleven years ago, when the Church decided it wanted certain changes in the Prayer Book and Parliament said 'No.' The curious fact about it was that it was lost by the vote of the Scottish members, whose Kirk was entirely independent of the State in all matters of doctrine and order. This was a question that had got to be thrashed out fairly soon, after we had got rid of certain international complications and had a little time to look into our own affairs.

Proceeding, Mr. Lewis referred to the relation of ringers to both Church and State. The art of change ringing, which they valued so highly and which they thought was the best possible means of getting music out of bells, was invented, he said, at a time when ringing had practically no connection whatever with the Church. Before the Reformation bells were rung for the services of the Church, and there was a direct connection between ringers and the Church, but in the days of the Puritans, ringing, as ringing, was entirely divorced from the services; in fact, he believed an Act of Parliament was passed forbidding any ringing on Sundays. The peculiarly English art of change ringing was invented and first practised at a time when most ringing was done as a matter of sport or pastime by young members of the aristocratic families. Ringing was more or less in the hands of two groups; the paid ringers, who rang rounds and call changes, presumably, for State and civic occasions; and the young members of the Universities and the Inns of Court, who rang changes, which

were invented about that time, as a matter of sport, because the Church would have nothing to do with ringing. Everything of beauty had been swept out of the services of the Church. Times had, happily, changed and ringers had forced their way back into the Church and the Church had recognised them and appreciated their bringing back this beautiful art into the services of the Church. It was fair to say that to-day nearly all the ringing done was looked upon by those who did it as service to the Church (applause).

He knew they still rang peals, and in the ringing of peals and the creating of records there was a certain amount of sporting competition, but, at the same time, at the back of the minds of most of them ringing was the performance of service to the Church. There was no doubt that peal ringing made for good service ringing, and in by far the larger proportion of churches the bells were rung, and rung well, for Sunday services as their main object.

Mr. Lewis went on to refer to the recent crisis and said that at the present moment they all felt, whatever their political opinions, most deeply grateful to the Prime Minister for what he had done for them (applause), and in drinking that toast he would like them to remember the name of Mr. Neville Chamberlain (applause). Mr. Lewis coupled with the toast the name of the Bishop of Sheffield, who, he said, he first heard preach about 45 years ago when the Bishop was Vicar of Godalming and he, Mr. Lewis, was at Charterhouse. They had seen, said Mr. Lewis, the excellent work which the Bishop had done in the diocese of Sheffield and how well under his guidance the problems confronting the diocese were being solved.

### LADIES BRING BRIGHTNESS TO BELFRY.

The Bishop of Sheffield, who had a cordial reception, said he was always keen to meet the bellringers on every possible occasion, especially when it was a dinner (laughter). He had been intensely interested in what the proposer of the toast had to say at the beginning of his speech, and he felt he was one among all the laymen he had met who ought to be in the Assembly of the Church of England (applause). That was his proper place because he was full of plans and proposals which would be of advantage to both Church and State. It was true that at one time bells were used for more secular purposes, but Mr. Lewis was right in saying that ringers were now looked upon as churchworkers. They formed a very important part of that body. The Bishop said he was very interested to see the large number of lady ringers there appeared to be. He was quite sure they added brightness to the belfry and that they always came to church when they had done their ringing (laughter). Continuing, he said there were things necessary to bellringing which were also necessary in Church and State, if they were to be kept in their proper place and relationship. First they should be kept in tune, which sometimes they were not. In some countries Church and State were in a very difficult position and did not at all keep in tune. That, however, could not be said in their own country. In ringing they had to pull together as a team; unless they did so the result was disastrous. That was what those concerned with Church and State had to do in trying to enable our nation to take its place in the world and maintain those principles, which were so dear to them, of justice, freedom and righteousness, which were the basis of Christianity and which they hoped would flourish long after the terrors of war had passed away (applause). The close relationship between Church and State, concluded the Bishop, had more advantages than disadvantages, even as it was now, and as long as Church and State existed in their present relation, the dear old towers of England would still stand and the bells ring to show to the world around them the triumph, the brightness and joy of real Christianity (applause).

### JASPER SNOWDON'S GREAT WORK.

Mr. Colin Harrison gave the toast of the evening, 'The memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the association.' Those who were at the inaugural dinner in 1922, said Mr. Harrison, would recall the address given by their president, Canon Marshall, when he gave in a most lucid and meticulous manner a history of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the association who had been called to higher service. It was a wonderful speech and was most fitting for that great occasion. If this gathering, continued Mr. Harrison, consisted solely of bellringers it was probable that the proposing of this toast would now take a more formal course, perhaps rivaling in its brevity that of 'The King,' so well known was the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and all that it had meant to the ringing Exercise. But, quite rightly, there were many visitors present and they were entitled to some explanation as to why that gathering was held and to know something about those to whom reference was made in that toast, and it was his duty as well as his great privilege to attempt to supply that information.

Their visitors might wonder why the name of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon was specifically mentioned in connection with the toast. The answer was quite simple—he was not only their first president, his work for the benefit of the ringing fraternity throughout the country was such as to place him head and shoulders above any of his contemporaries. The son of a clergyman, he was born in Ilkley in 1844 and died in 1885—at the early age of 41. He rang and conducted his first peal in 1872 and in the following 12 years rang in all 129 peals, an achievement in itself worthy of the highest praise, especially when taking into account the difficulties of getting hands together in those distant days. Let them remember that the telephone did not come

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## THE SNOWDON PUBLICATIONS.

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into being until 1876 and the petrol motor-car was not invented until 1884—the year before Jasper Snowdon's death. But in addition to ringing peals, he made time to write numerous articles to various sections of the Press on the subject of change ringing and also to produce books dealing with our art in all its spheres. These books were written in such a simple and instructive way that they have been regarded ever since as a sure foundation upon which all ringers can safely place their faith, whether as learners, conductors or composers. Fortunately Jasper Snowdon's talents were appreciated in his own lifetime, a presentation being made to him in that very city shortly before his death, when over 300 members of the association were present to do him honour.

At Jasper Snowdon's death, it was indeed fortunate for the art of change ringing that there was a brother in William Snowdon, who most unselfishly carried on the work which Jasper had left uncompleted; manuscripts were put into book form and found a ready sale, for nothing had previously been obtainable by ringers which possessed the same easy, fluent style. Recently, said Mr. Harrison, he had occasion to be in communication with Miss Margaret E. Snowdon, William's daughter, and inquired if she would kindly tell him how many books of the Snowdon series had been published. He was so agreeably surprised at the answer that he decided to ask three well-known ringers present that day what number they thought had been published. The first said about 4,000, the next 20,000 or 30,000, and the last said he was unable to estimate it. The number, said Mr. Harrison, was nearly 48,000, which was a fine tribute to the praiseworthy work begun by Jasper and continued by William with the help of a few friends (applause).

Jasper Snowdon was president of the Yorkshire Association for ten years and was followed by William, who held the office for 25 years and never missed a single meeting. 'Would that some of us,' added the speaker, 'were as conscientious in performing our duty.' He hoped that their third president, Canon Marshall, who has been in office for 27 years, might be spared to serve them for a long time to come (applause).

The association had also been most fortunate in those who had served it in other capacities, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers and committee men. Amongst these were William Horner Howard, of York, their first vice-president; William Whitaker, of Leeds, their first secretary; the Lockwoods, father and son, of Otley and Leeds; Charles Jackson, of Hull, specially remembered for the many and varied compositions of Grandsire Triples which he conducted; Tom and Charles Henry Hattersley, of Sheffield—how the name of Hattersley conjured before one's eyes the picture of a dapper little gentleman in frock coat and silk hat; truly that was Charles Henry Hattersley, famous for his many compositions—George Bolland, of Tong, that well-known six-bell enthusiast; Frank Willey, of Sheffield—hale fellow well met; James Cotterell, of Bradford, a man with a most lovable personality (for whom it gave him great pleasure to call his first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of the Cathedral in that city); Fred Clark, of Arksey, quiet and unassuming, but one of nature's best; Arthur West, of Sutton-on-Hull; Firth Hopwood, of Bradford; and Bernard Webb, of Headingley. There might be others whom he had unwittingly omitted to mention, but all the past officers had undoubtedly served them to the best of their ability, and, in helping to raise and maintain the Yorkshire Association to the proud position which it holds to-day, they had also helped forward the work of the Exercise as a whole.

After that brief survey he hoped the visitors would realise the true purpose behind that gathering, which was that they were met to do honour to the memory of those who had served the association in the past and from their service to gain inspiration for the future.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Other toasts were 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' 'Continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association' and 'The Chairman.' The report of the speeches made in connection with these will appear in our next issue.

## THANKSGIVING RINGING.

Three quarter-peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung on Sunday, October 2nd, at Keresley, Warwickshire, for the harvest festival and thanksgiving services. Before 8 a.m. Holy Communion, by W. J. Ensor (first quarter-peal) 1, S. J. Oughton 2, E. Stone (conductor) 3, F. N. Maskell 4, P. Stone 5. For matins, by F. P. East (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Bristow 2, P. Stone 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. For evensong, by E. Stone 1, S. Oughton (first 'inside') 2, S. J. Oughton 3, F. N. Maskell 4, P. Stone (conductor) 5.

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## RINGING TOUR IN CORNWALL.

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At St. Columba, St. Columb Major, on Friday, Superlative Surprise was rung. It was the first peal of Major on the bells and the 200th peal by the conductor, Ernest Turner. The bells, some of which appear to have been cast by Warners, were rebung a few years ago by Messrs. Aggett, of Chagford, Devon. They are not particularly comfortable to ring, some having a tendency to 'slip wheel,' but fortunately the peal was completed. Leslie Morris did exceptionally well on the tenor, which was 'turned in' in great style in five minutes under three hours.

St. Columb Major was the birthplace of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, who died at Bristol in 1932. In May, 1931, he rang his last peal (Grandsire Triples) at St. Columba's Church, thus fulfilling an ambition by many years standing. He left a wish that a peal board should be erected, and this, carved in oak, has since been placed on the west wall of the church.

On the way back to Truro a visit was made to the Church of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, where, in 1934, the late William Pye rang his last peal as conductor. A tablet recording this peal, erected as a memorial to William Pye, has been placed in the belfry by the Truro Diocesan Guild, and five of the ringers in the peal, with several others, paid a tribute to the memory of that great ringer. Unfortunately time, and a funeral, would not allow of any lengthy ringing, consequently the bells were partly pulled up in peal and lowered again. This visit brought back many memories, as indeed did many of the places visited during the week, for it was in Cornwall that William Pye enjoyed his last ringing tour.

## BENEFIT OF TOUR TO LOCAL RINGERS.

The big event of the week, a peal at Truro Cathedral, took place in the evening. Care was taken that as many as possible of those who had previously rung on these bells were omitted from the band, to enable as many as wished to get a peal in the Cathedral. In just under 3½ hours a peal of Stedman Caters was rung.

After this peal the whole party, with Messrs. W. H. Southard and C. E. Lanxon, were 'rushed off' to Redruth, at the invitation of Mr. P. R. O. Williams, to supper. On arrival it was found that Mrs. Williams had prepared an excellent meal, to which no mercy was shown. Handbells provided amusement for some time, after which Mr. Southard, Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild, welcomed the tourists to Cornwall. He said that their tour would no doubt do a great deal of good in the diocese. One of the difficulties they in Cornwall had was to convince the 'rounds' ringers, who were real experts at striking, that it was possible to be a change ringer and a first-class striker at the same time. After the tour in 1934 there was much interest shown in change ringing by 'rounds' ringers at places then visited, and he was sure that the present visit would give further stimulus to change ringing. Mr. Southard thanked the visitors for the 'local' peals arranged, which would give much encouragement to those who took part in them. Mr. C. E. Lanxon also thanked the visitors for the opportunities given to him to ring in some of their peals.

Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the touring party, acknowledged the welcome given by Mr. Southard. He said that after the tour of four years ago he felt that some day another visit might be made to Cornwall, and on this occasion, with a larger party than usual, it had been decided to arrange a few peals for the benefit of Cornish ringers. Out of three so arranged, two had been rung, one of Kent Treble Bob Major and one of Stedman Triples. The other attempt, although unsuccessful, afforded an opportunity for some good practice, which he hoped would be beneficial. Mr. Lanxon, whom he thanked for arranging the tour, had rung in four peals with them, and had obtained his first peals of Bristol and Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked Mr. and Mrs. Williams for their very kind hospitality, which, he said, they would remember for a long time. Afterwards Mr. Coles was the recipient of a memento of the tour in the shape of a silver bell, the badge of the Truro Diocesan Guild, which Mr. Southard presented to him. Master Williams, age 12, son of Mr. P. R. O. Williams, was much interested in the handbell ringing. He has already made his mark in ringing, having rung several peals of Doubles, conducting one of them.

On Saturday, at St. Bryveth, Lanlivery, a peal of Bristol Surprise was conducted by Frank Bennett. These bells are a mixed peal, the first three by Mears and Stainbank, 1890, the others mostly by Phelps.

At Lanhydrock (St. Hydrock's), the last peal of the tour, Cambridge Surprise, was called by James Bennett, this, as well as the peal at Lanlivery, being the first of Cambridge on the bells. The bells at Lanhydrock are by Taylors, the trebles dated 1892, the others 1888.

Thus ended a memorable week. Fifteen peals were rung out of 17 attempts, and, therefore, as a ringing tour, it can be claimed that it was successful. As a holiday it was certainly most enjoyable. As a missionary effort we hope it did some good that will be lasting, and that it will give some encouragement to those who are making such brave efforts to spread the art in Cornwall.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's Church for harvest festival on Sunday evening, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Stevens 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. C. Parker 3, A. Hiscock 4, E. Fisk 5, H. W. Barrett 6, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. A. Peck 8.

**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods (8 bells) on Saturday, October 15th. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg and S. Forshaw, Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Dunstan's (6) and St. Alphege (6) from 2.30; Cathedral (12) after meeting (if possible). Service 4.30, at St. Alphege, followed by tea (free) and meeting, in Gaywood's Rooms, High Street (entrance between Goulden's Library and Messrs. Leon's).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Eye District.—A district meeting will be held at Redgrave on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m., also Rickingham (6) and Hinder Clay (6). All are welcome. Service at 4.30 p.m. followed by tea provided by the Rev. Stevens in the Mission Room.—R. D. Nelthorpe, District Sec., Pitts Farm, Wattisfield, near Diss.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. C. Paley, on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Northern District will be held at Norton (Malton) on Saturday, Oct. 15th, by kind permission of the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of ringers. The peal of six bells will be available during the afternoon and evening, and the peal of eight bells at St. Leonard's, Malton, will also be available after tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15th. Tower open for ringing 6 o'clock. Members and non-members cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swainswick on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at Deeping St. James. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The October quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—An item of special interest to all members will be discussed at the next meeting to be held at Woodhouse Eaves on Oct. 15th, and a good attendance is requested. Usual times. Send Mr. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, p.c. for tea.—H. O. Over, Hugglescote.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Oct. 15th. All ringers (especially Oldham and district) cordially invited to attend.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clapton-in-Gordano, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Battersea, S.W.11, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. The bells of St. Mary's (recently rehung) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at nearby restaurant, 1s. per head. All visitors welcome. Nearest stations: Clapham Junction (S.R.), Sloane Square (D.R.), 19, 39, 49 bus, 34 tram, alight Park Road. From Vauxhall (S.R.), 12, 14, 31 tram, alight Bridge Road.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Eight bells available, Dore, near Sheffield, from 3 p.m., Saturday, October 15th. All welcome.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, October 15th, when the bells (6) will be available from 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke & Andover Districts.—A combined practice meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**OXHEY.**—Saturday, October 15th. Bells open 3.30. Tea, Cottage Cafe, High Street, 5.30. Ringing till 8. Train or bus to Bushey Station.—Horton, Bushey (City 4270). Herts Association.

**AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCs.**—The ring of eight bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be re-dedicated on Sunday next, the 16th inst., at 3 p.m. by the Rev. David Railton, Rector of Liverpool. Special invitation to Wigan and Liverpool members of the Lancashire Association. Ringers' Day on a Saturday will be announced in due course.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Meetings for October, 1938.—St. Magnus', Thames Street, 27th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 18th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 25th.\* \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Chartham on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells ready 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Hanwell (5), recently rehung, will be available from 2.30 to 3.30 and after the meeting. Wroxton (5) recently rehung, 7 p.m. For tea, please notify.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Oct. 17th?—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of the Dartford Band of Ringers, will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Oct. 17th. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Chawton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 in Parish Hall. Please let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, October 19th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, not Holy Trinity, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 7. Names for tea to R. Warmsley, 59, Leigh Road, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. A practice meeting will be held at the same church on the Thursday previous at 7.45 p.m.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. Please be sure to send a postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 22nd. The Cathedral bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 4 o'clock service. Tea will be provided by the association at The People's Cafe, 3, High Street (as last year), for those notifying me not later than Tuesday, October 18th. Business meeting after tea. Ringing continued at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, October 22nd, commencing at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 19th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, October 18th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by October 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cockington, Torquay, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Drum Inn at 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to reach me by first post, Tuesday, October 18th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh (phone 121).

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, October 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. J. Whitmore, Branch Sec., Raunds, Northants.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on October 22nd. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Rowberrow bells also available.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Ringers' Day at Gainsborough, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 19½ cwt.) recently rehung, available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify me, the undersigned, by the Wednesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells will be ready at 3. Tea at 4.50, followed by the meeting. There will be a short service at 6 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please send word to Mr. J. Martin, 15, Fairlie Crescent, Orrell, Bootle, Liverpool 20, not later than Thursday, October 20th? Will all who have not yet responded, particularly members of this branch, to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund, kindly do so at the earliest opportunity.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Saturday, October 22nd. St. John's bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (8), available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each), St. John's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Names to Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, by October 18th. Social to follow at 7.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone, near Falfield, on October 22nd. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nassington, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service, 4 p.m.—A. P. Symes, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.**—Meeting at Beeston, Saturday, October 22nd, from 3 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Cafe near church. Payment of outstanding subscriptions would be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich (8 bells) on Saturday, October 22nd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card by October 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Mazara Cafe, High Street, at 1s. 6d. per head. Important.—Will all requiring tea please notify F. Lord, 107, Bushfield Road, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous? All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, October 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The dedication of the new treble bell at Northrepps, Cromer, will take place on Sunday, October 23rd, at 11 a.m. The six bells will be open for ringing in the afternoon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

**SPLICED MEETING WITH MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES.**—At Chipping Barnet, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet.—Harold V. Frost (St. Albans District) and C. H. Horton (Watford District). Herts Association.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Hewelsfield on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (5) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. in Church School. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, the 26th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify me of intention to be present at tea (which will be provided by the association) not later than Wednesday, October 26th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.



**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—**

The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL DINNER** of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. J. W. Clarke has removed to The Thatched Cottage, Mollington, Chester.



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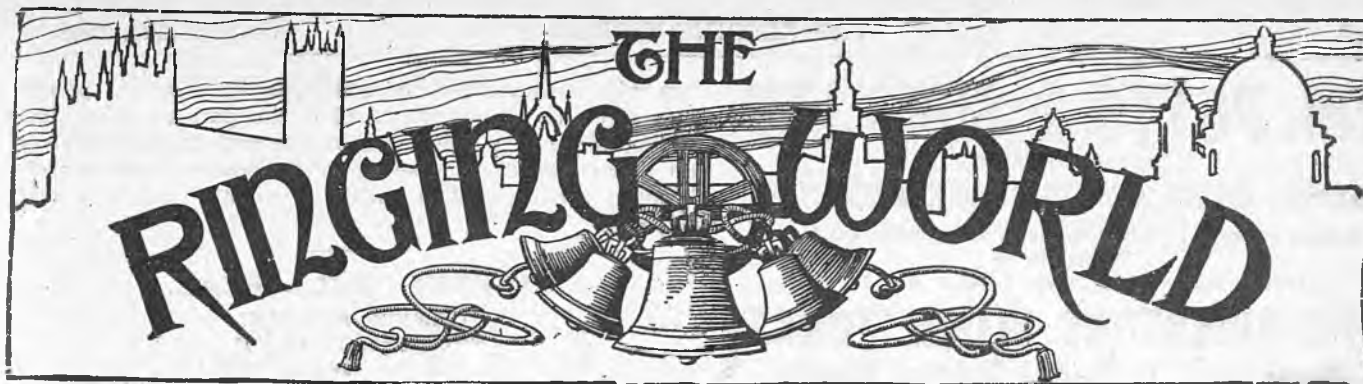
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## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION'S STAND

The North Staffordshire Association has been faced with an unfortunate division of opinion on the subject of its annual dinner, so successfully inaugurated last February. It is not a question of whether the dinner shall be continued, but of where it shall be held. The Rector of Bucknall, who is the clerical secretary, and the Vicar of Biddulph, who is an honorary member, have protested against the holding of the dinner on licensed premises, and the latter coupled with his protest the intimation that he would withdraw his membership of the association and request his ringers to do likewise if licensed premises are selected. The committee, who manage the affairs of the association, nevertheless decided by thirteen votes to three to hold the dinner on licensed premises, and we think most ringers will congratulate them upon the stand they have made. While everyone should respect the conscientious views which a man may hold upon such subjects as temperance, however extreme they may be, there seems to us very little of the Christian spirit of brotherliness in an attempt to dictate by a threat of secession what a large majority of members, holding other opinions, should or should not do on an occasion of this kind. Those who object to dining on licensed premises can quite well stay away, and their action would be respected, but pressure to prevent others from gathering round the festive board in a well-conducted hotel surely savours of intolerance.

There are many dinners held by ringing organisations every year, and all of them, without exception, take place on licensed premises. They are attended by Bishops and many clergy, and the behaviour of those present is always unexceptionable. That there should be also a festive spirit is natural; the events themselves are festivals, but that does not make them undesirable. After all, most ringers are men, and should be treated and trusted as men, and when men do meet round the festive board, as is the wont of Englishmen, when they wish to celebrate an occasion, they do it in a place where they can obtain the sort of refreshment they like best. If they cannot do that, they will not go, and in such circumstances the North Staffordshire Association might just as well abandon its annual dinner right away.

What is more important, however, is the implied stigma cast upon ringers, that they cannot be trusted to regale themselves on licensed premises without risk to their reputations. At the Yorkshire dinner a fortnight ago, Mr. A. Paddon Smith demolished the myth that ringers in the olden days, because they consumed beer in the belfry, were any worse in that respect than the par-

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son who consumed some equally, or even more, potent beverage in the vestry. And if the parsons have improved since that time, so have the ringers, and there is no more fear of excesses among them at a dinner on licensed premises than there is among their clerical guests.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 1	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 6	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert H. Brundle, aged 87, Frederick J. Tillett, aged 71, and Hobart E. Smith.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
ARTHUR JAMES ... .. 2	FRED GRUNDY ... .. 7
ROBERT ALLRED ... .. 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 8
J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 9
CHARLES RIDYARD ... .. 5	DAVID VINCENT ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. THORP.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal by all except the tenor ringer.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. Treble	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 8
JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in 1 hree Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 2	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 8
CHRIS HETHERINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 9
*ERNEST WALLACE ... .. 5	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

\* First peal of Caters and in the method.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry on Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, A. Allen 2, E. S. Owen 3, M. Hodgson 4, E. Murrell 5, R. Allen 6, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HALL ... .. Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
EDWARD STEELE ... .. 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 6
*WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 3	†JOHN CARLIDGE ... .. 7
EDMUND ATKINSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. D. STEEL.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving and for the preservation of peace.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILFRED GOWING ... .. Treble	†PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 6
†BERNARD C. CASTLE ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
†WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... .. 4	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY ... .. 5
*JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 2	FRANK BELSEY ... .. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung for the harvest festival and as a welcome to the Rev. H. N. Guttridge, curate.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT BROOKFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. Treble	*BURLEY WALSHAW ... .. 5
WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2	ARNOLD S. FERNHEAD ... .. 6
HERBERT A. MCKINNELL ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 7
FREDERICK REYNOLDS ... .. 4	JOHN HASSELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. VARTY.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

WHALLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOSEPH WOODS ... .. 3	JAMES GROUNDS ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble	*ALBERT J. STEELE ... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... .. 6
CECIL NICE ... .. 3	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 7
*FREDERICK GODSMARK ... 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Major.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

GEORGE SPENCER ... .. Treble	WALTER F. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... .. 2	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 6
CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 3	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. 7
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON

First peal as conductor. Rung as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and the ingathering of the harvest.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

HOLLIS'S IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. GODFREY ... .. Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5
*CHARLES J. TURNER ... .. 2	REGINALD A. TEED ... .. 6
†LEONARD HINE ... .. 3	*WILLIAM DOMMET ... .. 7
JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD MARKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Taylor and Co. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. L. J. Murray Stallard (son of the Vicar) and Miss Parker C. Allen.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 13, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HERBERT BRADLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY NEWTON ... .. 5
JOHN H. LENTON ... .. 2	THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Hince, who was inducted on October 4th.

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*On Thursday, October 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 6
*RONALD W. SWANN ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman and first on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Mr. J. Astill, for many years a prominent member of St. Thomas' Church Council, whose funeral took place at Wigston on this date.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT A. LUCAS ... .. Treble	REUBEN WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
*THOMAS C. BELTON ... .. 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON ... .. 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	THOMAS H. WRIGHT ... .. 7
ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 4	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY GAYTON.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

**NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. PARSONS ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 5
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JOHN A. CRAMPION ... .. 7
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

**TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,*

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LADY ... .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. 6
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	*HARRY JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.

\* First peal of Triples. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the jubilee of the installation of the bells and the ringing of the first peal on them.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 2	HARRY PARKES ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

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*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

JOE HARDCASTLE ... .. Treble	GEORGE LADD ... .. 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 3	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 5
*MAURICE T. SYMONDS ... 2	*WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4	BASIL REDGWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES POULTENEY ... .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5
GEORGE CLARK ... .. 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... .. 6
JOHN E. TORLEY ... .. 3	JOHN THORPE ... .. 7
HOWARD SCOTT ... .. 4	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY BRIGGS.

First peal of Major as conductor.

**EWELL, SURREY.**

**THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANCIS W. JOHNSON ... Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5
*DUDLEY H. P. BUXTON ... 2	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 7
*ALBERT J. ADAMS ... .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

**TETBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	*HARRY S. PARSONS ... .. 6
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 7
*HERBERT L. COOKE ... .. 4	*WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

**BISHOP AUCKLAND, CO. DURHAM.**

**THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

*AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	SAMUEL BRYANT ... .. 5
GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 2	JAMES T. TITT ... .. 6
ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. 7
GEORGE W. PEYRELL ... 4	ROLAND PARK ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

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**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

AYMESTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND ALKMUND,

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

Being two 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. PROBERT ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... .. 4
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2	THOMAS G. COOKE ... .. 5
RICHARD COOKE ... .. 3	REV. A. S. HUTCHINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being one extent in each of the following methods: College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING ... .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 3	JOHN CHURCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinfield on the birth of their son and heir.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*FREDERICK W. BLATCH ... Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 3
ARTHUR RAINBIRD ... .. 2	GEORGE SEWELL ... .. 4
ALBERT E. PRYKE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT C. HEAZEL.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

AYMESTREY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND ALKMUND,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

GRAHAM EVANS ... .. Treble	BRIAN ELLSMORE ... .. 4
THOMAS PAYNE ... .. 2	DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	LESLIE EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
RICHARD COOKE ... .. 2	THOMAS G. COOKE ... .. 5
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

TILSWORTH, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being an extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HOWELLS ... .. Treble	*DAVID BIGGS ... .. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal and first attempt. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. WILLIAMS ... Treble	A. BRYAN ELLSMORE ... .. 4
THOMAS R. PAYNE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	*JAMES W. MELDRUM ... .. 4
*THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 2	GEORGE W. NEWTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR MAUDSLEY ... .. 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in six methods.

DENTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Treble	WILFRED WILDE ... .. 4
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... .. 5
*HARRY FARRER ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, HOBART, TASMANIA.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At Glyn Garth,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1-2 | CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 5-6

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4 | GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

The first handbell peal rung for the society.

**THE PEAL AT LANHYDROCK.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest Mr. Pitstow's letter re the peal of Superlative Surprise at Lanhydrock, Cornwall, the particulars, which he has lost, may be of interest: October 6th, 1897, 5,088 changes in 3 hours and 7 minutes by Rev. W. S. Willett treble, Rev. (now Canon) G. F. Coleridge 2, C. Hounslow 3, A. W. Pike 4, A. Pitstow 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson 6, W. W. Gifford 7, J. W. Washbrook tenor. Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

This was the first peal on the bells and first peal in the method in the county. It was rung for the Devon Guild, as the Truro Diocesan Guild was not in existence then.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Palmer's Green, N.13.  
Similar information has been sent by the Rev. J. Maurice Turner, Rector of Washfield, Devon, and Mr. G. Worth, of York.

## EDGBASTON'S BEADLE.

MR. S. W. FREEMANTLE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF OFFICE.

If you visit the Old Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, you will find a man dressed in a picturesque old-time costume—high collared blue coat, bright with gleaming brass buttons and vivid red braid, shining top hat and a long historic staff. He is the Edgbaston Parish Church beadle, Mr. Sidney W. Freemantle.

There are only three such beadles left in the Diocese of Birmingham, those at St. Martin's, in the Bull Ring (Birmingham's Parish Church), and Sheldon Old Church, Warwickshire, being the other two. Over 1,000 years have passed since the first beadle entered his church, and, though the years have robbed the office of most of its authority, the beadles themselves are as picturesque as ever. In former days, before Robert Peel's 'Bobbies,' a beadle's powers were considerable. Disturbances in the village and cases of petty theft and drunkenness were dealt with by him, but to-day they are glorified vergers.

Mr. Freemantle's ancestors were beadles; his father was at a church in Southampton for 46 years and was followed by his son for a brief period. An uncle was verger at another Southampton church, and a third relative was head verger at Salisbury Cathedral for 51 years.

At an early age Mr. Freemantle joined the Navy and was in action during the 'Boxer' riots in China, about 1900; he also served in the Navy in the last war.

On September 29th, 1908, he was appointed beadle of the Old Church, Edgbaston, a position he has held ever since.

His duties, as beadle to a very busy city church, have never permitted him to take up change ringing seriously. He can, however, ring the tenor 'behind,' and takes a very keen interest in all matters connected with rings and ringing. He is a fully paid up member of the St. Martin's Guild.

It was mainly through his efforts that the old ring of six bells were recast and augmented to the present eight by the Loughborough Foundry; incidentally they are considered to be the best-eight, for their weight, in the district.

Thursday, September 29th, 1938, was the 30th anniversary of 'Sid's' arrival at Edgbaston, and the event was duly celebrated with a peal of Bob Major (recorded in our last issue), in which six of the local band took part, the other two being absent through illness and work respectively. After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle at their home, an old-world cottage which has been the home of the Edgbaston beadles for centuries. Their health was toasted in 'liquid' form, the band wishing them many years of happiness and good health.

D. T. M.

## THE LATE MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

MEMORIAL AT WEDNESBURY CHURCH.

The dedication of a memorial tablet to the memory of the late Mr. George Hughes took place on Saturday at Wednesbury Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones) performing the ceremony in the presence of a good number of ringers, including Mr. Herbert Knight, hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and many old ringing friends of Mr. Hughes, who was for many years leader of the Wednesbury band. A record of the wonderful work done by him was published in 'The Ringing World' at the time of his death.

The Vicar, Mr. H. Knight and Mr. W. E. Brittan all spoke of the love Mr. Hughes had for change ringing and of the work he did in training young ringers. Reference was also made to the loss the church sustained when he passed away.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. C. H. Barker, hon. treasurer of the society, and Mr. A. Madeley, of Preston.



MR. S. W. FREEMANTLE.

## PEAL NOTES.

A JUBILEE PEAL AT TREVETHIN.

The peal rung at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, was to commemorate the jubilee of the bells. On Whit Monday, 1888, thousands wended their way to Trevethin Church, situated on a hill, to listen to the opening of the bells, a somewhat rare event in Wales in those days. The opening ringing was done by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Of that band there is now only one survivor, Mr. Sidney E. Romans, of Gloucester. The peal was successful, the composition being Holt's Original. After the peal the bells were kept going to Grandsire Triples, etc., by the Caerleon band of ringers for the remainder of the day. The present hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association (Mr. J. W. Jones) was one of that band, hence the reason for arranging the jubilee peal, the same method and same composition.

Twice only has Holt's Original been rung on these bells, and between the peals has been a space of 50 years. The ringers of the treble and tenor (Messrs. T. Lade and H. Jones) are local men. Mr. W. Townsend, of Cheltenham, on holiday in the district, hearing there was to be a peal attempt, put in an appearance, and one of the selected band readily offered him a rope, thus providing another instance of good fellowship amongst ringers.

A jubilee supper was served in the Schoolroom, at which the Vicar of the parish, the Archdeacon of Monmouth, and one of the wardens were present. An invitation was extended to all ringers, past and present, of Trevethin, including the ladies who rang during the Great War and those who took part in the peal. A most enjoyable time was spent.

The quarterly peal of the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung at Fownhope on October 12th, when two members scored their first peal at the first attempt.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Almeley, Herefordshire, was called by Mr. E. F. Salmons on Saturday.

### OLDEST TWELVE-BELL PEAL RINGER.

We do not know who was the oldest man ever to ring a peal, but Mr. Bob Brundle, of Ipswich, has, at any rate, made a new record for the oldest man to ring a twelve-bell peal. Last Saturday he took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in celebration of his 87th birthday. He was born on September 18th, 1851.

This performance is a marvellous tribute to his vitality and to his mental activity. In 1933, when the 'old men's' record was made with a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Olave's, London, and the ringers' united ages approximated 612 years, an average of 76½, Mr. Brundle was the oldest of the band by nearly 18 months.

The peal of Maximus last Saturday was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Tillet (aged 71) and Mr. Hobart E. Smith. Mr. Tillet is a grandfather, whose son and granddaughter have taken part in peals with him. On this occasion the 'old uns' seem to have rung most of the odd bells, for the average age of the ringers of 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 was no less than 67 years.

Nine members of the Lancashire Association out of a band of ten rang their first peal on Royal on October 11th, when the first peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, conducted by Mr. J. H. Ridyard. One of those taking part was Mr. J. B. Budd, who has recently settled in Eccles after having lived many years in Grimsby.

The band also included Mr. W. H. Shuker, the hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, and Mr. Percy Derbyshire, who has been a member of the association since 1896. It seems strange that these two veterans should only now have rung their first peal of Royal. Mr. Robert Allred, who also took part, completed the circle of the tower with this peal.

### THE THIRD GENERATION.

Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, whose ringing career has been so phenomenal, celebrated his 20th birthday on Saturday with a peal of Superlative Surprise, which he both composed and conducted.

He is the third generation of the family to make a name in peal ringing, his grandfather, Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., who died a few years ago, being the first of the conspicuous trio. The three generations rang a number of peals together.

Only a short time since Edwin A. rang his 300th peal: easily a record for his years. Last Saturday's peal was his fiftieth as conductor. The composition, of 5,056 changes, which has six pairs of bells reversed in 5-6—an unusual quality for Superlative—was as follows:—

23456	M	W	H	Continued	B	M	W	H
43652	—			56423	—			
63254	—	3		62345	—	2		
24536	—		2	43526	—		3	
32546	3	—		52436	—	—	—	
46325	2	—		42635	—			
36524	—		3	23456	—			

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Tilsforth, Beds, on October 11th, the first in the Luton district for a number of years.

Mr. A. S. Fernhead has now 'circled the tower' in peals at the Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, Lancs, with a peal of Bob Major on October 8th, which was also the 25th peal by A. J. Brown. Brookfield and Todmorden, both in Lancashire and both possessing rings of eight, are, we believe, the only Unitarian churches with peals of bells.

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**TWO HUNDRED PEALS TOGETHER.**

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Mr. Robert Sperring and Mr. James Morgan rang their two hundredth peal together, when they took part in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Frodsham on October 8th.

The band who rang a peal of Bob Major at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, October 9th, included that old stalwart, Mr. John Clarke, who very kindly consented to stand in at the last minute. The peal was rung before evening service as a thanksgiving for the preservation of peace and for the ingathering of the harvest. The ringers desire to thank Mr. George Broughton, who is one of the local ringers, for kindly having everything in readiness for the attempt.

Another peal for the preservation of peace was that rung at Broughton, Staffs, on October 1st. As in many other cases, it happily coincided with the harvest festival.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, during one of his periodical visits to that city. It was the fiftieth peal rung by Mr. H. P. Cliff, of the Cathedral company.

At Rainham, Kent, a peal of Bob Major on Saturday week welcomed a new curate, the Rev. H. N. Gutteridge.

Two peals, one of Doubles and the other of Bob Minor, rung at Aymestrey and Kingsland, Herefordshire, respectively, on October 9th and 10th, were arranged for Mr. D. H. Bennett, of Talgarth.

The report of another peal at Aymestrey, rung on June 8th, accompanied the details. May we again ask those responsible for sending reports to do so promptly—for everybody's convenience? The peal in June was the first peal on Aymestrey bells.

Miss Constance Sybil Kingdon, formerly a ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Bishop Auckland, was married on Saturday to the Rev. Outhbert J. Parry-Evans, Vicar of Fatfield, Co. Durham, and son of the present Vicar of St. Andrew's, Canon A. B. Parry-Evans. Miss Kingdon has also been the organist at St. Andrew's Church. After the wedding a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of the occasion.

Another wedding compliment was paid on October 12th at Ashburton, Devon, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. L. J. Murray Stallard, son of the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Stallard) and Mrs. Stallard, and Miss Parker C. Allen, which took place on October 8th.

The band were entertained to refreshments by the Vicar and Mrs. Stallard, who congratulated them on their success. Five of the ringers were from Ottery St. Mary, one from Sidmouth and two from Highweek, while Mr. J. H. Godfrey, sen., stood by as spare man. The peal was the first on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

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**A LANCASHIRE OCTAVE.****AUGHTON BELLS RESTORED.**

Last Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation, which included Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, the eight bells of Aughton Church, Lancashire, were rededicated by the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. D. Railton. These bells had for the last two or three years been in anything but a good, ringable condition, and it is entirely due to the zeal and enthusiasm of Mr. J. Brown, who, as well as being a ringer at this church, is also churchwarden, that they have now been restored. The Vicar of Christ Church (the Rev. J. P. Hobson) conducted the service, the lesson was read by the Rev. F. A. Redwood (Vicar of Ormskirk), and, the dedication ceremony having been performed, the Rev. D. Railton preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon.

After the concluding hymn the bells were rung by the local band to a course of Stedman Triples. A course of Bob Major was then rung, followed by two courses of Stedman with mixed companies.

The bells have been returned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and an excellent job has been made of them.

There were quite a few visiting ringers from Southport, Wigan, Liverpool, Birkenhead, etc., and some remained to ring for evening service. It is hoped that a Ringers' Saturday will be arranged in the near future to give those who were unable to get to the dedication service an opportunity of hearing the bells.

It is interesting to note that the Rector of Liverpool has been appointed by the Bishop of Liverpool to the office of Warden of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, which comprises the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association. That one of his first duties should have been to rededicate the bells of Christ Church, Aughton, gave great satisfaction to all concerned.

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Mr. Charles Poulteney completed the 'circle' of his tower, St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, by ringing the treble to a peal of Bob Major on Saturday.

Three ringers, Messrs. C. H. Harding, C. E. Jeffries and R. J. Houghton, of Tempsford, 'completed the circle' at the six-bell tower of Maulden, Beds, when they took part in a peal in seven Minor methods on October 4th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Sinfield, of Maulden, on the birth of their son and heir. Mr. Sinfield also rang in the peal.

Bernard C. Castle, of Hurst, Berks, and W. H. J. Parker, of Sandhurst, rang their first peal of Triples when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, specially arranged for them at Burnham, Bucks, on Saturday, October 15th.

The first peal on the five bells at Fyfield, Essex, was rung on Saturday week.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Before the news, here is an S.O.S. message. Missing from its home at Coalbrookdale, Salop, a belfry key. If any ringing friend who took part in the recent Staffordshire and Shropshire tour has got it, will he please return it to Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale.

Mr. Rupert Richardson has now qualified for membership of the National Police Guild. During the recent crisis he was sworn in as a special constable.

Messrs. W. Honor and J. J. Pratt, of the Hillingdon tower, have recently completed over 50 years' service there. This fine record will be suitably recognised at the ringers' meeting to be held at Hillingdon to-morrow, when friends are cordially invited to be present.

Ring in the Thames-side towers on the borders of Middlesex, Berks, Bucks and Surrey will miss Mr. Alan Pink, who, on Monday, was transferred from Ealing to the Oxford branch of the Westminster Bank. Mr. Pink's enthusiasm was responsible for much peal ringing activity while he was residing in the area, first at Windsor and then at Hanwell, and the band that he had round him rang many peals in new Surprise methods. Oxford, however, should gain by his transfer.

We learn that Mr. Walter Judge has severed his connection with the tower at All Saints', Oxford. This will be a severe setback to the excellent band that was being built up there, and which, on practice nights, with some augmentation from outside, was able to ring Spliced Surprise Major.

Members of the Leeds and District Society are reminded that the October meeting, to be held on the 29th, is at St. Michael's, Headingley, and not at Bradford Cathedral.

Mr. John Bartter, of the Cheriton, Kent, band, has just undergone a serious operation at Dover Hospital. His many friends will be glad to know that he is progressing satisfactorily, although he will be in hospital for some time yet.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN.

Ringers are once more warned against the approaches of a man presumably the 'James Green' to whom we referred a few weeks ago. This individual or someone closely resembling him, has been imposing upon people in the neighbourhood of Kettering and endeavouring to obtain loans. A description of him has been given as apparently about 56 years of age, with two prominent teeth only in the front of his upper jaw.

## EARLY COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL RECORDED.

### INTERESTING PEAL BOARD AT DOVER.

A peal board has recently been placed in the belfry of St. Mary's, Dover, recording a peal rung there over 200 years ago, being the first peal on the bells. The ringers were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, being entered as No. 32, as follows:—

A peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes (June 1st, 1732), in 3 hours and 2 minutes: John Cundell 1, John Ward 2, Benjamin Annable 3, Samuel Jeacocke 4, Wm. Pickard 5, John Dearmor 6, James Richardson 7, Richard Spicer 8. Composed and conducted by B. Annable.

The enthusiasm of these ringers can be judged, as, according to history, the same band rang a peal the day before at Canterbury Cathedral, and, following the Dover peal, crossed the Channel and rang handbells in France. Probably these were the first ringers to ring handbells from England in France.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION SECRETARY MARRIED.

### BRIDE THE DAUGHTER OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The wedding took place at Reigate Parish Church on Saturday of Mr. Edward George Talbot, only son of Mr. T. A. Talbot, of The Ridgeway, Croydon, and Miss Dora Claydon, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association. The bridegroom is the hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, an office to which he succeeded last year, after having been assistant secretary.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of Reigate (the Rev. R. Talbot), and the bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in white velvet, with short train, and carried white lilies and carnations. The two bridesmaids wore violet velvet and carried gold chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Harry W. Simmons (leader of St. Peter's, Croydon, band), and the guests, numbering over 70, included the following ringers: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. D. Cooper, F. G. Woodiss, C. Parks, R. Tuffin, A. J. Bull, A. Willett and G. Jennings.

After the ceremony Grandsire Caters were rung on the Parish Church bells.

The honeymoon is being spent at Torquay, and among the many presents received by the happy couple were a striking clock from the Surrey Association and a bedside lamp from St. Mary's Society, Beddington, of which the bridegroom is a member.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—41.****RUPERT RICHARDSON.**

There is no more popular ringer in the country than Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Surfleet, Lincs, alike for his genial personality as for the generous hospitality which he and his wife have extended in their home to large numbers of ringers. His claim to distinction, however, lies beyond this and his familiar portly figure of 20 stones or thereabouts. No one has done more for ringing in his own county of Lincolnshire than he has, and it was natural that the office of Master of the Diocesan Guild should descend to him on the death of the Rev. H. Law James, who was his Vicar and his tutor in ringing matters. Mr. Richardson's long and practical services to the Lincoln Guild have been inestimable, for nothing is too much trouble and no service too great for him to give in its interests. Not only has Mr. Richardson also travelled the country extensively in connection with ringing, but he helped to make history by the part he played in the success of the tour to Australia in 1934.

Mr. Richardson, who was born at Meanwood, Leeds, began ringing at Surfleet in February, 1898, under the tuition of the late Rev. H. Law James, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary's, Swineshead, on September 14th, 1901. His first peal as conductor, Bob Major, at St. Paul's, Fulney, came on February 14th, 1903. He took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples by a band of residents in Lincolnshire, also in the only peals of Surfleet Treble Bob Caters ever rung. Another and perhaps more notable contribution to ringing was that he was one of the band which, under the leadership of the Rev. H. Law James, first introduced spliced ringing to the Exercise, and rang the first peal in 14 methods in seven complete 720's ever rung.

He has several times rung three peals in one day, including Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples and Caters 'in hand' and Bristol, London and Superlative Surprise Major on tower bells. He has also taken part in two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in one day, in addition to driving a car over 200 miles, and he rang in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in Ireland. He has shared in several unusual performances, having conducted the only peal rung in bed and the only peal rung by a band of churchwardens. The former was a comedy turn during one of the Surfleet ringing weeks some years ago, while the latter was rung as a birthday compliment to the oldest churchwarden, Mr. George Jarvis, of Spalding, who had attained his 100th birthday a few days previously. He has also conducted two peals, one Minor and one Major, the rest of the band being all ladies. Mr. Richardson rang in all the 13 peals on the Australian tour in 1934, conducting eight, including all the handbell peals rung at sea.

He has now rung 695 peals, of which 184 have been on handbells, and he has conducted 170. In addition to having rung peals on five seas, and in Australia and Tasmania, he has taken part in peals in 34 English, one Scottish, five Irish and five Welsh counties, in 213 towers, for 39 guilds or associations.

He was elected Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 1932, and he has served the Guild on the Central Council continuously since 1903.

**TILEHURST RINGER AND CHORISTER.****SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE TO ONE CHURCH.**

To commemorate the harvest festival and as a compliment to Mr. H. Goodger on his completion of 60 years' membership of St. Michael's choir, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Tilehurst, Berks, on October 9th, by the local band: P. Jarvis (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, H. Hunt 2, A. Haines 3, H. Goodger 4, E. Langley 5, R. W. Runham (conductor) 6, P. Dyke 7, J. Lewenden 8. Mr. Goodger, who has been the local captain for a great many years, was the recipient of an armchair presented by the Rector, the Rev. F. J. Sherwood.

**MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.****NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****'SPLIT' OVER ANNUAL DINNER ARRANGEMENTS.****Clergy Threaten Secession.**

An excellent meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Tunstall on Saturday, when 46 were present from Brown Edge, Burslem, Bucknall, Biddulph, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Derby, Draycott, Hanley, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Newcastle, Stone, Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Silverdale, Tunstall, Uttoxeter and Wolstanton.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, where the Rev. S. F. Linsley (Vicar of Tunstall) extended a hearty welcome, and especially to the many young ringers present.

Mr. S. Churton thanked the Vicar and ringers for allowing them to hold another meeting at Tunstall, which it was always a pleasure to visit. This was supported by Mr. H. Carnwell, and Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies for preparing the tea.

The Vicar congratulated Mr. Henry Carnwell upon reaching his 50th year as a bellringer, and this was heartily endorsed by all present.

Subsequently, upon the invitation of the Vicar, evensong was attended in place of the usual ringers' service.

A committee meeting was held after evensong, which was called to discuss the annual dinner. The secretary read letters which he had received from the president (the Archdeacon of Stoke, the Ven. P. Hartill) enclosing letters from the Rector of Bucknall (the Rev. F. D. Gardner), clerical secretary to the association, and the Vicar of Biddulph (the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge), protesting against the dinner being held on licensed premises.

The Rector of Bucknall stated that, if secession did not take place, the members of these towers would not be able to accept the invitation to the dinner.

The Vicar of Biddulph would also withdraw his honorary membership and request the withdrawal of his ringers from the association.

The president wrote that he felt the policy of any association must be decided by the majority vote, and not forced by a minority, by the threat of secession; and that if the majority decided in favour of a dinner on licensed premises, he, as president, would not feel called upon to try to veto that decision.

He also suggested that it might be wisest to leave the question over until the annual meeting at Stoke, when he would be in the chair.

It was decided that the matter could not be held over until December, and that, as they had the largest representative committee meeting the association had ever held, it should be decided at that meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. C. H. Page, seconded by Mr. G. Holbrook, that the dinner be held again on licensed premises.

An amendment was proposed by Mr. H. Billings, seconded by Mr. J. Cottrell, that the dinner be abandoned.

A vote was taken, which resulted in 13 being in favour of the dinner and three against it.

Biddulph and Bucknall representatives then left the meeting, and the chairman of the committee offered his resignation.

The meeting in November will be at Burslem, on November 12th, and not the 5th as previously arranged.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER GREAT NESS DISPUTE.**

Market Drayton ringers entertained members of the Shropshire Association when they attended a meeting there recently. Ringing before and after tea was followed by a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards), who gave the association a hearty welcome, and spoke with real appreciation of the work of ringers generally.

The business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. F. Colclough.

A letter was read from the Vicar of Ryton (near Shifnal) asking for a grant from the association towards the cost of restoring the five bells in that tower. Mr. A. Pritchard explained the circumstances, and after discussion the sum of one guinea was granted.

It was reported that the peal book was now nearly full, and the question was raised whether it would be best to obtain a new one and carry on as at present, or issue a printed report to include details of peals rung. Eventually it was decided to ask the committee to prepare two schemes with an estimate of the cost of each, and to report at the Shifnal meeting.

A long discussion took place with regard to the dispute at Great Ness between the incumbent and ringers. Mr. A. Pritchard pointed out that the members were not yet in possession of all the facts of the case, and finally Mr. W. Weatherby proposed that the matter be referred to the committee.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Price and carried.

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting be held at Shifnal on November 5th.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. P. Price, K. Hill and A. Jackson, of Market Drayton, and S. Birch, of Dawley.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to Mr. Weatherby and the local ringers for the arrangements made and for their generosity in providing the tea.

Further ringing took place until 9.30, there being some good striking, while methods ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

## AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION. 'FAMILY' GATHERING AT SURFLEET.

### Two Peals in One Day.

Four years ago last Saturday the little company who set out on the 'great adventure' to visit towers in the Antipodes first set foot on Australian soil, when they landed at Freemantle and at Perth began that round of receptions, hospitality and ringing successes which made the trip the most memorable in the history of the Exercise and one which will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to take part in it.

Each year since then the majority of the party have contrived to hold a reunion, and they gathered again last week-end at that delectable spot, with the ever-open door, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson. This year, unfortunately, there were some absentees from the party. Mr. W. Linter, of Fareham, was prevented by ill-health from joining them; the Rev. E. Bankes James was detained by scholastic duties, and Mrs. Sharples, also, was unable to be present. But nine out of the dozen made up a happy company. With Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Enid, they included Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough), G. Martin (Maidenhead), C. Sharples (Blackpool), J. Hardcastle (Bradford), R. Maude (Pudsey) and J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

All the visitors arrived at Surfleet on Friday evening, and it was Monday before the last of them reluctantly departed. The gathering was more in the nature of a family reunion, for their common art and long travel together has knit this party with very strong personal ties.

At dinner on Friday night they were joined by the Vicar of Surfleet and Mrs. Clark, and tongues again wagged in reminiscences, while there were eager ears to listen to the recent adventures of two of the party in Egypt.

### A PEAL FOR THE HOBART SOCIETY.

The absence of Messrs. James and Linter made it impossible to ring a tower-bell peal with a complete band of tourists, but Rupert, determined not to let the opportunity pass without an effort to score a peal for one of the Australian societies of which all were members, decided that a handbell peal was imperative. So on Saturday morning four of them sat down to attempt the job. The captain had only an untrained crew, but his good seamanship and the dour determination of the rest overcame the obstacles, and, despite some bad weather at times and shipping one or two heavy seas, the peal of Bob Major was brought round to everyone's delight.

It was rung for the Holy Trinity Society, Hobart, Tasmania, and was the first handbell peal to be credited to it. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was particularly glad to ring it for the Holy Trinity Society, as he was the only one of the band that went out to Australia who had not rung a peal under its auspices. He was in the attempt that failed through a rope slipping wheel at Holy Trinity Church after 2 hours 50 minutes, but when the two peals, which were successful afterwards, were rung, he was confined to bed with influenza. He was elected a member of the society in Tasmania; he rang his first peal for it eleven thousand miles away!

The afternoon had been earmarked for a peal at Pinchbeck, two miles distant. Messrs. G. Ladd, the Pinchbeck veteran, and J. W. Carter, of Surfleet, made up the band and George Martin called one of Arthur Knight's peals of Treble Bob, which was knocked off without any trouble. Pinchbeck has not long had a ring of eight, but more than 250 years ago it had a ring of five. One cast in 1624 bears the name of Tobie Norris, of Stamford, and three of them, including the tenor, were cast in 1677 by Tobie Norris II.

Pinchbeck Church contains many interesting relics, one of them a wooden hut, like a sentry-box, which was once used by the parson for his personal protection from the elements when he was called upon to conduct a funeral in bad weather. Mr. Fussell, who has visited and inspected probably as many churches as any ringer, says he knows of only one other such provision and that is at Beaumaris, in the island of Anglesey.

Although it has nothing to do with the peal or the Australian tour, readers will probably be interested in the following rhyming bill, presented by the village carpenter for work done at Pinchbeck. It is dated December 20th, 1769.

	£	s.	d.
Oil for little and great Bell			
T'other three went very well	0	1	0
To eating and drinking at the Bell			
For Ringing Christmas in so well	0	12	6
Paid for lean-toos, posts and planks			
Over the grounds of neighbour Franks			
Drunkards pulled up in their pranks	0	8	0
Item, cutting and contriving			
Fourpence nails, and sixpence driving	0	0	10
Lain a plank in Cuckoo Lane			
Cuckolds never can complain			
They may go to Church and back again	0	2	0
For new Pulpit, oak the wood			
As parson Townshend said it should	5	5	0
To going to Pepper and to Gall			
For cash to do the work withall			
They the pulpit did, and preach and all	0	1	0
	£6	10	4

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## A CORNISH AUGMENTATION.

### NEW TREBLES ADDED TO RESTORED RING.

Saturday, October 8th, was a day of great rejoicing in the parish of St. Denys, Cornwall, mentioned in Domesday as Lan Dines, the Church on the Hill. It was the eve of the patronal festival and harvest thanksgiving, and the occasion of the rededication by the Assistant Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev. John Holden, D.D., of the peal of six bells, after restoration and rehanging, and two new bells and a tower screen.

Of the eight bells, the sixth is the most interesting, it having been cast by Henry Jordan, circa 1450. This bell is to be preserved. The fifth and seventh were originally Pennington bells of 1687 and 1738 respectively, but were recast by Taylor in 1909. New the Loughborough founders have cast two trebles, one being the gift of the Rector, the Rev. G. C. Sara, and the other of the parishioners. The weight of the treble is 3 cwt. 14 lb., and of the tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb., note G.

Ringling was enjoyed for several hours by ringers from Roche, Ladock, St. Kew, St. Stephen's, St. Columb, St. Enoder, St. Denys, Truro, Redruth and St. Austell.

The only complaints one heard were that the ropes of the back six were too heavy and the sallies too big. These were kindly sold by Gorran, as they were too heavy for their bells. But Gorran bells are much heavier than St. Denys! However, although £500 has been spent on the tower restoration and bells, the Rector promises a new set of ropes in the near future.

E. J. C.A.

## DEATH OF A GLOSSOP RINGER.

### MR. HENRY COOPER.

The death occurred on September 21st of Mr. Henry Cooper, of Glossop, after a brief illness. He was 75 years of age and was the oldest active ringer in the district, having been attached to Glossop belfry for 60 years. He was fulfilling his duties at the Parish Church only a few weeks before his death.

He took part in many peals under the old Northern Counties Association, his proudest achievement being a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob; and, under the Glossop Association, of which he was president, was one to take part in a peal of Stedman at St. James', Whitfield, Glossop, the first in the district.

In his younger days Mr. Cooper was a member of the old Glossop junior handbell ringers, and was one of the band to take first prize at Belle Vue, Manchester, two years in succession about the late '70's.

Many of his friends in the Manchester area will be sorry to hear of his death, and the members of the Glossop Association feel they have lost a good leader.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### HELP FOR ARUNDEL BELL FUND.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Shipley on Saturday, when 30 members attended from eleven towers. Touches in several methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Sumner), who gave the ringers a cordial welcome.

The tea and business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Eleven members were elected from Goring and one from Chichester.

On the proposition of Mr. H. J. Tucker, a collection was made towards the restoration of Arundel bells, and this amounted to 30s.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Walter Charman for playing the organ at the service, and to Mr. R. Stredwick for the arrangements made for the meeting.

## PRESENTATION TO MRS. RICHARDSON.

(Continued from previous column.)

When such hot and bitter folks

Pay me for my deals and oaks

I know no more than Joney Noakes.

THOMAS STILES.

There had apparently been objections to the payment of the account, but the village carpenter ultimately obtained his money.

It was a perfectly satisfied party that once more gathered round the festive board on Saturday evening, and Mrs. Richardson, who had given up her opportunity for the peal to prepare the creature comforts for her guests, was made the recipient of a fitting memento, in the shape of a bell fruit dish, one of those charming and well-modelled articles manufactured by the Compton Potters' Guild. Mrs. Richardson was thanked for her many kindnesses to the Australian party, to whom it was said she had often acted as both sister and mother.

After dinner no one was prepared to accept Rupert's invitation to start another handbell peal, and Bill got well away into the land of nod in the depths of a comfortable armchair before other sleepy heads went to their beds.

On Sunday morning there was service ringing to be done at Surfleet, a helping hand being given to some of Rupert's pupils, while Enid rang a touch of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of the Deputy Father whom she acquired during the Australian tour. It is notable that everything attempted, both in touches and peals on handbells and church bells, was brought round.

The party began to break up on Sunday afternoon, when the Southerners left on their car run to Berks, Bucks and Surrey. They regretted leaving such congenial company, but duty called and had to be obeyed. Before separating, however, the invitation was gratefully accepted to meet again, if all's well, next year at Surfleet.



## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

'BEST' AND 'WORST' BELLS IN THE COUNTRY.

(Continued from page 671.)

Mr. Sidney Palmer submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' and announced apologies from, among others, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield, the Provost of Sheffield, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. T. Maude (Pudsey), etc. It was the first time the last-named had missed the Yorkshire dinner, but he was suffering from a 'Pudsey cowl.' Mr. Palmer extended a hearty welcome to the representatives of kindred societies, and said they were highly honoured by having so many present. There would have been more but for the uncertainty which was created by the recent crisis. It was, said Mr. Palmer, such gatherings as that which upheld the standard of good fellowship among the great associations. There were members who went in for peal ringing, and yet more peal ringing, and whose only interest was on the peal ringing side—he was as bad himself once; but some of them as they grew older found their interest increasing on the social side, and it was the social side, such as they saw that night, that helped the traditions of the art throughout the country. In referring to the visitors, Mr. Palmer expressed great pleasure at the presence of the Bishop of Sheffield, who was attending their dinner that night for the first time, and he welcomed the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who, he said, was held in high esteem by the ringers. Mr. Palmer spoke of the excellent feeling that existed between the clergy and ringers at the Sheffield churches, a relationship which he hoped would long continue (applause).

### A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Archdeacon, in a humorous reply, said he had been delighted to hear Mr. Lewis say that, at one time, ringers had nothing to do with the Church. It had solved a problem that had been a bit of a worry to him. What Mr. Lewis had said accounted for the fact that in the past some church towers had been full of beer bottles (laughter). That must have been a relic of the times when ringers had nothing to do with the Church. They did not find beer bottles in the tower today; that was because the ringers were closely connected with the workers for the Church. The Archdeacon concluded by saying that at Handsworth he had a fine Guild as ringers, which was due to the labours of Mr. Watkinson (applause), who had so ably trained them and had produced such excellent ringers as John Gilbert (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast on behalf of kindred societies, thanking the Yorkshire Association for their hospitality and all that had been done for the visitors' enjoyment. He said the modern territorial ringing associations and guilds owed a great deal to Yorkshire. Jasper Snowdon and those associated with him built so well when they founded the association that many others were modelled upon the Yorkshire basis and it had successfully stood the test of time.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed 'Continued Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association.' As a Birmingham man, he said, he liked to think, and he was sure they would all agree with him, that it was due to one Birmingham man almost entirely that they were sitting there that night enjoying themselves (applause). They did indeed feel proud of Neville Chamberlain (applause). Mr. Smith, proceeding, recalled that he rang a peal of Stedman Cinques in Sheffield 31 years ago, and the next peal he rang in Yorkshire was Stedman Cinques at Leeds twelve months ago. There had in the past been many interchanges of visits between Birmingham and Sheffield ringers, and he recalled that Mr. Harry Hattersley had said that at St. Marie's, Sheffield, they had the finest peal of eight bells in the world. He was not going to dispute that, but he could tell them where there was the rottenest peal of bells in the world, and they came from St. Marie's. The Roman Catholics did not like them very much, but they did not like to give them away, so they advertised them for sale. At that time a church in Mosley, Birmingham, was thinking of filling its tower with a peal of bells. The churchwardens happened to notice the advertisement, and came, with others, to hear the bells at St. Marie's. It was long before his day, but he understood the churchwardens and clergyman were taken round, about a mile and a half from the church, while the bells were rung, and they were treated to liberal quantities of what was known as 'Tenants' (laughter), with the result that they struck a bargain and these absolutely putrid bells, cast from steel, were bought by one of the wealthiest churches in Birmingham, where they hung at this moment. Peals had been rung on them, but they were now hung dead. As a business man he wondered if he could do a deal and send the old bells back in exchange for the ones St. Marie's now had (laughter).

### OLD RINGERS AS GOOD AS THEIR CONTEMPORARIES.

Commenting on the Archdeacon's references to beer bottles in the belfry, Mr. Smith said he would remind the Archdeacon that ringers in those days were just as good as their contemporaries. While it was true that in the past the bellringers had beer in the belfry—he had seen leathern beer jacks that had been presented by a rector and churchwardens for the very purpose—let it not be forgotten that the parsons drank gin in the vestry (laughter). They were all the same sort, parsons and ringers, 'so,' added Mr. Smith, 'don't blame the bellringers if they did have a spot of beer in the belfry' (laughter and applause).

In wishing continued prosperity to the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Smith said it was the largest ringing association in the country and covered the largest area, and many famous ringers had been born and

bred in Yorkshire. He recalled some of the interesting old peal records to be found in Yorkshire belfries, and said he hoped these old boards would be preserved. They were of far more value than present tablets. Mr. Smith concluded by referring to the lavish hospitality extended by the Yorkshire Association on the occasion of the visit of the Central Council to Leeds, which made it the finest Council gathering ever held. After that it was not fair to Yorkshire to say in the words of the old Yorkshire toast, 'If ye do owt for nowt do it for this'en.'

Mr. R. Harrison, sen., in giving the toast of 'The Chairman,' said if the peaceful solution of the recent crisis had been brought about by the efforts of one Birmingham man, it was because he was supported by battleships of Sheffield steel (applause). The combination of Birmingham and Sheffield had been very well worked up and brought them to a solution which had enabled them to enjoy that evening (applause). In the past, too, there had been a happy combination between Birmingham and Sheffield ringers, who used to ring 'inter-company' peals. On one occasion John Carter presented a gold scarf pin to Harry Hattersley, and that pin was now in possession of a gentleman who was present that evening. Mr. Harrison added that Yorkshire had always been able to tell a good president when they had got one. Canon Marshall had been a worthy successor to Jasper Snowdon, a founder of the society and its first president, and of William Snowdon, who followed him. Canon Marshall took the greatest interest in the progress and stability of their society, and he would like to thank the committee and Canon Marshall for all they did to promote its interests (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

In replying, Canon Marshall said he confessed that when he was asked to undertake the office of president in succession to the first two presidents, who had done such yeoman work for the association and for ringing in general, he was filled with a great fear, but one thing he had learned was that he never could have done this work unless he had had all along the extraordinarily good and loyal support of the various officers who had served under him and of the general rank and file of the members of the association. His connection with the ringers of Yorkshire, as he had said often before, had brought him some of the best friends of his life (applause), and he would always look back to the extraordinary pleasure which holding that office had brought him in various ways. It was not easy to be president of an association of that size, which, he had been told that night, covered an area almost as large as the Kingdom of Denmark, but those who did try to cover it found it was extraordinarily difficult. Those who really knew the size of Yorkshire would sympathise with the officers in their efforts. It was very difficult indeed, and he said that particularly to those in the north, whom they were so seldom able to go to see. The size of the association made one of its greatest difficulties. He especially thanked the officers of the association for their great loyalty and help, and he expressed his grateful thanks to the Bishop and other visitors that night who had stayed with them to the end (applause).

The very enjoyable musical programme was provided by the Hallam Octet, of four ladies and four gentlemen, who rendered a number of glees and part songs. Another interesting feature was the tune ringing of the St. Marie's handbell party, consisting of Messrs. Holmes, Burgar and Dixon, whose average age is 75 years. Their performances won loud applause. Five officers of the association rang a fine course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, Messrs. S. F. Palmer, G. Lewis, P. J. Johnson, W. Barton and W. Ambler.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### PRESENTATION TO RETIRING BRANCH CHAIRMAN.

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Buxton on October 8th for the purpose of presenting the branch chairman (the Rev. H. W. Benson) with a silver bell inkstand, subscribed by the members of the branch.

There was a good attendance, and supporting the president (the Rev. H. McMullan) were the Rev. H. W. Benson (chairman), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. H. Tooke (branch secretary), and members from Aylsham, Hevingham, Norwich, Scottow, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and the local company. Other branches were represented by Mr. W. J. Lee and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (chairman and secretary, East Norfolk Branch), Mr. W. L. Duffield (chairman, South Norfolk Branch), and members from Acle, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Mulbarton, North Elmham, Reedham and Great Yarmouth.

Tea was held in the Village Hall, where about 40 members were the guests of Mr. W. C. Duffield and Mr. F. A. Bainbridge (churchwardens of St. Andrew's, Buxton).

Afterwards the President reminded the members of the business of the meeting and said it was with regret he had learned that the North Norfolk Branch was losing its chairman.

Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. H. Tooke and Mr. Nolan Golden also spoke of the regret felt at the resignation of Mr. Benson.

The president then presented him with a silver bell inkstand, which was inscribed: 'Presented by the members of the North Norfolk Branch to the Rev. H. W. Benson, chairman 1935-1938.'

The Rev. H. W. Benson suitably acknowledged the gift and said it had always been a pleasure to do what he could for the branch. He hoped he would be able to come along to their annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the president, to Mr. W. C. Duffield and Mr. Bainbridge for entertaining the ringers to tea, and to the Rev. H. W. Benson for the use of the bells.

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**CANCELLED MEETING.**—The meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, which was to have been held at Cockington to-morrow, has been cancelled.—A. L. Bennett, Hon. Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in Sutton's Hall, East Hill, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please do all you can to ensure that your tower is adequately represented and make this a successful social occasion.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting at Chawton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 in Parish Hall.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Newmarket. Ringing from 2.30 at All Saints' (8 bells), St. Mary's (6) and St. Martin's, Exning (5). Tea at Lakeman's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. R. C. Sharp, 2, Barton's Place, Newmarket, for number to tea. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton, not Holy Trinity, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 7. Names for tea to R. Warmesley, 59, Leigh Road, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the White Hart 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lydford on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Yarmouth on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Hills' Restaurant, King Street. Business after tea. All ringers are welcome, so all roll up.—J. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 22nd. The Cathedral bells will be available at 3 p.m. until 4 o'clock service. Business meeting after tea. Ringing continued at the Cathedral until 9 p.m.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Soberton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the White Lion Inn. Business meeting follows. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shipham on October 22nd. Bells (6) open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Rowberrow bells also available.—H. Minifie, Branch Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Scunthorpe on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Mazara Cafe, High Street. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells will be ready at 3. Tea at 4.50, followed by the meeting. There will be a short service at 6 p.m. Will all who have not yet responded, particularly members of this branch, to the Canon Elsee Memorial Fund, kindly do so at the earliest opportunity.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Ringers' Day at Gainsborough, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 19½ cwt.) recently rehung, available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM.**—Meeting at Beeston, Saturday, October 22nd, from 3 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Cafe near church. Payment of outstanding subscriptions would be appreciated. Visitors welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sacred Heart (R.C.), Blackpool, on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch), **AND LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—A combined meeting of the above will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on Saturday, October 22nd. St. John's bells (10) available 3 to 4.45 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (8), available 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each), St. John's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Social to follow at 7.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, A. D. Barker and I. R. Housden, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, October 23rd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, October 27th, commencing 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—N. Summerhayes, Secretary, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for October: 25th, St. Mary-le-Bow (business meeting after, nomination of officers); 27th, St. Magnus', Thames Street, both at 7.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

**SPLICED MEETING WITH MAJOR OPPORTUNITIES.**—At Chipping Barnet, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. H. J. Eldred, 98, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet.—Harold V. Frost (St. Albans District) and C. H. Horton (Watford District). Herts Association.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, 26th?—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 29th. Tower opens at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Kindly send postcard if you intend coming to Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Campsall, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged, so will those who will require it please let me know not later than Wednesday, 26th?—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The October meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) open from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. May secure Wapley bells.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, in Church Hall. Names by 26th, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of the above division will be carried forward to October 29th, at Great Holland. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baltonsborough on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Cefn-Coed, near Merthyr, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me by the 24th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome especially beginners.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting. Please notify me of intention to be present at tea (which will be provided by

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Oct. 26th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Headingley, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The 'Elizabeth' bell will be dedicated on Sunday, October 30th, at 11 a.m. by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bedford. The bells (6) will be available for visiting ringers from 2 p.m. Come and try Hertfordshire's new six.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A Wednesday meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Balcombe on November 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by October 31st. All ringers are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**LADIES' GUILD (London District) AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).**—A combined meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E.1, on Wednesday, November 2nd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 6 o'clock at Lyons, opposite Southwark Cathedral. Ringing after tea. Everybody welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

**ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.

**NOTICE.**—THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, November 2nd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn,

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me about tea by November 2nd.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkwood 1959.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday, November 2nd. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar. A good attendance requested, but remember the postcard.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting Shifnal, November 5th. Good peal of bells and important business. For tea, please advise me by November 2nd.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, December 3rd. Details later.—W. Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Melksham on Saturday, October 1st, when ringers to the number of 44 attended, including visitors from Milverton (Mr. A. Tout) and Cirencester (Mr. H. C. Bond). The Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. H. Sangster), who is an honorary member of the Guild, conducted the service and Miss E. M. Wright officiated at the organ. Tea, served in the Parish Hall, had been arranged by Mrs. West, with the help of other lady ringers and friends.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the business meeting, at which one new member from Market Lavington was elected.

A discussion took place regarding the fixing of the branch annual meeting, and, after a vote had been taken, Devizes was decided upon.

A number of prominent members spoke on this matter, suggesting that other parts of the branch should be allowed to receive the branch on the occasion of its annual meeting and that Devizes should be visited every third year. If favourably received, a rule will be made to this effect in January.

Bradford was decided upon for the November meeting and Market Lavington for December.

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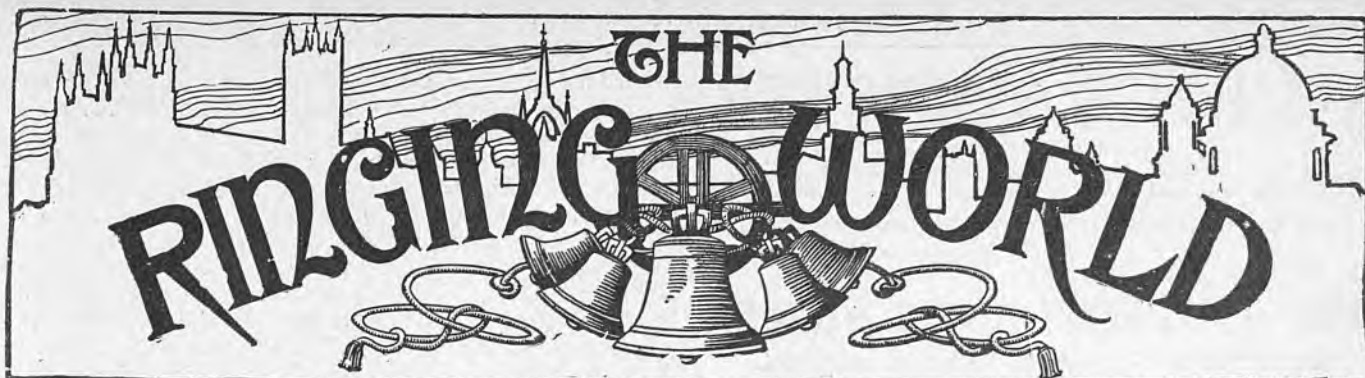
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## BROADCASTS.

The position with regard to the broadcasting of bells prior to services relayed from churches on Sundays is still unsatisfactory, mainly from two points of view. In some cases the ringing itself is not good enough; in others, the programme arrangements treat the ringers badly. There was another instance of this latter on Sunday evening, when the bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, were heard, prior to the customary service at eight o'clock. They should have been on the air for five minutes, but most of this time was taken up with a description of the church itself, and the bells came in at the close for about one minute and a half. No one complains when the story of an interesting church and its associations is briefly told, but it ought not to break into the time allotted to the bells. It has happened before, but it is a poor acknowledgment, to say the least, of the services of the ringers, which in most cases are given voluntarily and often at great inconvenience. Broadcast ringing, when done properly, requires organisation and preparation; in the case of Hart Street it must have meant bringing eight men from considerable distances, and the giving up of their Sunday evening to the work. The ringing that was heard made it obvious that it was in the hands of a competent band. It is a matter worthy of protest that they should receive such scant treatment. To cut the time for the bells down to five minutes may be reasonable, and it is long enough if the ringing is not of the best, but to tune the bells in for a bare minute and a half, makes the effort involved not worth while, for, in addition to the actual broadcast, it often means also that the band has to be in attendance much earlier in order that the positions of the microphones and other mechanical details may be tried out.

On the other hand it is equally unsatisfactory when the ringing itself is bad—and it is the irony of coincidence that generally, when this is the case, the bells are on the air for the full allotted period. Comments upon the poor displays that are often put up have frequently been made, but it cannot be too constantly repeated that only the very best ringing should be broadcast. We are aware there is a certain amount of pride among a company of ringers when they know that their bells are to be included as a preliminary to a service broadcast from their own church, and we are quite sure that they determine to give of their best. Unfortunately, however, their best may not be of a standard that should be sent out to, perhaps, millions of listeners, and unfortunately, also, they may not be capable of judging their own standard. The inclusion of the bells seems to be decided in a very hap-

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hazard way, and in view of the vast sums that are now spent in the organising of broadcasts, the B.B.C. ought to go a step further and appoint some competent 'observer' to attend a preliminary audition. It seems to us that only in this way can a good standard of broadcast ringing be ensured. It might mean the elimination of the bells before some of the services, but that which would be heard would be worthy of the occasion and the audience. Then, having ensured this, the ringing should be put on for the full advertised time and not cut to the few final changes and some rounds at the end. It is only ringers' enthusiasm for their art and their desire to help which makes them silent under what is really a slight.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb. in D.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES... .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 9
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. 10
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON... .. 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 6
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 2	*WALTER NICHOLS ... .. 7
RONALD H. DOVE... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 8
TOM CLARKE... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9
RICHARD W. DRAGE ... .. 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Treble	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 8
CHARLES W. DENYER... .. 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 9
EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 5	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN GOODMAN ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... .. 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 3	HENRY HUBBALL... .. 8
*DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS ... 5	SAMUEL E. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by NORMAN G. LEECH

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard and a congratulatory peal to the conductor, who was recently married to Miss Hilda Jeavons, a member of St. Thomas' Junior Church.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. Treble	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... .. 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6
* WILLIAM F. STENHOUSE ... 3	ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 7
JOHN NUBES ... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

A birthday compliment to L. W. G. Morris.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF CIPPESWYCK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. ARBON ... .. Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.  
This was the first peal in the method, produced by C. J. Sedgley.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method with twin bobs throughout by all, on the bells and for the association.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

THOMAS YEOMANS ... .. Treble	ALFRED G. WRATTEN ... .. 5
MISS LILY WICKENS ... .. 2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 6
LESLIE A. PORRITT ... .. 3	ALBERT A. JARMAN ... .. 7
STANLEY J. GEE ... .. 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th. First peal as conductor.

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LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALDRY ... .. Treble	ALBERT W. COLEMAN ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2	* DEREK CARR ... .. 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	ARTHUR W. BIRD ... .. 7
MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE 4	RICHARD W. L. COATES ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... Treble	* P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	PERCY GREEN ... .. 7
DONALD JENNINGS ... .. 4	P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.  
\* First peal. First peal for the Essex Association by four fathers and sons.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
ALFRED KING ... .. 2	EDWIN BRISON ... .. 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... .. 3	HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN  
Rung for the wedding of Albert Fleet, which took place at Wargrave, Berks, the same day.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Abbey Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

* CYRIL WOODWARD ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2	WILLIAM HUTTON ... .. 6
* LESLIE G. HAINES ... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7
* ALBAN R. POYNITZ ... .. 4	ARCHIE DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

* ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	* HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5
* HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First attempt for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 wo Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DELROW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	2	FRANCIS KIRK ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ...	6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..	3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H. Hodgetts.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... ..	2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	2	FRED PRICE ... ..	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..	3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... ..	7
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Referee—John S. Mason.

Rung silent.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 wo Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... ..	2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..	5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... ..	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... ..	3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ...	7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... ..	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to J. H. W. White, Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

## REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 hree Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... ..	2	CHARLES OLLIER ... ..	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ..	2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... ..	6
*G. LEONARD BURGESS ... ..	3	JAMES A. MILNER ... ..	7
REV. FRANK BONNER ... ..	4	PETER LAFLIN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

## ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... ..	2	FRANK BENNETT ... ..	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... ..	2	FRANK H. HICKS ... ..	6
ALBERT RIPLEY ... ..	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	7
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

## MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). ] Tenor 11 cwt.

DAVID H. BENNETT ... ..	2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... ..	5
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	2	WILLIAM TOWNSEND ...	6
ERNEST STITCH ... ..	3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... ..	7
FRANK J. BAILEY ... ..	4	ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Leslie Davies, of Cardiff, to Miss Dorothy May Orchard, of Marshfield.

## MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in 1 hree Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY ... ..	2	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... ..	5
GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	2	*HERBERT S. ARBIN ... ..	6
CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	3	CHARLES W. WARD ... ..	7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	4	JAMES BENNETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Y. Roberts, a member of the local band, who was married at St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green, the same day.

## WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE CLARK ... ..	2	RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	5
WILLIE GREEN ... ..	2	ARTHUR GILL ... ..	6
*FRANK VALLANCE ... ..	3	WILLIAM FAY ... ..	7
HOWARD SCOTT ... ..	4	DANIEL SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major and first attempt; also first peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## HURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

BRYAN O'NEILL ... ..	2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... ..	5
*WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ...	2	CYRIL A. BURGESS ... ..	6
PETER A. BLAMEY ... ..	3	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... ..	7
*BERNARD C. CASTLE ... ..	4	GEORGE GILBERT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

\* First peal of Major other than Plain Bob, and belong to Sandhurst and Hurst respectively. Remainder from St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.

## NORTHOP, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... ..	2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... ..	5
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... ..	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... ..	6
ROBERT SPERRING ... ..	3	*HARRY PYE ... ..	7
FRED HARTMAN ... ..	4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## SHROTON, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*REGINALD G. WOODLAND ...	2	WILLIAM G. DAMEN ... ..	4
DONALD R. HARVEY ... ..	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... ..	5
*K. ERIC HARVEY ... ..	3	GEORGE W. DENNIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

GUILDFORD.—For evensong on the dedication festival, October 2nd, at St. Nicolas', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,275 changes): E. G. Heath 1, F. Radford 2, S. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, S. Breeze 5, W. Oope 6, G. Tomsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Elton (conductor) 9, J. West 0.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

C. WILLIAM NUTT ... .. Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Tenor 18 cwt.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Rossendale, Stamford, London, Wells, Beverley, York and Durham.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

ALLENDSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

* WILLIAM A. KITSON ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 4
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 3	FRANK DOWNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK DOWNES.

\* First peal of Plain Bob.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 19 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* THOMAS W. BAKER, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: 360 April Day, 360 Evening Star, 480 Canterbury Reverse, 480 Old Doubles, 960 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 960 Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* J. F. WHITE ... .. Treble	† P. KINDRED ... .. 3
* T. H. KINDRED ... .. 2	* J. W. G. KINDRED ... .. 4
G. LEE ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. LEE.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. First peal in seven methods by all. First peal as conductor.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

* ARCHIBALD J. KAY ... .. Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... .. 4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... .. 5
ERNEST POWELL ... .. 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung for the marriage of P. J. William Farham, of Ashford, and Miss Gladys Hyland, of Willesborough. Also a birthday compliment to W. J. Lancefield.

RETFENDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

WILLIAM PERRY ... .. Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 4
* HARRY JAY ... .. 2	CHARLES JAY ... .. 5
FRANK C. MAY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

* WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. Treble	† ALAN D. STEELE ... .. 4
* EDWARD STEELE ... .. 2	JOHN G. CARLIDGE ... .. 5
* HARRY HALL ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

MONK SHERBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

* CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... Treble	* DONALD W. NASH ... .. 3
* RONALD F. KINGHAM ... 2	* FREDERICK F. MUNDAY ... 4
JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. 1	enor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal in more than one method as conductor. The first peal on the bells.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* FREDERICK BRIGHMAN ... Treble	† CHARLES PERKINS ... .. 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... .. 2	EDWARD BROWN ... .. 5
CHARLES E. BLACK ... .. 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the third. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 38 extents with 10 variations of calling, and two 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

* LEONARD A. HICKS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. SWALLOW ... .. 4
A PATRICK CANNON ... .. 2	JOSEPH E. HOBBS ... .. 5
† ALBERT G. HARRIS ... .. 3	* KENNETH J. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 4
THOMAS R. PAYNE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
A. BRYAN ELLSMORE ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung by special request of the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Fowler) in celebration of the centenary of the church and bells.

## PEAL NOTES.

### ANOTHER REAL DOUBLE.

A peal of 'Real Double' Superlative was rung at Pulham, Norfolk, on October 19th. The method, of course, is our old friend; the doubling is in the bobs, which are called when the treble is both in front and behind.

Why the two words 'Real Double' are applied to a peal of this kind we don't know, except that it is to distinguish it from the common or garden peal. But Superlative is already double and nothing more can be done about that. It is the bobs that are doubled, not the method. But there it is; or, should we say, here it is, for below is given Mr. Nolan Golden's composition, which runs to 5,280 changes:—

23456	A	B	C	D
62534	x		x	
23645		x	x	
34256		x	x	
23564		x	x	x
36245		x	x	
64352		x	x	
45623		x	x	
52436		x	x	
65324	x		x	
52643		x	x	
24536		x	x	

Twice repeated.

A=Tenor Wrong from behind, followed by three consecutive bobs at the half-leads.

B=Tenor 5th's from before, 4th's from behind.

C=Tenor 5th's from behind, 4th's from before.

D=Tenor Middle from behind, Home from before.

Seven of the band rang their first peal of Bob Major and the other his first peal as conductor when Annable's composition was rung at St. Lawrence, Thanet, Kent, on October 20th. This old composition, which is the foundation of many modern ones, is in nine blocks of five courses each. The courses are all called Wrong and Middle, except that the Wrong is omitted from the first course of each block and a Home is added at the end of the third, sixth and ninth blocks.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. Bell) visited Rotherfield to preach on Sunday. In honour of his coming to this Sussex village a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on the fine ring of bells at the Parish Church on the previous day. It was the 25th peal rung together by Messrs. Albert Relfe and William A. Kitchenside, and enabled the latter to complete the circle of the tower.

The wedding of Mr. Leslie Davies, of Cardiff, and Miss Dorothy May Orchard, of Marshfield, on Saturday, was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Triples at Marshfield Church the same day.

It is no mean performance to ring a hundred peals in one tower, but Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford, has done more than that. On Friday he rang his one hundredth peal on the fifth bell in Crayford tower, when he called a peal of Stedman Triples. Bert must know every little idiosyncrasy of that bell, if it has any, and the bell must know Bert's—if he has any. It was on this bell that he rang his first peal.

The peal last Friday was Derek Sharp's one hundredth for the Kent County Association.

A wedding compliment to a ringer was a peal of Double Norwich at Husbome Crawley, Bedfordshire, on Saturday, when Mr. Albert Fleet, until recently one of the local band, was married at Wargrave, Berks. Coupled with their good wishes for his future happiness, the band regret that he has left the district for Ickleton, Cambs.

The peal of Minor rung at Willesborough, Kent, on Saturday, for the wedding of Mr. P. J. W. Farham, of Ashford, and Miss Gladys Hyland, of Willesborough, was also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Lancefield.

### FATHERS' AND SONS' PEAL.

There was an interesting performance at Great Baddow on Saturday, when four fathers with four sons rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. It was called by the Master of the Essex Association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, to whom it must have been a great additional pleasure to conduct, under such conditions, his own son's first peal. It was the first peal by four fathers and four sons for the Essex Association and was rung on the 51st anniversary of the day that George Green began ringing at Great Baddow Church.

The first peal on the bells at Monk Sherborne, Hants, was rung on Saturday. They are a ring of five, with tenor of 10 cwt., hung backward. They are rung from the ground floor of the church.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall, on Saturday, was arranged for Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and to enable Mr. Andrew Thompson, hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, to ring his first peal of Stedman Cinques. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Howard Howell.

At Draycott on Saturday, Mr. J. G. Cartlidge rang his 25th peal when he took part in seven 720's in three Minor methods.

The composition of Kent Treble Bob Major by Henry Johnson, which Mr. Kenneth Lewis called at Reddish, Lancashire, on Saturday, has the sixth the extent Wrong at four course ends and the extent right at twelve course ends, hobs being called at every position.

Gippeswyck Surprise Major was rung for the first time at Helmingham, Suffolk, on October 17th. It is a method produced by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich.

Mr. Charles Ollier kindly completed the band at the last minute when the rest had met short. His action was greatly appreciated and he is to be complimented upon his performance, as the peal was rung within a week of his 75th birthday.

Mr. John Goodman, Master of the Dudley tower, has now 'completed the circle' no fewer than nine times in this belfry. On Saturday he rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters.

The peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard, the hon. secretary of the Dudley and District Guild, and as a congratulatory peal to the conductor, Mr. Norman G. Leech, who was recently married to Miss Hilda Jeavons, a member of St. Thomas' Junior Church.

The composition was one by the late Mr. William Micklewright, who was for so long connected with ringing in and around Dudley. We wonder how many times Dudley bells have been heard to the music of this composition?

### AFTER MANY YEARS.

Seven or eight years ago a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at Beddington, Surrey, in the last course but one. It was then decided that another attempt should be made to ring it.

It was not until last Saturday that the peal was put on again. In the meantime circumstances had changed; removals and other causes prevented half of the band from taking part, but the remaining half, with the five vacant places competently filled, met again, and the peal was rung.

Afterwards they were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and with other ringers who came to swell the party spent a very enjoyable hour under their hospitable roof.

Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, rang his 777th peal on October 20th when he called a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Except for Mr. R. H. Dove, it was the first peal of Oxford Royal for all the band and the first on the bells. The composition, by Mr. Morris, was rung for the first time.

Bosbury, Herefordshire, is one of those rare places where the tower is detached from the church, and there on October 15th a seven-method peal of Minor was rung in 3 hours and 5 minutes. The bells, of good tone, were rehung and a new frame installed last year by Mears and Stainbank, the weight of the tenor being 18 cwt. 'Bill' Ranford, who lives at Suckley (just over the border in Worcestershire), and 'Geoff' Lewis (a native of the nearby village of Cradley, now residing at Powick, Worcestershire) were thus able once again to visit the 'happy hunting grounds' of years ago. 'Bill' and 'Tom' Lewis (father and son) and 'Large' George, three other Worcestershire ringers, each 'bagged' a fresh tower, while 'Bill' Nutt, a local man, piloted the treble in his usual efficient way. The peal was rung for the Hereford Guild.

A birthday compliment to the hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, was rung at Heptonstall on October 15th, when a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was brought round.

The Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild, Mr. Joe White, of Coventry, celebrated his 60th birthday on Saturday with a peal of London Surprise Major at Nuneaton. Leicester and Bath, as well as Coventry and Nuneaton, contributed to the band.

Kenneth J. Jones, who rang the 13 cwt. tenor behind to a peal of Doubles, at Abbots Langley, Herts, on Saturday, is only 14½ years of age. The six ringers came from as many different parishes.

There were some young ringers, also, in the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung on October 8th at Shroton, Dorset. Eric Harvey, who is 15, rang his first peal, as did Reginald Woodland, who is 17. Donald Harvey is also only 17. With W. G. Damen and G. W. Dennis they belong to the local band, and the peal, rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. V. E. B. Norton), who has left Shroton for a village near Marlborough, was conducted by W. C. Shute.

Yet another! The Hertfordshire band, who are now making an almost weekly habit of ringing new Surprise methods, rang a peal of 'Delrow' at Aldenham on Saturday without previous practice. It is a method which enables peals to be obtained with only the 4th, 5th and 6th in sixth's place at course ends.

The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Hodgetts and was the one hundredth peal which Messrs. Fred Brinklow and Maurice Hibbert have rung together.

The first peal in four Minor methods by the local band at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire, was rung on Saturday as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Frank Taylor.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Erdington on Saturday by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. The referee, Mr. J. S. Mason, checked the six-ends throughout the peal. Mr. George Fearn rang the tenor and it was his 150th peal.

Silent peals are not very frequently rung. They require a good band and every man has to keep himself keyed up all the time. All the same, we would like to see more such performances.

A peal of Bob Minor was rung at Llanfihangel Rhydieithon, Radnorshire, by special request of the Rector, to celebrate the centenary of the church and bells. The Rector helped to raise and lower the bells in peal by taking the treble, and after the peal kindly provided the ringers with refreshments. He congratulated the band on their ringing.

The first peal on the bells, a ring of five, at Pakefield, Suffolk, was rung on October 20th, when all the band rang their first peal in seven methods and Mr. G. Lee rang his first peal as conductor.



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DISTRICT'S NEW MEMBERS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) was held on Saturday, October 15th, at Sutton-on-Hull, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. C. Paley) and the local company. There was an attendance of over 50 ringers, on a fine autumn day, the towers represented being Beverley Minster, Cottingham, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Howden, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Nunburnholme, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull and visitors from Barton-on-Humber and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. At the service Mr. A. B. Cook, a former district secretary, deputised on the organ, the church organist being away, and the Vicar gave an inspiring address. Tea, which was generously provided by the ladies of the parish, was served in the new Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Six new members were elected, Mr. L. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kelly, of Goole, and Messrs. J. S. Thompson, B.Sc., and F. R. Pearson and Miss Patricia Henri, of Kirk Ella, making a total of 20 new members elected at Eastern District meetings during the past year.

Selby was chosen as the next place of meeting in December.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Howden, was elected on the General Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. E. West, and Messrs. E. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and C. Hill, of Goole, were elected to vacant seats on the District Committee.

The secretary was asked to write to Mr. J. Drake, of Goole, on his resigning his seat on the District Committee on account of advancing years, expressing gratitude to him for all he had done in the cause of ringing.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and local company and the ladies were passed, and the Vicar, in his reply, warmly welcomed the association to Sutton and said they were not to wait to be asked to come again, but to come again soon.

Further ringing on tower and handbells concluded a very enjoyable meeting, after which some found their way to Hull Fair which was being held.

**LINK WITH FORMER LONDON RINGERS.****DEATH OF MR. ALFRED LINSTED.**

There recently passed away at the advanced age of 82 years Mr. Alfred Linsted, who was well known and highly respected as the tower-keeper of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn. Although not a great ringer, he was a highly proficient tune player on handbells. In his day he knew most of the old London ringers, such as Cox, Haley, etc., and could tell many stories about them. His death severs another link with the past.

**MISS DOROTHY SAYERS A RINGER.****GRANDSIRE DOUBLES AT ISLE OF WIGHT MEETING.**

Miss Dorothy Sayers, authoress of 'The Nine Tailors,' attended a meeting of the Isle of Wight District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Brading recently. She was accompanied by another writer, her friend, Mrs. Denis Browne (Miss Helen Simpson, the novelist and historian), who is the prospective Liberal candidate for the Isle of Wight. After tea, at which the members were guests of the Archdeacon, Miss Sayers astonished the meeting by ringing the treble on handbells to a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, which was the more amazing as she declared she had never rung handbells before. But then, Miss Sayers wrote 'The Nine Tailors' without ever having been into a belfry.

At the subsequent business meeting, presided over by Dr. J. Bruce Williamson, Miss Sayers and Mrs. Denis Browne were elected non-resident members of the Guild, and the Vicar of Newport and Mr. W. Rowntree, of Ventnor, were elected hon. members.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight. Among the hymns sung was 'There is a land of pure delight,' which the Archdeacon announced as 'the Isle of Wight hymn,' saying that it had been written by Dr. Watts whilst seated on the shore of Southampton Water looking towards the Island.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The October meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held on Saturday week at the beautiful old-world village of Cawthorne. The weather was ideal and members were present from Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Sandal, Wath and Wentworth, with a good muster of the local company. Tea was served at the Spencer's Arms, 16 sitting down. After tea the ringers adjourned to the Old Parish Room to hold the business meeting.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Greenwood) presided and was thanked for the use of the bells and also for acting as chairman.

The Vicar, in reply, said ringers were always welcome at Cawthorne, and he was also pleased to be with the ringers of the district once more.

Crofton was chosen next place of meeting, to be held on November 12th. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in a great variety of Minor methods, ranging from Original to London Surprise.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—For evensong at St. Michael's Church on October 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Melville 1, G. Pullinger 2, F. Glasspool 3, W. Andrews 4, G. Noice 5, W. Melville 6, R. Reed (conductor) 7, S. Hector 8.

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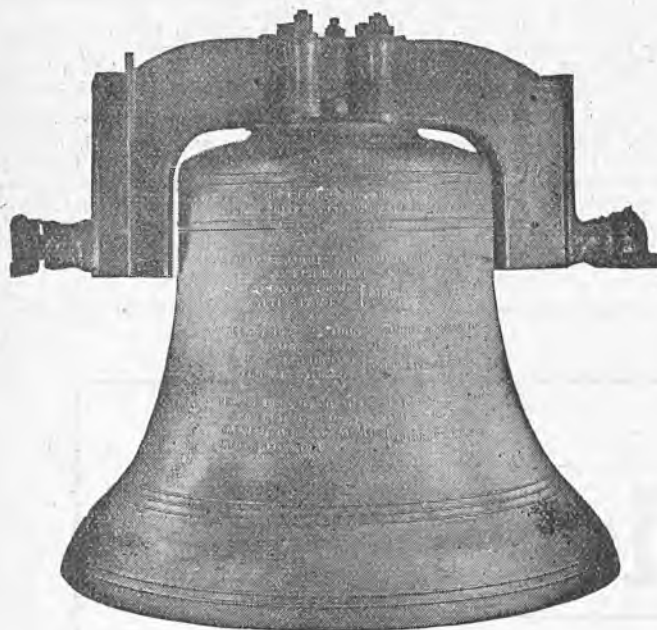
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to be able to state that Mr. Walter Judge has not entirely severed his connection with All Saints' tower, Oxford. All he has done is to relinquish the office of captain of the tower, his reason being that he is now unable to give full-time service. He will, however, retain his membership.

The Ladies' Guild will inaugurate the newly-constituted Eastern District, formed as part of the reorganisation scheme, at a meeting at Stowmarket, Suffolk, to be held on November 12th.

Leicester and Hinckley Districts of the Midland Counties Association are to hold a joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild at Lutterworth on November 5th.

The peal rung at Barton-on-Humber and recorded in our issue of October 14th was claimed to be the first peal of Superlative on the bells. Mr. F. H. Dexter points out that a peal of Superlative was rung there on June 8th, 1924, conducted by J. T. Dyke.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES IN VANCOUVER.

Visitors from Victoria and Dunstable, Alberta, were present at a ringing practice at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, on September 28th. They rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, including 212, 168, another 212 and 336. Those who took part in the last touch were R. H. Tapper 1, A. C. Limpus 2, R. Pitman 3, F. Hird 4, G. Roberts 5, — Guest 6, — Watts 7, T. Silvester 8. Others who took part in the ringing were M. Bennett and W. Bond.

Five of the band between them totalled 366 years. They were Messrs. Guest, aged 72, from Leigh, Lancashire; W. Bond, 76, from Cheltenham, Glos.; T. Silvester, 76, from Sheffield; Watts, 72, from Wigan; and A. C. Limpus, 70, from Windsor. Mr. Silvester is expecting to remain in Vancouver.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

In order that the seating at the College Youths' dinner may be adequately arranged, all names of those intending to be present should be sent in by Tuesday morning, November 1st.

The preacher at the service at St. Michael's, College Hill, will be Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

## HOLIDAY GUIDES.

### A SUGGESTION TO HEAD RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—When one seeks pastures new for his holidays, he first takes steps to provide himself with an 'Illustrated Guide' to some particular district. Next he turns up the 'Ringers' Directory,' which, unfortunately, does not contain all the names of the towers or particulars needed. If you are fortunate enough to possess an old copy of a report which covers the district, it will help a little, but I would like to suggest that the head ringers of the churches situate at seaside towns and spas get in touch with the authorities concerned with the issue of the local 'guide' (usually the town clerk) and ask them to insert the number of bells with the name of the church. There is usually a section devoted to 'places of worship' in the guide. Perhaps with a little persuasion 'practice night' could be included.

I had it in mind that the Central Council might do something in this line, but the next meeting will be too late for next season, and then again, if the head ringers take it up, none will be overlooked.

P. CROOK.

Bolton, Lancs.

## HERTFORD RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

### MR. G. GRAY'S VALUED SERVICES TO RINGING.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death, from heart failure, of Mr. G. Gray, who passed away on Monday, October 17th, at the age of 54 years. His death came as a great shock to all, as he was ringing at both services on the previous day.

He was a pillar of strength to the Hertford company and a regular attendant at all meetings of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association. One of his chief delights was the tuition of young ringers and to watch them making progress. He will be greatly missed in the towers of All Saints' and St. Andrew's Churches. The funeral took place on Thursday, October 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, and was attended by a large number of ringing friends and townspeople.

As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled by his colleagues, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside, by Mrs. Fletcher and Messrs. G. Radley, Sidney Carter and A. Lawrence. There were many wreaths, including one from the Eastern District of the association, and a beautiful bell with the words, 'That's all,' from his colleagues.

Mr. Gray rang his first peal at Hertford in 1909, and his total was 69. Among them were a colour peal, in which the names of all the band were colours, a Royal Jubilee and two Coronation peals. Mr. Gray leaves a widow, to whom the sympathy of all goes out to her in her sad bereavement.

On Sunday for morning service, 700 Grandsire Caters was rung at All Saints' Church with the bells half-muffled by the following members of the Herts County Association: Miss C. Ditton 1, A. J. House 2, G. E. Debenham 3, A. Lawrence 4, R. Dore 5, G. Freestone 6, S. Carter. (conductor) 7, A. Wright 8, J. Ladley 9, P. Saunders 10.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—42.

## PERCY J. JOHNSON.

One of the modern 'pillars of the Exercise' in Yorkshire is Mr. Percy J. Johnson, who has served his association in many capacities, including 15 years as its honorary secretary, an exacting position in a county of such a size. Mr. Johnson is often mistaken for a Yorkshireman born and bred, but while it is true he has lived most of his life in the county of broad acres, he is proud of the fact that he is a Londoner by birth, having been born at Bethnal Green in 1882. He began his ringing as a youth in 1898 at Holbeck, and between that tower and St. Michael's, Headingley, he has shared his ringing career. He first joined St. Michael's band in 1903, and after three years went back to Holbeck, where he remained a member until 1914. In that year he returned to the Headingley band, to which he has been attached ever since.

It was in 1914 that he also first took office in the association, becoming in that year Ringing Master of the Western Division and continuing until 1917, when he became hon. secretary of the association and served it in that capacity with efficiency until 1932. On his relinquishing this post he was elected vice-president of the Western Division and still fills that office.

Mr. Johnson rang his first peal in 1903 and since then has rung 260 peals, of which he has conducted 114, about 240 having been rung and over a hundred called for the Yorkshire Association. He took part in the first peal of London Surprise in Yorkshire, rung in March, 1904, and was one of the band that rang the only peal of Double Norwich Major 'silent' on handbells. This was in October, 1932. Mr. Johnson has taken part in many interesting handbell performances and has helped to raise handbell ringing in Yorkshire to a high level. In addition to his interest in the Yorkshire Association, which he has served for so long, Mr. Johnson has taken an active part in the affairs of the Leeds and District Society, and it was as the representative of this organisation that he was first elected to the Central Council in 1912, and served until 1920. In 1921 he was elected one of the representatives of the Yorkshire Association and he has continued a member up to the present time.



MR. PERCY J. JOHNSON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
THE RESTORED BATTERSEA BELLS.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at Battersea on Saturday week, when some 60 members and friends attended to try the bells of St. Mary's Church, which have been recently retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The general opinion was that the 'go' and the tone of the peal left nothing to be desired.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and, with a short break for tea and business meeting, continued till just before 8 o'clock, when, owing to illness in the neighbourhood, proceedings were brought to a premature conclusion. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Spliced Surprise Major.

A company of 42 sat down to tea, and the business meeting followed with the District Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) in the chair. Two new members were elected—Mr. Frederick C. Pearmain, of Wimbledon, and Mr. Dennis G. Brown, of Penge.

The Master stated that arrangements were being made to hold the next district meeting on December 17th at St. George's, Camberwell, and St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, and to Messrs. G. Barber and W. Essery for their help in making the arrangements.

## THE NORTH STAFFS INCIDENT.

## RINGERS' MEETINGS ON LICENSED PREMISES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am partially in agreement with your article of last week's issue, but the last paragraph is most distressing. Having read your report of the meeting on page 685, I fail to see 'the implied stigma cast upon ringers that they cannot be trusted to regale themselves on licensed premises without risk to their reputations.' I feel somewhat confident, sir, that you have never met the gentlemen you condemn, or you would never have applied such uncharitable words in your article, words capable of being construed harmfully. I have met and known something of the spiritual work of Mr. Gardner, and the stigma you suggest that was contained in his protest is unworthy of your Christian reputation. Mr. Gardner is a man of high Christian principles, with a character based upon discipleship of Jesus Christ. His bone of contention was a principle, which I suggest could have been better and more successfully considered at the annual meeting of the association, when an opportunity could have been given for both sides to express their views in a Christian spirit of brotherhood.

In days long ago the only place for meetings was chiefly upon licensed premises, and thither our great friendly societies met, and probably many do so now. But with many it has been found advantageous to move into unlicensed premises, because it was found with changing times that, if the membership and success of these societies was to continue, unlicensed premises must be secured. This has been done without inflicting any hardship upon the member who wanted his beverage of ale. There is no reason to draw comparisons between the ringer who drank in the belfry and the parson in the vestry; these things have passed away, never to return. The past history of ringers is still recorded upon public-house signboards, and that is enough.

But the North Staffs incident leads me to express views which I have held for many a day, and that is, could not the College Youths find an unlicensed meeting place? I shall never forget my first introduction to the Coffee Pot, with its grand array of churchwarden pipes, etc. It is certainly reminiscent of the past and that is all; but it was no encouragement for me to attend future meetings. We are recognised now as churchworkers, chiefly owing to the ringers themselves, through the medium and pertinacity of the ringing associations, not forgetting 'The Ringing World.' If we are churchworkers we should be invited to meet upon church premises the same as other church organisations.

It would add greatly to the prestige of the College Youths if they could hold their business meetings at the Church House, when rebuilt, or some such similar institution.

Don't misunderstand me, sir, for I think the licensed house at the moment is a necessity, and always will be. As a College Youth for many years I should like my vision of this great ringing society an actual fact. But when all is said about being churchworkers, let us remember that we don't gain entrance into the heavenly mansions by merit. We must be workers together with Jesus Christ in a spiritual sense, which will place a new complexion upon all our ringing. When this is done (and why not?) we shall better understand the principles set forth by the Rector of Bucknall and the Vicar of Biddulph in the fullest Christian spirit.

Duffield, St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

## A FIRST—AND LAST—QUARTER PEAL.

## BERKSHIRE RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

There is a pathetic interest in the following record of a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles rung at Brightwell, Berks, on Sunday, October 2nd, for the harvest festival. The ringers were F. Brooker 1, J. R. Pease 2, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 3, F. Castell 4, J. Castell 5, G. Burnham 6, and it was the first quarter by ringers of 2nd and tenor.

Mr. G. Burnham, the ringer of the tenor in this quarter-peal, was also a highly esteemed member of the choir, a parochial church councillor and associated in many ways with the social life of the village. We much regret to record that he died suddenly on October 13th at the early age of 25. He will be greatly missed.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, October 15th, and as a tribute to his memory a quarter-peal was rung in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, in four methods, viz., Grandsire, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Doubles, by J. R. Pease 1, J. Castell 2, E. V. Naish 3, F. Castell 4, O. G. Barnard (conductor) 5, F. Brooker 6.

## SHEPshed RINGER'S DEATH.

On Wednesday, October 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled at Shepshed Parish Church as a last token of respect to Mr. Thomas Hill, one of the local ringers. His services as well as his cheery personality will be missed in the tower he loved so well. The quarter-peal was rung by H. Lacey (Shepshed) 1, J. Saddington (Loughborough) 2, G. Butler (Shepshed) 3, G. H. Grundy (Loughborough) 4, R. Edwards (Loughborough) 5, H. Kirby (Shepshed) 6, L. Stevens (Loughborough) (conductor) 7, B. Quemby (Shepshed) 8.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESS OF FIRST ANNUAL DINNER.

### Ringers and Churchgoing.

The first venture of the Chester Diocesan Guild to hold an annual dinner met with marked success, when at Kettell's Restaurant, Crewe, on Saturday, October 15th, some 100 ringers and friends thoroughly enjoyed the event. Among those present were Mr. J. W. Milner (Master of the Guild), the Rev. M. H. Ridgway (hon. secretary), the Archdeacon of Chester, the Rev. S. T. Stevens, the Rev. C. G. Dickson, the Rev. Parry Williams and Alderman T. H. Kelsall and Mrs. Kelsall, the Mayor and Mayoress of Crewe.

Among those who sent apologies were the Bishop of Chester, the Dean of Chester, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. Evetts and Mr. A. Thompson.

The proceedings were opened by the chairman, who addressed a few words of welcome to the guests and said how pleased he was with the decision of the Guild to hold an annual dinner.

After an excellent repast, the Chairman proposed the toast of His Majesty the King. The company was then immediately put into the right 'atmosphere' with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by the talented Frodsham ringers, augmented by Mr. A. Barnes, of Stockport, and a humorous sketch, by a member of the concert party, entitled 'The Cautious Curate.'

The toast of 'The Chester Diocesan Guild' was proposed by the Archdeacon of Chester, who first thanked the Guild. He went on to say that he was present last year at the jubilee dinner at Chester, which was his first public function after having been appointed Archdeacon, and he carried from that dinner very pleasant memories of the happy evening. He, too, was very glad that it was decided that the dinner should be an annual one. He was sorry he came alone from his parish that night, but he expressed the hope that by next year Tattenhall ringers would be members of the Guild.

Continuing, the Archdeacon spoke of the recruiting of ringers and said how glad he was to see so many young ringers present. He himself had learned to ring when an undergraduate, but regretted he had never really mastered the art, but he had not given up hope that some day he would have time to go on with the study. The Archdeacon said that since the jubilee dinner he had taken unto himself a wife, and caused much laughter by adding that a certain person, on hearing of the engagement, told his future wife that the first seven years were the worst and after that it brightened up a bit. He concluded by saying that they were deeply indebted to all who rang the bells because he did not know what would happen to the congregations if there were no bellringers.

### DECLINE IN HONORARY MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary of the Guild (the Rev. M. H. Ridgway) responded. He said he was very glad that the effort to establish an annual dinner had met with such success. Their Guild was one of the foremost in the country and held the record performance of a peal in 84 methods. One thing he did regret, and that was the gradual decline in honorary members, and he took the opportunity of hinting to clergy and churchwardens that they should become honorary members. He knew the Archdeacon would make a mental note of his suggestion so that he could supplement it when on his annual trot round the diocese at Easter time. The speaker caused amusement by his reference to the habits of ringers with regard to attending service after ringing. He knew ringers who were past masters in the art of slipping through a door only 3in. open and he did not know how on earth they did it (laughter). He personally did not expect them to attend every service, but it would be nice if sometimes the ringers would send a representative, if only to be able to tell the others what the Vicar had said.

The Mayor of Crewe, who was the next speaker, said he was sorry he had not been able to get to the dinner owing to having been to another one immediately previous, and he had no room for two (laughter). Even a Mayor's capacity was limited. However, he could assure them that he was delighted to be present. He had attended all sorts of dinners and social functions, but it was the first time he had had the pleasure of attending a bellringers' dinner. The Mayor pictured a snow scene, with the bells pealing out from the tower, and there came to his mind that delightful poem, 'Ring out the old, Ring in the new.' Although ringers were isolated in the belfry, they were performing a very essential public service in the life of the community in calling people to church. He thought it very nice to have such a thing as a Guild whereby they could all join together. Continuing, he said that as the civic representative he was very glad to welcome them to Crewe. H. G. Wells, that great imaginative writer, in one of his books had visualised the time when the material side would outdistance the moral and spiritual side of life, but it was such organisations as their Guild that had a steady influence.

The Rev. S. T. Stevens, of Crewe, thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for honouring them with their presence. Incidentally he quickly had his hearers roaring with laughter with several good stories, and he reminded the company that he and the Rev. C. G. Dickson, Vicar of the neighbouring parish of Marbury, were both bachelors. He, however, assured those present that it was not their fault. They had on several occasions been taken down from the shelf and dusted, only to be put back again (laughter).

A most enjoyable entertainment was provided by the concert party and there were splendid exhibitions from the Lawton and Frodsham handbell ringers.

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## TWO MORE SURPRISE METHODS.

### SUFFOLK AND HERTFORDSHIRE PERFORMANCES.

We record this week peals in two more new Surprise methods, one rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, and the other at Aldenham, Herts. The following are the methods and the compositions used with them:—

#### GIPPESWYCK.

By C. J. Sedgley.

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Bob

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First rung at  
Helmingham, Suf-  
folk, on Oct. 17th,  
1938.

#### DELROW.

By H. G. Cashmore.

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First rung at  
Aldenham, Herts,  
on Oct. 22nd, 1938.

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This report would be incomplete without paying tribute to the splendid work of the local committee who were responsible for the arrangements, and the writer feels that special mention ought to be made of Mr. R. D. Langford, the indefatigable hon. secretary of the Crewe Branch, and Mr. H. Parker, who holds a similar position with the Northwich Branch. As one speaker so aptly put it, the annual dinner has been well and truly launched, and the Crewe Branch has set the other branches a very high standard to emulate.

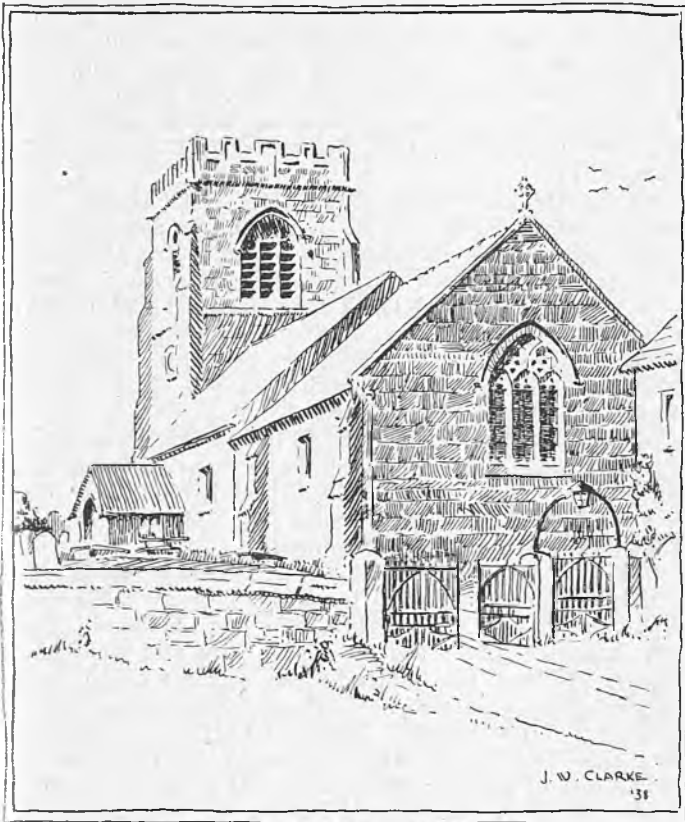


## NEW BELLS AT SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE. AN INTERESTING HISTORY.

### Seventeenth Century Churchwarden's Lapse.

Standing on the edge of the Dee marshes is the ancient Cheshire village of Shotwick. Even in these days it has managed to remain in its peaceful backwater without apparent disturbance, and the sturdy tower of its picturesque church looks out, as it has done for many centuries, across the wide estuary to the Welsh mountains beyond.

Three bells must have hung in the tower as far back as the 16th century, and an interesting light is thrown on the affairs of the time by a record of the proceedings of the Consistory Court in 1629, when Richard Chamberlain, churchwarden, appeared at the Court 'for taking and not accepting to the parish in his time for 32 lbs. Bell-metal worth xxiijs.' The theft was made in 1610, nineteen years previously, when 'the middle bell' was recast and arrived at the church 'not tunable.' The founder, in an effort to put matters right,



SHOTWICK CHURCH, CHESHIRE.

'did hewe the same thinner and did take out metal which he caused to be weighed by one John Caldey, who said it was 30 lbs. or thereabouts.' As the bell was doubtless not very large, its condition after this treatment can easily be imagined, and evidently gave the church cause to be dissatisfied with its bells generally, for four years later they were disposed of.

William Clibury, who owned a foundry of considerable importance at Wellington, in the neighbouring county of Shropshire, supplied Shotwick with a new bell in 1616. The bell weighed about 9 cwt. and was inscribed in good Roman letters, 'Iesvs be ovr speed,' an inscription which the founder frequently made use of. His initials, neatly arranged in a plain shield, also appeared on the waist. The bell evidently gave considerable satisfaction, for a second was ordered in 1621 and was duly delivered and hung. Its inscription, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' had an elaborate ornamental border in the spaces between the words—a special feature of many of Clibury's bells—and was no doubt gazed on with some feeling of pride when the wagon bearing it lumbered to the church gates. At any rate, these two bells seem to have been deemed sufficient for nearly half a century.

In 1664 it was decided to add a third bell. The Clibury foundry had by this time lost much of its original fame, and several bells in the neighbourhood had lately been supplied by John Scott, of Wigan, Lancs. Scott started his foundry in 1656, and it is of perhaps more than passing interest to note that his foundry is the only one that has ever existed in this industrial county. Bells were cast there until 1750, but not many of them now remain.

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## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Canterbury on Saturday, October 15th. An attendance of 91 was recorded, representing 25 towers and four districts of the association. The bells of St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's and St. Alphege's were available to members during the afternoon and good use was made of the bells in various methods. Service was held at St. Alphege's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. W. H. Hodges), and an interesting and helpful address was given by the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Rev. T. K. Sopwith). At the organ was Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac.

Tea, provided by the association, was served in Gaywood's Rooms, amongst those present being the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Revs. A. R. Barnes, E. A. Miller, C. A. Manley and J. W. Horsley (all honorary members) and the Rev. W. H. Hodges.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was occupied by the Rev. A. R. Barnes. The hon. secretary's annual report and balance sheet were adopted, the latter showing a balance on the year's working of £27 (less the cost of the day's tea).

For meetings during the coming year, Walmer was selected, after a vote against Selling, as the venue of the spring meeting, but the proposer of Selling had his own way later when that tower was chosen for the summer meeting. St. Lawrence (Thanet) was selected for the next meeting of the district.

For the first time the district decided the election of its officers by nomination and ballot. Mr. B. J. Luck was re-elected as district secretary, his being the only nomination received. Mr. E. Trendell was elected as Ringing Master, also unopposed. For the two committee representatives three members stood for election, Messrs. F. G. Brett, H. R. French and H. Whitehead, the resulting ballot deciding that Messrs. Brett and Whitehead 'carry on.'

Mr. Brett was cordially thanked for his services as Ringing Master over a number of years.

It was unanimously decided that a message of congratulation be sent to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore on his recovery from a serious illness, together with the meeting's greetings and best wishes.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped in making the meeting a success, and the members then returned to the towers for further ringing, the bells of the Cathedral being also available.

## SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

### CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER TO BE REVIVED.

By kind permission of the Vicar, a meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths (Nottingham) was held on Saturday last at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Beeston.

During the afternoon some good practice was obtained in many methods from Grandsire to Cambridge, including some spliced ringing; the handbells were also brought into action.

After tea a meeting was held, at which a committee was formed to carry out the arrangements for reviving the Crofts Memorial Dinner, to be held in February next.

A suggestion that a mid-week meeting be held met with general approval, and the first of these will take place at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Thursday, November 24th.

Returning to the tower, further ringing was enjoyed until 8 p.m.

The society desires to record appreciation of the visit of the churchwarden to the tower during the ringing and his manifest interest in the work; also thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for their kindly welcome.

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The Shotwick bell cannot have done the foundry much credit, for it was very much out of tune and of inferior quality. However, together with the two Clibury bells, it did duty—with doubtless one or two rehauings—until a few months ago. It then became possible, through the generosity of the late Vicar, the Rev. F. R. Wansbrough, who left a sum of money for the purpose to provide, among other things, a ring of six bells and execute considerable repairs to the ancient tower.

The two Clibury bells have been retained and form the fifth and tenor of the ring, four new trebles being added. The Scott bell now stands in the church, where it remains as an example—although perhaps not a very good one—of a founder whose work has almost disappeared. The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who are deserving of congratulation on the excellence of the job. Shotwick now possesses a delightful ring of six with a tenor of 8½ cwt. in F sharp, hung in an iron frame on steel girders.

The little church, with its quaint box pews and 'three-decker' pulpit, was filled to overflowing on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, when the bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean of South Wirral, the Rev. E. G. Auden. The customary rounds were rung as the clergy walked back from the belfry to the chancel, and at the conclusion of the service 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Messrs. R. Sperring, A. E. Richards, J. Hughes, C. Dryland, J. Morgan and J. W. Clarke. Touches of Cambridge and Kent followed, several members of the Chester Guild taking part.

We are indebted to Mr. J. W. Clarke both for the excellent drawing of the church and this interesting history of Shotwick bells.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****JOINT MEETINGS DISCUSSED.**

The quarterly meeting at Bedworth on Saturday, October 15th, was favoured with beautiful weather and a company of nearly 40 met together. After about an hour's ringing in various methods, a short service was held in the church, conducted by the curate, from the Guild's form of service. Tea in the school followed and the business meeting afterwards took place, Mr. J. H. White, Ringing Master, taking the chair. First he heartily welcomed the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell from Staverton, whose first visit it was to Bedworth.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Rev. W. H. Trickett (Rector of Church Lawford), Messrs. D. H. Argyle (Nuneaton) and H. C. Burt (Lillington).

Arising out of the minutes of the meeting at Monk's Kirby in July, the question of a combined meeting at Claybrook with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was brought up. Mr. Webb inquired why the meeting had not taken place.

The hon. secretary read a letter from Mr. W. A. Wood, the hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, explaining that Claybrook bells were not available, therefore the proposed meeting could not take place. However, a letter had been received from Mr. Perkins, hon. secretary of the Leicester District, inviting the Guild to a meeting at Lutterworth on November 5th. This was well received and the members promised to do their best to attend.

The meeting places for the next three months were then fixed: Allesley for November, Shilton for December, and Nuneaton for January.

One new member, Arthur R. Webb, of Keresley, was admitted. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. E. Stone to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to Mr. M. Melville, who officiated at the organ, and to Mr. R. Lydster (local captain) for having everything in readiness and for arranging the tea.

Mr. Webb, with his handbell ringers, delighted the company with a number of well-known tunes. A return was then made to the belfry, where ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

**'YOUTH' IN LANCASHIRE.****LEARNERS' EXCELLENT PROGRESS.**

Another successful meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Westhoughton on Saturday last. At the advertised time for the bells to be available (3 p.m.) there was a band waiting to start, and before 4 p.m. touches in five methods had been brought round, with the striking, on the whole, very good. The youthful learners of a year ago have come on in leaps and bounds, thanks to a few old stalwarts who answered the call.

A service had been arranged, but had to be cut out, owing to another urgent engagement of the Vicar, who sent an apology.

At the business meeting Mr. Wright, of Westhoughton, took the chair. Three new members were elected, and a resolution referred back from the annual meeting to branches with regard to the Central Council was discussed.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for their welcome and preparation, and to the ladies for providing tea, followed by more ringing, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major was the favourite method of the day.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****WELL ATTENDED MEETING AT DEEPIING ST. JAMES.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Deeping St. James on Saturday week. With perfect weather conditions, about 30 ringers were present from Peterborough, Market Deeping, West Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Bourne, Edenhall, Morton, Rippingale, Billingborough, Folkingham and Deeping St. James. The Rector (the Rev. T. Williams) kindly allowed the use of this grand peal of six, with tenor 19½ cwt., during the afternoon and evening, and the bells were kept going to a large variety of Minor methods, including Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise.

A short service was conducted by the Rector in the ancient and interesting church, and a splendid tea was served in the school, 23 sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. T. Williams presided. A proposition was made to hold the next meeting (the annual meeting) at Edenhall. An amendment was made in favour of Grantham, but, on being put to vote, Edenhall secured the majority.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, and coupled with this was a special vote of thanks to the Church Workers' Guild for providing such an excellent tea. The Rev. T. Williams suitably replied, saying he welcomed the Guild to Deeping St. James and hoped they would again visit there on a future occasion.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Chorley Town Hall on Saturday, October 29th. The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's (R.C.) will be at liberty until 5.30. Dinner laid for 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Mr. A. Blogg, 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, or Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Campsall, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting of Southampton District will be held at Romsey on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, in Church Hall.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of the above division will be carried forward to October 29th, at Great Holland. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be there please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walpole St. Andrew on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Baltonsborough on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street, Somerset.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Thornford, near Sherborne, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Benfieldside on Saturday, October 29th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. T. W. Dodd, Spa Lodge, Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham? Also will ringers kindly note that the stepping-off place for Benfieldside is Shotley Bridge? A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 29th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Frank Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, at approximately 5.15, followed by business meeting.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Kempston, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Monkton on October 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 24, Fairwater Cottages, Taunton.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The 'Elizabeth' bell will be dedicated on Sunday, October 30th, at 11 a.m. by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bedford. The bells (6) will be available for visiting ringers from 2 p.m. Come and try Hertfordshire's new six.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 30th, at the 11 a.m. service, the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co. to augment the peal to a ring of six.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for November: St. Michael's, Cornhill, 1st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3rd, 8 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 8th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 10th & 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; \*St. Mary le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A Wednesday meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild will be held at Balcombe on November 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who notify by October 31st. All ringers are cordially invited.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**LADIES' GUILD** (London District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A combined meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E.1, on Wednesday, November 2nd. Bells available 3.30. Tea 6 o'clock at Lyons, opposite Southwark Cathedral. Ringing after tea. Everybody welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Dis. Secs.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn,

T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Magnus-the-Martyr, St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, will be available for ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

**NOTICE.**—THE ANNUAL DINNER of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at the King Alfred Hotel, Alfreton, at 6.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church at 5 o'clock. Ringing from 2.30 to 5. Ringers and friends heartily invited. Application for dinner tickets (3s. each) must be made by October 29th to J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton, or T. Clarke, 63, Kingsway, East Kirkby, Notts.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Notifications for tea to reach me by Wednesday, November 2nd.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed. Please advise me about tea by November 2nd.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkwood 1959.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45 for those who notify me by Wednesday, November 2nd. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar. A good attendance requested, but remember the postcard.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Next meeting Shifnal, November 5th. Good peal of bells and important business. For tea, please advise me by November 2nd.—W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, November 1st. I should appreciate it if all outstanding 1938 subscriptions are paid before or at this meeting.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be a joint meeting of the Nottingham and Derby Districts at Duffield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the Bridge Inn. Please come and make a good party for some handbell ringing with our friend, J. Pagett. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, November 5th. Hoddesdon tower at 3 p.m. Service at Broxbourne Church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Welcome. All are welcome at the Welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weekley (6 bells) on Saturday, November 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 24, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford (8 bells) on Saturday, November 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh Church on Saturday, November 5th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, nr. Sheffield. All welcome—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield, 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford (8 bells, available 2-9 p.m.) on Saturday, November 5th. Tea at a moderate charge for those who inform Mr. H. S. Hinkins, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous.—H. S. Hinkins and K. W. Mayer, Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION** (Leicester District and Hinckley District) **AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Lutterworth on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by November 3rd.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Local Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The first meeting of the new year of the above district will be held at Gosforth, All Saints' (10 bells), on Saturday, November 5th, at 3 p.m. Will members requiring tea (1s.) please notify me by Thursday, November 3rd?—Jack Roach, Hon. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Fenham, Newcastle, 4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Twynning (6 bells) on Nov. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify by November 1st.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Rd., Hemel Hempstead, by the previous Thursday? Beds ringers please note.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify Miss S. Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Monday, November 7th. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d. Please notify me seats required and numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 8th.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

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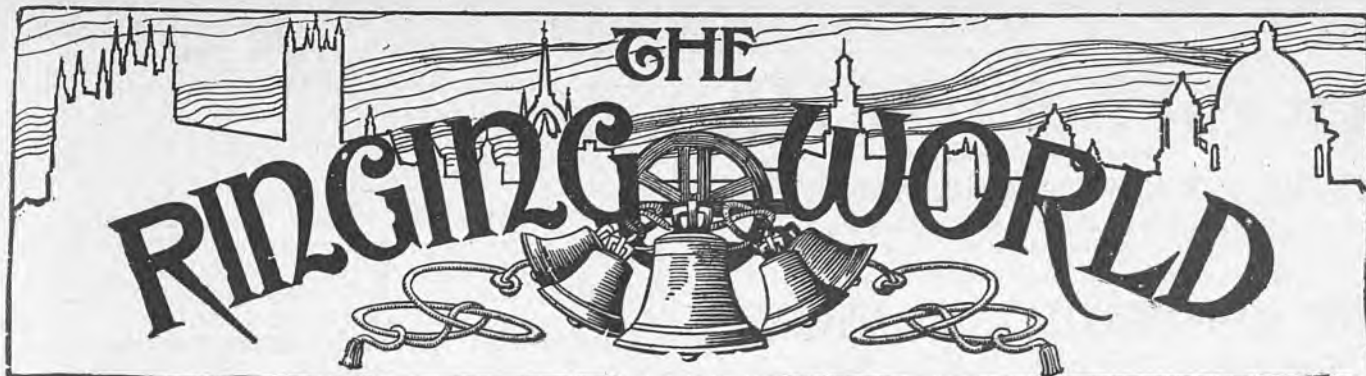
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The formation of a National Guild of Ringers, which was advocated at a recent meeting of three associations at Kingston, is no new proposal, but it has never yet met with any wide acceptance. Fifty years ago it was discussed in influential quarters and indirectly produced the Central Council. At intervals since that time a national association has found advocates, but there has never been any serious effort made to organise a guild upon such a widespread basis. Nor do we think in these days it would meet with any general support. There are, of course, arguments that can be put in favour of a national association, otherwise supporters of the scheme would have no ground for the project, but we think there are many more reasons for favouring the present system, which has grown up out of the experience of years. There is little that a national association could do that cannot already be done, and done at least as effectively.

We think it is very doubtful if a national association could create or maintain the same interest in the art of ringing or give it the place it now occupies in connection with the Church, as do the diocesan guilds and the county associations. It is admitted that there are already difficulties in interesting the individual ringer in the existing organisations which are more or less decentralised; it would be infinitely more difficult to retain his interest in an organisation in whose welfare he would feel much more remotely concerned, and in whose affairs he could have so little voice. A territorial or diocesan organisation provides a kind of local connection for the ringer which would be almost entirely absent if it had a national basis. We think it would loosen rather than strengthen the ties which now exist among ringers, and we doubt if a national association would ever be strong enough to represent ringers in the same numbers that the Central Council can now do, and its voice would therefore be no more authoritative than that of the Council.

The one advantage which a national association would provide would be its avoidance of that overlapping which now exists in some areas, although this seems, in these days, to present few difficulties. If the country could be parcelled out so that no ringing organisation overlapped its neighbour, a certain amount of organisation would probably be saved; and a small individual gain might be the saving to some ringers of a subscription to another society when visiting a new area for a peal. The true test, however, of whether a national society would be likely to be a success is whether there is any desire for it. Up to the present such a proposal has never got beyond the stage of suggestion; and we think ringers would re-

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in 1 three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	*THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2	*SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 8
†WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... .. 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... .. 10
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5	*GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 11
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Twelve. First  
peal of Treble Twelve in the county and by the Guild.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	RALPH COLES ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 9
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... .. 10
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN ... .. 11
EDWARD R. COLES ... .. 6	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES  
Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new clinic by H.R.H.  
the Princess Royal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... .. 6
*FRED HAYES ... .. 2	†PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
*RALPH COLES ... .. 3	†HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 8
†WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	†F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 9
†LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5	*EDWARD R. COLES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by FRED HAYES.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on  
ten bells. First peal of Royal in Bucks.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

E. RALPH MACKRILL ... .. Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 6
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2	JOHN G. NASH ... .. 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. 3	ROY K. MOWFORTH ... .. 8
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 4	*F. DONALD BOREHAM ... .. 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... .. 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER  
\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

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## LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 1	treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2		*JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3		DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4		WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 9
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5		ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Painswick Surprise Royal and rung at the first attempt.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 1	treble	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 6
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2		*GEORGE SAYER ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3		*CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 4		HENRY TOOKE ... .. 9
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 5		WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method on ten bells. Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Norwich to open the new City Hall.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*EDWARD J. HARDY ... .. 1	treble	NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2		THOMAS W. WYATT ... .. 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 3		THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... .. 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 4		FREDERICK W. WICKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal.

## HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY GOLDING ... .. 1	treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 5
*JOE HOBBS ... .. 2		WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 3		A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 7
‡WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... .. 4		WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DRNCH. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RANDALL.

\* First peal on eight and first attempt 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY CARTER ... .. 1	treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 2		*CYRIL SAYWARD ... .. 6
*BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 3		WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4		*ERNEST BOWHILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 1	treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
FRED HARTMAN ... .. 2		RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 6
*WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 3		*HARRY PYE ... .. 7
*JOHN BEST ... .. 4		PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Rung in memory of the composer, for the sixth anniversary of his death. This composition contains no bobs.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 1	treble	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 5
EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 2		JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 6
DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3		JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
THOMAS H. CULVER ... .. 4		FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAFTERS.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRANK LORD ... .. 1	treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 5
PHILIP BARNES ... .. 2		ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 6
FRED JEFFERY ... .. 3		ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 7
FRED LACEY ... .. 4		HAROLD JUDD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ... .. 1	treble	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... .. 2		*CHARLES R. BLUNT ... .. 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 3		BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 7
DONALD F. FERGUSON ... .. 4		OLIVER HINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Cotton.

## HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 1	treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... .. 5
MISS ELSIE RISIEN ... .. 2		WILLIAM LAMBELL ... .. 6
MISS MARJORIE FIELD ... .. 3		ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 7
EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 4		WILLIAM GOODENOUGH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... .. 1	treble	HARRY WILD ... .. 5
PAUL BIRKETT ... .. 2		ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 3		WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
EDGAR DRAKE ... .. 4		SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (203). Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Gregson, a member of the local company, on attaining his 80th birthday.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... .. Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... .. 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	ALBERT DISERENS ... 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBINSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	JAMES W. MELDRUM ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*JOHN W. GARDNER ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 6
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 3	*GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. A 15th birthday compliment to Dennis Bowyer, brother of the treble ringer.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
RICHARD A. POST ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. Treble	ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 2	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
*JOHN E. ADAMS ... .. 3	†ERIC B. BOWLEY ... 7
*J. TERRY SMITH ... .. 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the bells, 1888-1938.

BROUGHTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	BERT HORTON ... .. 5
*HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 6
*FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
JAMES PAGETT ... .. 2	RICHARD W. DRAGE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	CHARLES BLUNT ... .. 7
DONALD FERGUSON ... .. 4	CYRIL HAINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD STEELE ... .. Treble	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 5
ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 6
*NORMAN SARGEANT ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. A compliment to Mr. Henry Carnwell, who has completed 50 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at the Parish Church, Kingsley, Staffs.

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**SIX BELL PEALS.**

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Thursday, October 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 4
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	HAROLD SMITH ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band, on the bells and for the society.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two different extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. Treble	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

*On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, College Exercise, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and Kingston.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	WILFRED TIBBLE ... .. 4
JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... .. 2	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5
MOSES PERRY ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the birth of the first child (a daughter) of the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Dickenson) and Mrs. Dickenson.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, October 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 7-8
HARRY ASHTON ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN WORTH.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**'CATHEDRAL CHIMES.'**

ARCHDEACON'S DISLIKE OF SUBSTITUTION FOR REAL BELLS.

'Synthetic bells' have been installed at Holy Trinity Church, Cheltenham. The installation is the gift of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Mervyn Glass) and Mrs. Glass as a token of their happy association with the parish extending over many years and in thankfulness for the peaceful outcome of the recent international crisis.

In his sermon following the dedication, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham (the Ven. F. W. Sears), who is a ringer at his own church at Leckhampton, spoke of 'synthetic bells' as a very uncomfortable name, saying he preferred the more pleasant term 'cathedral chimes.' Remarking on its being the first installation of its kind in the diocese of Gloucester, he said that as a bellringer and chairman of the Cheltenham Branch of the Diocesan Association, he had to confess he did not like the substitution of synthetic bells for the real article.

'At the same time,' he said, 'I recognise quite fully it is impossible to install bells in every church, not only by reason of the costliness of the work, but because in very many cases the towers were not built for bells and would not stand the installation.'

'It would be impossible here, and it is good in cases such as this that this wonderful modern invention should make it possible for people to be summoned to church by the musical and cheerful sound of chimes rather than by the doleful and often unmusical sound of a single bell being tolled.'

'At the same time, as a ringer, I do hope that this wonderful invention may not in course of time supplant the more ancient craft of bellringing, which is a fine English possession. The art of change ringing is indeed an art which demands a great deal of time, hard work, discipline and practice. It is not every man who can ring changes, any more than play the organ or piano. Change ringing was discovered in England and is to be found, I believe, in no other country.'

Canon Sears contrasted that service with one for the dedication of returned and rehung bells in a little Cotswold church in which he had been engaged on the previous evening. But there was in common the connection with the thought of peace, for the old bells, cast in 1697 and 1707, bore the respective inscriptions, 'God grant us peace' and 'God send us peace.'

Those inscriptions and others throughout the Cotswolds and the country were evidence that the English, although in the past so often at war, were really a peaceful people.

'May it be,' he said, 'we are at the beginning of a new era, when disputes may be settled round the conference table and not by the slaughter of innocent and helpless people. Nothing is ever settled by force. War never settles anything, but breeds more war in the long run.'

At present recordings are to be used of St. Margaret's, Westminster, York Minster, Bow Bells, St. Martin's, and other chimes. These will be added to, with bell recordings of such well-known hymns as 'Abide with me.' The present proposal is that after the 'repertoire' has been demonstrated each selected record should be used as standard over a considerable period.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH AT YARMOUTH.

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, October 22nd. There was a very good attendance of members. Ringing was delayed at the outset owing to the tenor rope breaking while the bell was being pulled up, much to the disgust of 'Herbert,' the steeplekeeper. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Aitken), with Dr. Hayden Hare at the organ. The Vicar, in his address, asked all ringers to attend the church services more regularly.

Tea was held at Hill's Restaurant, 35 members being present. A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair, supported by Mr. J. W. Lee (branch chairman), Mr. J. G. W. Harwood (branch secretary) and Mr. H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk Branch).

It was decided to hold the next meeting, which is the branch annual meeting, at Lowestoft on the last Saturday in February.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for all the kindness he has always given to the association and for the use of the bells for the meeting, also to Dr. Hayden Hare for his services at the organ.

Ringling was afterwards resumed, the methods rung being Kent Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Double Norwich Royal and Major, Kent and Plain Bob Royal and Major, and Cambridge Major. Members attended from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wymondham, Beccles, Thetford, Lowestoft, Barsham, Reedham, Norton, Acle, Happisburgh, Gressenhall and Gorleston.

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## PEAL NOTES.

### A NEW SURPRISE ROYAL METHOD.

Peals in new Surprise Royal methods are not very frequently rung, but last Saturday another was added to the list when Painswick, a method by the Rev. E. Banks James, was attempted for the first time. It is an extension of the Major of the same name, of which only two or three peals have been rung.

It is a method which Mr. Alan Pink was responsible for 'putting on the map,' and it was to his enterprise that last Saturday's peal of Royal was attempted. He made all the arrangements and then was moved to Oxford, so that he was unable to take part. Nevertheless, he completed the band, supplied the necessary diagrams and handed the conducting over to Mr. Bert Harman, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung. It was a matter of real regret to everyone concerned that Mr. Pink was not in the peal.

It was no mean performance, for it was rung at the first attempt without previous practice. Moreover, only two of the band had rung the Major—and they had forgotten all about it. In general construction the Major and Royal have a strong resemblance, but in detail they differ considerably, as, of course, they must do when two extra bells are introduced.

At Gresford, Denbighshire, on Saturday, a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in memory of the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, of Pulford, Cheshire, on the sixth anniversary of his death. One of his compositions, which contains no bobs, was rung, the interchange of the methods while the treble is above fourth's place effecting the transposition of the bells.

Mr. Wilde, who at the time of his death was 63 years of age, was among the most enterprising of ringers and composers. He rang and called peals in a great variety of methods from five to twelve bells, but he had a special interest in Minor methods, and for the last ten years before his death he and a small band of fellow-ringers from the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild met every Tuesday for Minor ringing. When he was smitten by his final illness, the band were intent upon ringing an extent of each of the Surprise methods in the Central Council Collection.

Mr. Wilde was a member of the Central Council for the 20 years before his death.

After the peal on Saturday, the ringers were kindly provided with tea by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

The first peal of Treble Twelve in Wiltshire and by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was rung at Trowbridge on October 26th by a mixed band, including four members of the local company. It was called by Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and Mr. Sam Hector, who was one of six who rang their first peal of Treble Twelve, has now rung peals of Kent from Minor to Maximus.

After many years' absence from the peal columns, the name of Mr. James Pagett, of Derby, appears again as the treble ringer to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Netherseale on October 25th. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton's daughter, Joan.

Mr. Harry Gregson, a member of the company at Holy Trinity Church, Queensbury, Bradford, has just attained his 80th birthday, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung as a compliment to him on October 26th.

In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Norwich on Saturday, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, whose bells could be heard in the background on the 'wireless' during talks given in the evening upon the day's events in the East Anglian city.

A royal visit to High Wycombe on Saturday was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Cinques at All Saints' Church, where only three days before Mr. Fred Hayes called the first peal of Royal in Buckinghamshire, and all the ringers except Mr. W. H. Fussell, who rang the treble, got a 'decoration' of some kind for a 'first.'

Bill had a good week last week—he has had several this year. On Tuesday he rang a peal of Cambridge Minor, on Wednesday a peal of Bob Royal, on Saturday a peal of Stedman Cinques. By the way, it seems almost incredible that no peal of Royal should have been rung in Bucks until last week.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on Saturday, was a compliment to Dennis Bowyer, brother of Miss Sylvia Bowyer, on his fifteenth birthday.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob at Anstey last Saturday, arranged to enable Messrs. J. E. Adams and J. T. Smith to ring their first peal of Major, was made possible by the kindness of Mr. W. E. Rawson, who stood in at the last moment.



THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

After having been 'out of business' for three to four months, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association opened up again on Saturday with a peal of St. Clement's Bob Triples at St. John's, Worcester. It was the first in the method by all the band and on the bells, and was rung to Holt's Ten-part composition of Grandsire. The only other peal of St. Clement's Triples rung by the association was at Upton-on-Severn in 1932.

This peal is an interesting reminder that even Triples ringers need not stagnate. At St. John's, Worcester, and at Claines they ring, besides Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Court Bob and Darlaston Bob Triples.

An Oxford Guild band went down to Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, on Saturday, and brought back a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

### A GLORIOUS FAILURE RECALLED.

The jubilee of the bells at Brentwood, Essex, erected in 1888, was celebrated with a peal of Bristol Surprise Major on Saturday.

It was at Brentwood on March 26th, 1894, that a band of Royal Cumberland Youths lost a peal of Double Norwich Major after ringing 13,072 changes, out of 13,440, in 8 hours 15 minutes. It was a broken rope that put an end to the performance. Three weeks later, however, they rang the peal at Romford in 8 hours 16 minutes. Messrs. Charles Wilkins and Albert Pittam survive out of that band.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was rung at Trysull on Thursday week. It was also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

On Saturday four of them took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Broughton, and two of this number, including the conductor, Mr. B. G. Key, rang their first peal of Oxford Treble Eight.

The peal at Woodbridge on October 22nd was Yorkshire Surprise Major, not Superlative as published in our last issue.

Mr. Pat Cannon is pushing on with his 'tower grabbing.' At Hemel Hempstead on October 20th he rang a peal in his one hundredth tower, spread over twenty counties.

Northop, where, as recorded in our last issue, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on October 22nd, is in Flintshire, and not Cheshire as printed.

Mr. Peter Laffin, of Stockport, rang his 200th peal on October 27th when he took part in a handbell peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. A brother of the late Mr. Percy Laffin, of Birmingham, Mr. Peter Laffin is hon. librarian of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and his peals include a notable number of handbell performances.

Mr. Henry Carnwell last month completed 50 years as a regular Sunday service ringer at Kingsley, Staffs. At Uttroeter, on Saturday, colleagues in the North Staffs Association rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in his honour.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Isleworth on Saturday enabled Mr. Donald Boreham, of High Wycombe, to complete the series in the method from Minor to Maximus. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Ashbrook, who took part in it, and also to another member of the local band, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds.

In a note in this column recently, it was stated that Mr. C. Sharples, of Blackpool, had been trying since 1914 to get a peal of London Surprise Major. That was not correct. Although he memorised the method as long ago as 1914, he had never tried to ring a course of it until March of last year, and he rang the peal at the first attempt at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on October 7th.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

### A CONTRAST IN MEETINGS.

A very gratifying meeting of the Eye Branch of the Suffolk Guild was held at Redgrave, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. C. N. Stevens. Ringers attended from the following parishes: Diss, Garboldisham, Winfarthing, Shelfanger, Ufford, Yaxley, Redgrave, Rickinghall, Wattisfield, Gressenhall, Earl Stouham, Mendlesham, Stowupland, Thorndon, Palgrave, Maldon (Essex), Stoke Ash, Chevington, Fornham All Saints', Great Barton, Hepworth, Marlesford, Great Glemham, Hacheston and Mistley.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, who gave an interesting address. Between forty and fifty ringers sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by the Rector and Mrs. Stevens, and a short meeting followed, at which the Rector was elected an honorary member.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, who said how pleased he was to see so many young ringers present. He thought this was a good augury for the district.

A correspondent contrasts this successful meeting with the last branch meeting held at Eye some six years ago. Then, there were not sufficient ringers present to ring the eight bells. On this occasion, however, with only three rings of six available, 45 ringers attended from 21 parishes, and with no train or bus service to help them.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at Eye, in January—providing the bells are available.

## CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells muffled at St. Gregory's Church, Beckington, on October 7th, in memory of the late Miss L. Aldis, who passed away at the age of 103 years: C. V. Wingrove 1, E. H. Nash 2, W. J. Biggs 3, H. G. Warry 4, K. E. Moon (conductor) 5, E. J. Humphries 6.



**A VILLAGE EFFORT.****CHAWTON PEOPLE RESTORE THE CHURCH BELLS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Chawton on October 22nd. The Rector of Chawton (the Rev. H. White) attended and showed the party the interesting things connecting Jane Austen, the authoress, with the old-world village. Ringers were present from Alton, Aldershot, Blackmoor, Bramley, Liss, Petersfield, Privett and Steep. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to the standard methods, and the Guild's service was held in church.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Rector presided. He extended a welcome to the company and told them how the people of the Village Hall recently collected over £83 to have the bells restored and the frame made safe. The whole of the amount was given locally, although the inhabitants number something under 300. He thought this was an achievement to be proud of, and it had made a fitting memorial to the late King George V. A tablet suitably inscribed is in the church porch.

The Rector of Chawton and the Rev. H. W. Gooch (Rector of Liss) were elected honorary members of the Guild.

It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Petersfield on January 28th, and that an evening meeting would be arranged before then to take place at St. Peter's Church, Liss.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Chawton, the organist and the caterers.

**ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, GUILD.**

The 15th annual meeting of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild was held on Saturday, October 22nd. Tea, served in the Court House, was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Howden. In the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. G. H. Perman, who welcomed the ringers on behalf of the Rector.

The financial statement was adopted and the officers elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. Ernest Brett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Hawkins; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Norton.

After the business meeting some wonderful Bob Major was rung on handbells, and tune ringing by Messrs. H. Alford and J. S. Hawkins was much enjoyed.

On Sunday evening, October 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Andrew's as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, R. W. Green 3, P. E. Clark 4, E. F. Pryor 5, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 6, E. Brett 7, U. W. Wildney 8.

**A NEW PEAL AT NORTHREPPS.****PEAL INCREASED TO SIX.**

There was a large congregation at Northrepps Church on Sunday morning, October 23rd, for the dedication of the new treble bell which has been added to the peal of five. This is the completion of the work begun by the Rev. C. H. Winter in 1936, which involved the rehanging of the bells on a steel frame, the addition of a new treble, both the work of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and sundry repairs to the tower. The total cost has been £407 4s.

In his sermon, the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Blyth), after referring to the part which bells play in the various services of the church, said that though change ringing was a most fascinating hobby, it must not stop there. Ringers, like the organist, give their time, their skill and their knowledge of the art to the glory of God and the services of His Church. The new bell bears the name 'Gabriel,' for as the Archangel brought the message of the Incarnation to the Mother of our Lord, so the church bells give to all who hear them the same message that 'God hath visited His people,' and call them to lift up their hearts in worship.

The Rector, the churchwardens and the Church Council, led by the crossbearer and choir, proceeded to the tower, where the new bell was dedicated and special prayers offered. Then the bell was raised and the six were rung in rounds by the local band, while the procession returned to their places.

After service the first 720 of Bob Minor was rung by C. Pooley (Northrepps) 1, W. Holden (Cromer) 2, the Rev. E. W. Blyth (Northrepps) 3, H. Carter (Aylsham) 4, W. R. West (Blandford) 5, G. Bailey (Wroxham) (conductor) 6. In the afternoon the local ringers were joined by ringers from Glandford, Wroxham, Hevingham, Newmarket, Paston, Norwich, Mulbarton, Aylsham, Buxton, Cromer, Aylmerton and Espirigam, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court were rung, and all expressed pleasure at the smooth running of the bells.

**SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS CENTENARY.**

To celebrate the centenary of the Southampton Docks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, at noon on Wednesday, October 12th, by a band representing the towers of North Stoneham, Bishopstoke and St. Mary's, Southampton: J. Faithfull, jun. 1, J. Faithfull, sen. (conductor) 2, L. M. Squires 3, G. Pullinger 4, C. Fray 5, R. Linter 6, G. Williams 7, R. A. Reed 8, H. P. Reed 9, J. Elliott 10. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal of Caters by the ringers of treble and 6th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the 301st anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Mr. J. A. Trollope's book, 'The College Youths,' is the fascinating story of this old society and should be read by every ringer. It can be obtained post free for 5s. 6d. from the office of 'The Ringing World.'

It is reported that two light peals of bells are to be placed in churches in the neighbourhood of Sydney, Australia—a ring of six at St. James' Church, Turramurra; and a peal of eight (tenor 7½ cwt.) at St. Michael's Church, Vancjause.

Mr. Melcolm R. Taylor, a Hobart ringer, who returned to Tasmania earlier this year after a business stay of about three years in this country, was married on September 24th to Miss Belle Cameron, of Hobart.

During the earlier part of his stay in England, Mr. Taylor rang at Crayford and took part in one peal there.

Doncaster Parish Church bells are now silent, and no further ringing will take place on them until they have been repaired. The local ringers will be glad if any of our readers can inform them if their bells are the last of Lord Grimthorpe's design to be restored to perfect tune.

## RINGING FOR BROADCAST SERVICES.

### B.B.C.'s REPLY TO PROTEST.

The B.B.C. have explained their attitude with regard to the ringing before a broadcast service in a letter, written on behalf of the North Regional Director, to Mr. S. Harrison, of Leicester, in reply to his protest against the curtailment of the period allotted to ringing before a service at Macclesfield Church on October 16th. Mr. Harrison says: 'Nearly half the time allotted to the bells was interrupted by the announcer's remarks on the history of the church. I immediately sent a protest to the B.B.C. In my letter I made the suggestion that announcements such as these could quite easily be made *after* the service, as there is nearly always an interlude of several minutes. I also asked for a ten-minute broadcast of bells before religious services. The B.B.C. have sent me the letter enclosed, which may be interesting to your readers.'

'In the last issue of "The Ringing World" there is an account of the same thing happening at St. Olave's, Hart Street. I think the only way to get over this trouble is for ringers to send a mass protest to the B.B.C. every time this happens.'

### B.B.C.'s VIEW.

The reply from the North Regional Director on October 28th was as follows:—

'With reference to your letter of October 16th about the bells preceding the Macclesfield service. The circumstances were that a new type of announcement (giving some details about the church—in the case of the more interesting churches) was being tried. This took about 45 seconds, leaving four and a half minutes for the bells before the service began. This preliminary period, whether it be the ringing of the bells or an organ voluntary, is meant to be, not a demonstration of bellringing nor a broadcast of organ playing, but to produce a proper atmosphere for the service. We have had broadcasts of bells as such quite separately. Nobody could pretend that justice could be done to them in these few introductory moments.'

'With regard to getting into the method, there is, of course, no reason why the ringing should not start before the time of the broadcast and be taken in full swing—as long as it ends at the agreed time.'

We regret you should feel that justice was not done to the bellringers on this occasion, but this will explain how we view the matter.'

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### FOUNDERS' DESCRIPTION.

The Liverpool Cathedral Committee in their current 'Quarterly Bulletin' publish an article by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have been entrusted with the task of casting the Cathedral bells. In this he says:—

'Now that the great tower is nearing completion, thoughts turn to the bells which it will house 235ft. above street level. No tower in the world contains a ring of bells so high above the ground. Further, it will be the largest tower in the world to contain a ringing peal of bells.'

The ringing peal will consist of 13 bells, the tenor being 80 cwt. in A flat and the treble 10 cwt. The tenor will be 6ft. 4in. in diameter and its wheel 9ft. 8in. The total weight of the bells will be 330½ cwt., say 16½ tons. The reason for the thirteenth bell, a sharp second, is that it will make practice ringing possible on a correct octave in a lighter key, E flat. It would not always be possible to ring the larger eight on a practice night.

These bells will form the greatest ringing peal in the world, the next three heaviest twelve-bell rings being at Exeter Cathedral, tenor about 72 cwt.; St. Paul's Cathedral, tenor about 62 cwt.; York Minster, tenor about 60 cwt. They will be hung in specially made self-aligning ball bearings and it will be possible to ring the tenor single-handed.

The bells will hang in a reinforced concrete radial frame, in which each bell swings to the centre, the ropes falling direct in a perfect circle of minimum diameter.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—43.****FREDERICK J. CULLUM.**

Coming of ringing stock, Mr. Frederick J. Cullum, of Erith, Kent, took to the art as a duck takes to water. His grandfather was tower-keeper and captain at St. John-the-Baptist's Church for many years, and so was his father. Upon the latter's death in 1931 Mr. F. J. Cullum succeeded him and carries on the good work in the third generation. Born on March 17th, 1899, Mr. Cullum was taught to ring during the war years, and the late Mr. Edwin Barnett called his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Crayford, on December 26th, 1917. In March of the next year Mr. Cullum joined the Royal Navy as an electrical artificer and served until February, 1919. Then in March, 1920, he went to sea in the Merchant Service and served for four and a half years.

At the beginning of his career, therefore, Mr. Cullum had few opportunities for peal ringing, but in February, 1919, he rang his first peal as conductor, calling Holt's ten-part. It was his fifth peal in all and five of the party rang their first peal, it being also the first peal by the local band. In subsequent years his ringing was confined to the short periods he was home from sea, but his time was not wasted. He studied the art in theory, and such was his keenness that, in his spare time, he pricked out from start to finish Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples. He owes a lot of his early knowledge to his father, who would spend hours in the evenings pricking out touches with him.

Mr. Cullum in later years has taken an active part in ringing many new methods for the first time or for the first time for the Kent County Association. Among the first peals for the Kent Association in which he has rung have been College Major, Spliced Plain Bob and Double Oxford, Spliced Canterbury Pleasure and Bob Major, Cam Treble Bob Royal, Little Bob Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Major, Pudsey Surprise Major, Rutland Surprise Major, Premier Surprise Major, Painswick Surprise Major and Crayford Surprise Major, and he called for the Kent County Association for the first time Ipswich Surprise Major, Staffordshire Surprise Major, Erith Surprise Major, Wheatley Surprise Major and Lessness Surprise Major. He also called the first and up to now the only peal of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative) for the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Among other interesting performances have been an 11,008 Double Norwich Major at Erith on February 26th, 1927, and a 'Frederick' peal of Stedman Triples, which he called at Rainham, Kent, on September 8th, 1928. Mr. Cullum has rung altogether 295 peals on eight, ten and twelve bells, of which he has called 102; and of these 268 have been for the Kent County Association, of which he has conducted 98. No fewer than 130 of his peals have been rung on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, and he has called exactly half of these.

Mr. Cullum is one of the representatives of the Lewisham District on the Central Committee of the Kent Association.

**PEALS AT MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the leading article of 'The Ringing World,' published on August 26th, 1938, under the heading 'Belfry Records,' is the following: 'Frequently it happens that a claim is made for some first performance upon a ring of bells, only to find it promptly demolished by the discovery that the thing had already been done by an earlier band.' A peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 18th, 1937, is claimed as the first peal on the bells. I find from the 'Bell News' that a peal of Bob Minor, seven different 720's, was rung there just over 28 years ago, namely, on October 16th, 1909. It was conducted by Albert E. Seers and rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The above will help the conductor to correct the 1937 peal.

Bath.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

**THE NORTH STAFFS INCIDENT.****CLERICAL SECRETARY'S REPLY.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As my name has been mentioned in your paper, may I ask the courtesy of your columns to place a few facts before your readers with regard to the question which has arisen in the North Staffordshire Association. About two years ago I was approached by the lay secretary, who asked my advice as the clerical secretary, with regard to holding an annual dinner. My advice to him then was, by all means hold the dinner, but under no circumstances should intoxicants be permitted, as this would cause grave concern and possible disruption in the association, as some of the clergy held very strong views with regard to this matter. My advice, if it had been taken, would have prevented the present situation. The lay secretary never approached me again on this matter until last week, when he told me of the decision of his committee. As the clerical secretary of the association, I should, at least, have had the opportunity of placing my views before the committee. I have never received any notification of a committee meeting, and the two letters that I wrote to him have never been answered or acknowledged, and no invitation was given to me last year to the annual dinner, which was held on licensed premises.

To say the least of it, this is very discourteous to the representative of the clergy. As I have not had the opportunity of meeting the committee or discussing the matter with the members of the association, how can I be called a dictator? Surely the dictatorship is on the other side. The only information of what was taking place was received through the complaints of a local incumbent. So as to be in a position to express the opinion of the clergy of the association, I wrote a fortnight ago to them all and asked their opinion as to whether they were in favour of the annual dinner being held on licensed premises or no. The voting was as follows: 13 were against, three were for and three were willing to vote either way. The remaining three out of the total of 22 have not answered. I think that you will agree with me that the advice I tendered to the lay secretary was the correct one. I am quite certain that every bellringer in the association, who now realises the opinion of the incumbents concerned, will gladly follow their lead and abide by their wishes in the matter.

The clergy feel that the annual dinner must be one in which all sections of the association can conscientiously take part, otherwise it loses its value and breaks up the fellowship that ought to be found in every association. They feel, too, it should be an occasion at which the youngest bellringer would be able to meet the other members under the happiest circumstances and so be encouraged to become a regular ringer. If licensed premises were used, the clergy are strongly of the opinion that many parents would object, and they themselves, because of their spiritual responsibilities over their flock, could not give their permission for it.

My own personal experience as a prison chaplain has assured me of the wisdom of their opinion, as I found many young delinquents' first beginnings of crime have been due to such gatherings in licensed houses. Surely our work, as a Church, must never be one in which temptation is put before our young members, and may we always remember that it is our duty, as bellringers, to call men to Christ and to put the highest ideals before them. I trust that this will end the controversy.

F. DOUGLAS GARDNER.

Bucknall, Staffs.

**A ROYAL COMMEMORATION.****NEW BELL AT ST. PAUL'S WALDEN.**

The installation of a new bell augmenting a peal from a ring of five to a ring of six is very often only of local interest, but the installation of a new treble at St. Paul's Walden, Herts, can truly be said to have a wider significance, for the bell in question commemorates the Coronation of their Majesties the King and Queen, and it was at this church that Queen Elizabeth was baptised.

The new bell was dedicated during morning service on Sunday last by the Bishop of Bedford, who, at the same time, dedicated a British Legion banner and consecrated the churchyard extension—the lesson was read by the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of the Queen, who was also christened at the church. Amongst those present were the Rev. H. T. Valentine, who was Vicar at St. Paul's Walden from 1889-1906; Major Guy M. Kindersley, O.B.E., M.P. for Hitchin, churchwarden, and Mrs. Kindersley; the Rural Dean, and Mr. Paul L. Taylor, representing John Taylor and Co., to whom was entrusted the work of augmenting the peal.

The bell bears the following inscription round the shoulder:—

A.M.D.G. IN MEM. CORON<sup>IS</sup> GEORGHII VI R.I. FID. DEF.  
ET ELIZABETHÆ R. 12.V.1937 A.D.

The royal cipher GR and ER, in between which is an ornamental cross, appears on the waist.

Alterations and additions have been made to the existing oak bell-frame so that the new bell could be accommodated at the same level as the old five, and everyone present at the opening was delighted with the results achieved.

The former peal of five consisted of two bells by Briant, of Hertford, and three by Chandler, of Drayton Parslow, Bucks, the tenor weighing approximately 12 cwt.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### DIAMOND JUBILEE OF FAMOUS RING.

#### Dedication Ceremony Recalled.

Last Tuesday, November 1st, was the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of the ring of twelve bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. Very few there are to-day who were present on that memorable occasion, but one of them was Mr. F. E. Dawe, now residing at Woking, who at that time was just entering upon his long and, for many years, energetic career as a ringer. Just ten years after the events recalled below he was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he is the only member who has served in that office five times. In the following article, Mr. Dawe retells the story of that eventful day, when St. Paul's Cathedral bells first sounded over the city of London:—

Sixty years ago! Yes, I well remember standing in St. Paul's Churchyard, at the corner of Ludgate Hill, on that Friday afternoon, All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878. I was then just learning to handle a bell, and it afterwards transpired that Mr. Challis F. Winney must at that moment have been very near me in the crowd. We were then almost unknown to each other, for we were both learning on the light ring of eight at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Wilton Road, Pimlico, the dedication of which had taken place a month before, viz., Wednesday, October 2nd, 1878. Mr. W. D. Smith, who later on succeeded me in the chair of the College Youths, was also outside St. Paul's Cathedral, and we are, I think, the only three ringers surviving who were there on that great occasion.

#### COLLEGE YOUTHS CONSULTED.

But let me start at the beginning. The 16 bells (with their famous 15th century lettering) in the central tower of Worcester Cathedral were put up in 1869, and shortly afterwards—early in the seventies—a project was put forward for a ring of 10 or 12 for St. Paul's Cathedral. The then Sir Edmund Beckett (previously Mr. E. B. Denison), who afterwards became Lord Grimthorpe, was chosen as chairman of the Bells Committee, and towards the end of 1877 this committee—or, at least, a portion of it, which included Dr. John Stainer, the Cathedral organist—met at the King's Head, Winchester Street, Southwark, to confer at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths with a select few of the most prominent members of that society.

Sir Edmund Beckett was always opposed to rings of twelve, but greatly in favour of ten, as he considered the two extra trebles a mistake, and openly declared that all peals sounded better without them. He further maintained that the 'lower ten' at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 50 cwt. in D flat) were the grandest ringing peal in England.

It was at this meeting that Canon Cattley, who was present from Worcester Cathedral, asked the question: 'If we give you a ring of twelve, with a tenor bell of three tons, will you guarantee the men to ring them?' This was instantly answered in the affirmative by Matthew A. Wood, George A. Muskett (the then secretary) and others, and Sir Edmund, as chairman, caused the order to be given to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, for the present ring of twelve, with a three-ton tenor in D flat! Mr. Taylor, sen., told me personally five years afterwards that although the firm let Sir Edmund have his own way with the Burton-on-Trent bells and those at other places, knowing full well St. Paul's bells would be much too heavy for D flat, he (Mr. Taylor) purposely 'made a mistake' and altered the key to B flat! Sir Edmund was very wroth about it, and announced something to the effect that 'the bells were not according to contract, and would be thrown back on the founders' hands'! However, science, reason and commonsense prevailed, and they were accepted. I am indebted to Mr. Taylor, sen., and the late Mr. John W. Taylor for this information, as for many other particulars as to cost, etc.

#### THE COST.

The bells were erected in the north-west tower of the Cathedral during the year 1878, at a cost of a little over £2,800. In addition, there was a large amount spent in preparing the tower to receive the bells. According to the paper, the 'Builder,' this amounted to exactly £1,000. The ringing chamber and additional staircase, together with the flooring in the apartment beneath, probably amounted to another £300 or £400.

Each bell was the gift of a different city company, together with the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who joined in the donation, the tenor bell of 62 cwt. in B flat being given by the Corporation. Each bell bears the name of the master of the company who gave it at the time of vote. The Ellacombe chiming hammers were also installed.

In September of that year one of two short 'touches' of Stedman Cinques were brought round on the bells before the clappers were put in to see if everything was correct, and then one evening in October, without any notification to the outer world, a few 'rounds' were rung after the clappers were fixed, and as a further test the same evening Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen., turned all the clappers over on the wrong side in order to note the effect! Finally, the bells were officially opened on All Saints' Day, Friday, November 1st, 1878, by a picked band of 13 men of the College Youths, with two 'reserves,' of whom the ringer of the 9th and the 'strapper' for the tenor (S. Reeves) were the last survivors, Edwin Horrex (9th man) actually being the last to depart from us some 13 years ago.

Drawings were made in the ringing chamber and other parts of the Cathedral at the moment of dedication by special artists of the 'Illustrated London News,' the 'Graphic' and other well-known

picture papers, and of these I still have copies in my possession—the striking figure of George Muskett being well in the foreground! Flash lamps had not been invented in those days! Of course, the daily and weekly newspapers were full of such an historic event, but I think the 'Times' and the 'Guardian' gave the best reports. The latter had a graphic account of the scene, from which I take the following:—

#### THE SERVICE.

The November air was cold and chill, yet anyone approaching St. Paul's on All Saints' afternoon would have been struck with the unwonted stir in the open space around the Cathedral, and on entering the church itself, not only the vast area under the dome, but almost



THE BELL TOWER OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

the whole length of the nave, was seen to be closely packed with people. It was evident that the dedication of the bells had interest not only for Londoners, but very many had travelled up from long distances to hear the bells ring out for the first time from the Cathedral of the Metropolis.

In his sermon upon the first verse of the last of the Psalms, the Rev. J. Povah mentioned the influence bells had upon the architecture of churches, the omission for 200 years to realise Wren's design of placing a ring in one of the western towers, and the consequent inability of the Cathedral authorities, even when the news came of Nelson's great victory and death at Trafalgar, to give voice to the nation's joy or sorrow except by the tolling of a single great bell.

Considering the thousands in sight who could not hear a word of the sermon, it might, perhaps, have been 'taken as read,' but that did not seem to occur to the preacher, though an occasional note from the belfry, where the bells were being pulled up with the clappers lashed, and set at backstroke ready for the opening peal, might have reminded him. The thought occurred that the bells might have spoken with fine and solemn effect during the service itself had it been so ordered, and the immense congregation might thus have been made participators in their solemn dedication.



But a less ceremonial was decided on. Evensong concluded, the choir, the Cathedral clergy and the Bishop of London made their way in procession through the dense mass of people to the south-western corner of the building, Dr. Stainer, the organist, leading the way, and Mr. Hodge playing the 'War March of the Priests' in Mendelssohn's music to 'Athalie.' The procession passed through the door and wended their way up what is known as the 'geometrical staircase,' and thence across to the north-west tower, there to be lost to sight or hearing of all but a few privileged persons, who followed the choir and clergy, not, indeed, to the ringing chamber, where the dedication took place, but to an ante-chamber immediately below, and separated from it by a wooden floor; through which the prayers and hymns were audible.

#### IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

The Bishop of London, with the Rev. F. H. Fisher (Vicar of Fulham, a well-known ringer) as his chaplain, Dean Church, Bishop Piers Cloughton (Archdeacon of London) and eight other Reverend Canons, with organist and choristers, threaded their way in surplices up the narrow winding staircase, and, forming a group in the centre of the ringing chamber, took their appointed part in a form of service which had been printed and circulated.

This was much in the usual form now used on such occasions.

Many bellringers were present from great distances, and amongst them were Mr. Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devon; the Rev. H. A. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, Devon; the Rev. Canon Cattley, of Worcester Cathedral; the Rev. Augustus Sutton and Sir Edmund Beckett; also the Rev. H. E. Haweis, LL.D., a great advocate for the continental system of carillons, and well known as a writer of letters to papers that admitted of no controversy!

A hymn was then sung, 'When morning gilds the skies.' There is an allusion to 'the sweet church bell' in its second stanza, and its tune, if not actually bell-like, has an exceptionally constant motion of the parts which might bear distant comparison to the rhythm of chimes. The Collect for St. Paul's Day having been read, the Bishop of London gave the usual blessing to the little kneeling congregation, above which rose the stalwart forms of the ringers leaning on their ropes.

There was a moment's pause, then the Bishop of London gave the word 'Go!' to the circle of ringers; thirteen pairs of strong arms began to pull in concert, and down came a shower of music, bright, soft and mellow. The bells had spoken. In and around the ringing chamber, to which the few persons invited were now admitted, men's tongues were loosened in delight, as the twelve bells, swinging this way and that, again and again ran down the gamut, not as yet disporting in changes, but trying their voices in a plain round peal. The ringers were thirteen men of the College Youths, two to the tenor bell; stalwart fellows all, many well advanced in years, and visibly possessed of that power of concentrated attention to work in hand, without which a man cannot be a good bellringer, and by means of which alone great and pleasing results can be achieved by a plurality of workers. Each man, stripped to his shirt, stood on a small square platform with his foot in a leathern strap; to the tenor there was a branched rope, and one of its ringers stood on the platform, and the other on the floor of the chamber. Up rushed the ropes through the ceiling for the back-strokes; and down again danced the coloured 'sallies' for the hand-strokes, each rope having a red cushion on the floor for it to fall upon. In a few minutes the head ringer gave a word of command, and the ringing came to a first period. 'Well stopped!' exclaimed Dr. Stainer with delight; but it was a premature congratulation, for the tenor hesitated in the hands of his two ringers, and instead of leaning to rest on his stay, as a good bell should, came swinging round again, and spoke twice alone, thus breaking the neatness of the first performance, but giving the thousands of listeners an opportunity of hearing his voice clear of competition. He is a rich, sonorous fellow, filling the air with his big B flat, and fit in every way to play the part of a perpetual pedal to the ever-varying melodies of his lighter companions in ringing, or to be 'turned in' for a 'touch' of a more advanced character.

After the first stop a consultation between Dr. Stainer and the chief ringer resulted in fixing the programme of 'changes.'

Then followed in the report an explanation to the public as to change ringing, which finished by saying that from the great mental application required it is always sure to lead to steady and quiet behaviour, and that one mistake generally brings the whole thing to grief, it being almost impossible for the conductor to put a careless ringer in his place again.

#### THE FIRST RINGERS.

The ringing went on for over an hour. The air was clear, and the night fine; hundreds stood in St. Paul's Churchyard listening.

The names of the first ringers, who stood in the following order, were: H. W. Haley, sen. 1, H. C. Haley, jun. 2, W. Cooter 3, J. Pettit 4, G. Mash 5, J. R. Haworth 6, G. Ferris 7, J. Dwight 8, E. Horrex 9, G. A. Muskett 10, M. A. Wood 11, J. M. Hayes with S. Reeves 12. G. Dorrington and W. Jones were the reserves. I personally knew and respected every one of these splendid old fellows, and my old friends, C. F. Winney and W. D. Smith, shared the same pleasure and privilege.

On that occasion a splendid clock, striking the half-hours, and still a valuable asset to the ringing chamber, was given by the Rev. Robert R. Green, the then Dean's verger.

The last touch of that historic evening was about 1,000 changes of Stedman Cinques, and it was during this that an amusing thing

happened. An excellent 'spread' had been provided for the ringers, but, tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ascalon, the choir found their way thither, and fondly imagined that it was for them! When the ringers came down it was 'all gone'—another example of how we used to be 'pushed out' in days gone by.

One interesting fact remains on record, that when the bells were 'fired' on that important occasion, the striking was 'true as a hair,' and not the careless and ragged exhibition to which we are so often treated at various places nowadays. The 'opening' into rounds again was most accurately done, and it was justly admitted by all the critics outside to be of 'the very best'! This shows how easily heavy bells can be handled by good and experienced ringers.

I well recollect the ropes used there during the first twelve months. They were very bad, coarse and unsuitable—certainly some of the worst I have ever seen or handled!

At first the bells were only rung on special occasions, and nearly two years elapsed before the Dean and Chapter entered into an arrangement with the College Youths to have them rung regularly for divine service twice every Sunday, as at present.

The first occasion on which I rang at St. Paul's was on Christmas Day, 1879, when I deputised for Henry Haley.

It is also noteworthy that for months after the dedication, the usual mass of correspondence continued to appear in the newspapers about the 'new bells,' both 'for' and 'against,' mainly by that class of well-to-do 'know nothings' who usually wish to air and ventilate their opinion on matters they do not quite understand. Thank goodness, discussions on 'Simpson tuning' did not exist then. I well remember that at all the subsequent practice nights (once a month) Lord Tom Noddy was sure to be present in some shape or form!

#### PEALS AT ST. PAUL'S.

During these 60 years, 14 peals have been rung on the bells, all by the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., ten of Stedman Cinques, three of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and one of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, this last having been called by Mr. Alfred Peck, the present secretary of the society, who rang the tenor single-handed! The first peal was a 5,014 of Stedman Cinques on December 10th, 1881, in 4 hours 17 minutes, conducted by the late Mr. James Pettit, and I have never heard better ringing than in this peal.

No further peal was rung on the bells until 1894, when a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung, with Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and W. Prime ringing the tenor. Mr. Cockerill was the first to turn the tenor in alone, this being in 1896. Mr. E. P. O'Meara kept the bell lubricated during this peal. Sir Arthur Heywood afterwards gave a dinner at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate Street, for all those who had taken part in the first three peals, the principal toast being 'The single-handed tenorman.' Mr. Bob Newton was the first to ring St. Paul's tenor to a peal of Maximus single-handed and call the peal as well.

All the peals have been recorded by the authorities in the ringing chamber in a manner never observed in the other 1,100 towers I have visited. The walls are prepared in 'panel' fashion, and the records are painted thereon. I rang the 9th in the first peal of Maximus, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. D. Smith also took part in this peal. Mention may also be made of the ill-fated attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which I was calling on April 13th, 1912, and which for some unknown reason was never allowed to be completed. After 3 hours 55 minutes, and only the last course to ring, the tenor dropped in amongst the others and caused disaster, when success seemed assured.

#### A CONTRAST IN BELL OPENINGS.

The above story of the dedication of St. Paul's bells clearly depicts what an impressive ceremony a properly constituted 'opening' should be. Since that event I have taken part in or been present on several such occasions, but have noticed with regret that in later years there has been a tendency to do the thing on more 'up-to-date' lines—especially as a result of the unfortunate 'notices' in your valuable paper, which read 'all ringers heartily welcome.' This remark, however kindly intended, ought to read 'All competent bellringers welcome,' for we have had most distressing instances where the inhabitants near at hand have been rendered absolutely frantic by the outrageous din they have had to endure for three or four hours after the service, tending to make the parishioners regret the installation of new bells rather than to receive them rapturously!

The last and most glaring instance I remember was at the opening of an important ring of twelve, when the Cathedral was crowded to overflowing by a gigantic congregation, and the only decent ringing was a very short touch by the Cathedral band during the service! After that we had better draw a heavy veil over the 'ringing' during the afternoon and evening. Over 300 'ringers' answered the invitation to be present from all the eight, six, five and four-bell towers for many miles round. How some such people can have the nerve to 'lay-hold,' anywhere from treble to tenor, on a heavy ring of twelve, when they are utterly unable to ring rounds properly at home, leaves me entirely speechless. Young lads and even girls, who have never yet managed to 'master' a bell properly at home, thrust themselves well forward when the order is 'a few rounds'! Again, you have ringers who, perchance, ring fairly well on six and eight at their home tower, who turn up in large numbers with the open avowal that they have come to 'ave a pull.' When you hear that remark it is always the signal for displaying all the sympathy good strikers can offer towards the heavily taxed residents near at hand! What should be an impressive ceremony is thus turned into an objectionable fiasco.

F. E. DAWE.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****LEWISHAM DISTRICT'S PROTEST TO THE B.B.O.**

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association was held at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on October 22nd. The bells were kept in motion from 3 p.m. until 8.30, except for an interval for service, tea and business meeting. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. T. Prentice (curate), and Mr. E. Arnold was the organist.

Tea was served in Sutton's Hall, where 56 ringers did justice to the good things provided by their generous hosts, the Holy Trinity (Dartford) band. Other guests included the churchwardens, the secretary of the Parochial Council and that good friend of the Dartford ringers, Mr. J. Lack, who had been invited to preside by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Elliot-Mitchell).

The Rev. G. T. Prentice extended to the association the Vicar's, churchwardens' and ringers' welcome to Dartford in a happy speech that delighted his listeners.

The election of six members was ratified and the annual report and financial statement adopted. A request that this report be made available for circulation among the members led the chairman to ask if these district meetings were empowered to incur the expense of printing them.

Learning that they were not, Mr. Lack thereupon undertook to prepare 100 copies for free distribution to interested members—a generous offer that received enthusiastic acceptance and sincere thanks.

Messrs. A. G. Hill and T. Groombridge, sen., were re-elected district secretary and Ringing Master respectively, without other nominations. The selection of two representatives on the Management Committee necessitated a ballot, Messrs. F. J. Cullum (Erith), E. Barnett (Crayford) and W. J. Rawlings (Beckenham) being the nominations. Voting resulted in the reappointment of the retiring members, Messrs. F. J. Cullum and E. Barnett.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was selected as the place of next meeting.

It was unanimously decided that a letter be sent to the B.B.O. protesting against that body's disdainful attitude towards the ringing arranged to introduce their broadcast church services.

The district secretary was also instructed to convey to Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe) the members' sympathy and concern at his indisposition.

A cordial vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. G. T. Prentice for the service, the churchwardens for their welcome and presence at the meeting, to the organist for his services, to the local ringers for their generous hospitality, and to Mr. R. A. Jenkins (local secretary) for his ready aid in arranging for the tea and meeting.—This was carried with applause.

Mr. Powell (churchwarden) replied on behalf of Holy Trinity's clergy and congregation, Mr. Nettlingham (secretary) on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, and Mr. J. E. Bailey on behalf of the ringers.

The chairman was accorded a vociferous vote of thanks for his genial presidential labours.

The members indulged in further ringing on handbells and in the tower, and all the 65 who attended were in full agreement that a happy conjunction of men (and women!), time, place and chairman had resulted in a very successful meeting.

**A 'RINGER'S DAY' AT GAINSBOROUGH.****BELL RESTORATION CELEBRATED.**

To celebrate the recent restoration of the Parish Church bells, a 'ringers' day' was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, October 22nd. The bells, a fine ring of eight, with tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E, have been recently rehung on ball bearings, with new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. New ropes have also been provided and the ringing room redecorated. About 30 ringers were present from Blyton, Doncaster, Lea, Lincoln, Retford, Sheffield, Treeton, Upton and Willingham, together with the local ringers, and the bells were utilised throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. E. A. Whitworth), who gave a short address.

Among the visitors present were Mr. J. H. Brothwell, of Treeton, Mr. S. F. Palmer and Mr. J. Thorpe, from Sheffield Cathedral, and two former Gainsborough ringers, Mr. C. A. Hewitt and Mr. E. Dalingwater.

A broken stay on the third bell caused a short halt during the evening, but several of the experts rang the bell to various touches minus this fitting. The ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

**BOURNEMOUTH RINGER CELEBRATES 76th BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. Charles Forfitt, of the St. Peter's company, Bournemouth, celebrated his 76th birthday by ringing the 5th to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples before evensong on October 23rd: P. W. Witham 1, F. S. Bacon 2, F. S. Beaumont 3, E. S. Warner 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, H. Roberts 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8. Mr. Bacon hails from Kent and Mr. Warner from Portsmouth Cathedral, members of the service band standing out to enable them to ring.

**NOTICES.****ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—**

The 301st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, 1938, at 6.30 p.m., at Cannon Street Hotel. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, to be obtained from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, E. H. Lewis, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, L. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or A. B. Peck, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. The bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Magnus-the-Martyr, St. Clement Danes, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Lawrence Jewry, will be available for ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Sandown Corner House at 5.15 p.m. Nominations for district officers for 1939 to be made at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Mount Pleasant Lane, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Double Court and Double Norwich. Also Rounds, etc., for local beginners. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Telephone, Larkwood 1959.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at the Old Priory Church, Tutbury, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 4.45. This is the first meeting since the restoration of the church, and is also arranged as a welcome to the new Vicar.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Over Wallop on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. F. C. Shadwell, Over Wallop.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., 6d. each. I should appreciate it if all outstanding 1938 subscriptions are paid before or at this meeting.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine, Hereford.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford (8 bells, available 2-9 p.m.) on Saturday, November 5th.—H. S. Hinkins and K. W. Maver, Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be a joint meeting of the Nottingham and Derby Districts at Duffield on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea can be arranged at the Bridge Inn. Please come and make a good party for some handbell ringing with our friend, J. Pagett. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, November 5th. Hoddesdon tower at 3 p.m. Service at Broxbourne Church 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after at the Welcome. All are welcome at the Welcome.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Hatfield Park.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh Church on Saturday, November 5th. For tea please notify Mr. H. Greaves, 7, Church Lane, Killamarsh, nr. Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield, 7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION** (Leicester District and Hinckley District) **AND THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A joint meeting will be held at Lutterworth on November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Local Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The first meeting of the new year of the above district will be held at Gosforth, All Saints' (10 bells), on Saturday, November 5th, at 3 p.m.—Jack Roach, Hon. Sec., 7, Nuns Moor Road, Fenham, Newcastle, 4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Twynning (6 bells) on Nov. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield (6 bells) on Saturday, November 5th, from 6 p.m. till 9. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.**—The ring of eight bells, which have been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on Sunday next, the 6th inst., at the evening service, 6.30 p.m.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, November 6th, 10 a.m.; practice, November 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 29th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for Nov.: \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 8th, 7.30 p.m. (elections); St. Magnus', Thames Street, 10th & 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; \*St. Mary le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Secretary, Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD** (Northampton Branch) **AND LADIES' GUILD** (South Mid-

land District).—A combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Northampton, on Saturday, November 12th. Names for tea to 16, St. Peter's Street, not later than November 9th. Preacher, Rev. G. P. H. Rowson.—J. C. Dean and S. Thursfield, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Golding, 10, Alma Rd., Hemel Hempstead, by the previous Thursday? Beds ringers please note.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all who require tea should notify Miss S. Bowyer, 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich, by Monday, November 7th. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d. Please notify me seats required and numbers for tea by Tuesday, November 8th.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A short service will be held about 4. Arrangements have been made for tea to provide for those who send their names before the Wednesday previous to the meeting, to Mr. R. Barlow, 2, St. Paul Street, Ramsbottom. Come if you can, or you will be missed by yours truly.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rowley Regis, near Birmingham, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Clifton Reynes on Saturday, November 12th. Ring up 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers who require tea please inform me by the 10th inst.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Brislington Parish Church on Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Please notify for tea.—W. H. Thomas, Branch Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Bristol 6.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Newton, South View, Crofton, near Wakefield, not later than Thursday, November 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chelford on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all desiring tea, please inform Mr. C. H. Taylor, Yew Tree Cottage, Chelford.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Watlingbury on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cafe, Watlingbury, at 5.30. It is several years since the association visited this tower. Come and try these bells. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to all who send word to Mr. T. Heskeith, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, not later than Thursday, November 10th. Please make an effort to make this meeting successful.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Luton District) **AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells), on Saturday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than November 7th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Burslem (6 bells) on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than November 9th? Tea 1s. 3d. Annual committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, November 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on November 12th, but will be transferred to the Parish Church tower after tea. Interested ringers please note.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be at Winthorpe (6 bells), near Newark, on November 12th. Please do your best to be present, and send me a card for tea by Wednesday, the 9th.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, November 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports now ready.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern Branch).—Combined meeting at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meetings 5.15 in the Parish Hall. Notifications by Thursday, 17th. Everybody welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—SS. Peter and Paul's, Wantage. Re-dedication of bells (8), after rehanging by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, November 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Please send a card if you are staying to tea to A. V. Gibbs, Trinder Road, Wantage, Berks.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', High Street, on Saturday, November 26th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 3.30, All Saints', and at other churches in the evening as announced. Ringers wishing to attend and requiring tea, please notify by November 22nd to E. J. B. Morton, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 11, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.

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Since the tercentenary celebration last November, the society has lost, as all our readers know, its most outstanding figure in Mr. William Cockerill. After forty-six years' service as hon. secretary he handed over the reins of office in the week following the festival, but lived only a few short months. It was natural that there should be sympathetic references on Saturday to the loss which the society thus sustained, but there was on the following day a little ceremony in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral which further marked the position which Mr. Cockerill held in the esteem and admiration of the members. A bust of the late secretary, modelled about nine years ago, was placed in the ringing chamber, together with a bookcase as a memorial to a cherished leader. That memorial will long remain as a reminder to future generations of College Youths of loyal service and sterling character. It will require no little effort to live up to the ideals which Mr. Cockerill set before himself and which he so successfully maintained, and it is a signal of well deserved honour accorded to his memory that his bust should find a place in the belfry where for so long he served the Church and acted as leader of the ringers. It was the forethought of Mr. E. Alex Young that made this thing possible. Mr. Cockerill always shrank from any kind of self advertisement, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he was persuaded to sit for this portrait. That he eventually did so and that the bust,

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On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

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RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

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HARRY SPRINGATE ... .. 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 8
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*E. DENNIS POOLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 2	WALTER LAGO ... .. 7
GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST... .. 8
HARRY OVERTON ... .. 4	†ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 9
*HARRY THELWELL ... .. 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of this parish who fell in the Great War.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
ERIC J. COE ... .. 2	†ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 7
*WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE... .. 8
REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 9
†WILLIAM PERRY ... .. 5	ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Royal on tower bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal by all except the 4th and 9th ringers.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb

FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... Treble	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 5
CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 2	*CORNELIUS J. GIBSON ... 6
CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE, R.N. 3	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Major.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

HAROLD CHANT ... .. Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 6
PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY... .. 7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 4	*G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by G. G. GRAHAM.

First attempt for a peal as conductor. A birthday peal for John E. Turley.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Sunday evening, October 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): E. Acock 1, R. Davies 2, H. J. Skelt 3, J. Rumble 4, H. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Humphries 6, A. W. Clark 7, F. E. Collins 8, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

WARFIELD, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*CECIL BAILEY ... .. Treble	JOHN RANCE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE ... .. 2	†ERNEST MITCHELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... .. 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW... 7
ARTHUR J. RANCE ... .. 4	†CHARLES COLLYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by WM. J. PAICE

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung for the festival of All Saints.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5
HARRY BAKER ... .. 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 425, is rung for the first time.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. Treble	CECIL L. GUY ... .. 5
*ALLEN S. WEATHERLY ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 6
THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 3	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... .. 7
WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Major.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 5
WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SIMMONDS ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS... .. 7
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 4	*ALBERT E. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung for evening service.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM GRACE ... .. Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 5
FREDERICK E. PITMAN ... 2	EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES ... .. 5
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 2	CHARLES PRYKE ... .. 6
ALBERT E. PRYKE ... .. 3	JOHN SITCH ... .. 7
*WILLIAM T. FORRESTER ... 4	HARRY TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
R. GORDON CROSS ... .. 3	†EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

## RAINHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 45). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

## ARKSEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	WILLIE GREEN ... .. 5
HAROLD CHANT ... .. 2	FOORD PRESTON NEWTON ... 6
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 7
WILLIAM FAY ... .. 4	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by D. SMITH.

The conductor's 100th peal.

## ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. E. BRADLEY ... Treble	FRED TERRY ... .. 5
WALTER HICK ... .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 3	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 7
ERNEST LINDLEY ... .. 4	ROBERT LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD BRADLEY.

## ICKLETON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*VICTOR CHAPMAN ... Treble	GORDON LILLEY ... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	CHARLES W. SMITH ... .. 6
SIDNEY BROWN ... .. 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	ROBERT G. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS  
\* First peal on eight bells. A birthday peal for Mr. E. Lilley, father of the ringers of the 5th.

## CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CYRIL TAPLIN ... Treble	P. SUPT. WILLIAM GREEN ... 5
ALBERT S. NEWMAN ... .. 2	JAMES H. JARVIS ... .. 6
*FRANK PERRY ... .. 3	REGINALD H. JARVIS ... .. 7
*IVOR HARRIS ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

\* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 6
ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 3	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 7
ROBERT W. BARLOW ... .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALAN E. STEEL ... Treble	HARRY HALL ... .. 5
WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. 2	EDWARD STEELE ... .. 6
HAROLD ROSE ... .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
EDMUND ATKINSON ... .. 4	HARRY BLOOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Comprising two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 5
JOHN BEST ... .. 3	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

## MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

## WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 5
HARRY HARRISON ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

Arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Lloyd Jones, M.A.

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents as follow: (1) Vale Royal, Abbeyville, Combermere, Crowland and St. Werburgh Delight; (2) St. Albans, Braintree and Neasden Delight; (3) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (4) Willesden, Marple, College Bob IV., Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (5) College Exercise, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Ockley and Norbury; (7) London Scholars', Oxford, Sandal, Capel and Kingston.

*ROLAND HILL ... .. Treble	ERNEST BROOKES... .. 4
*JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5
*CLIFFORD ROBINSON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in 25 methods and first attempt.

BRIGHTWELL, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,

## A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and Grandsire, and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. RAYMOND PEASE ... .. Treble	†EDWARD V. NAISH ... .. 4
*JOHN CASTELL ... .. 2	†OLIVER G. BARNARD ... .. 5
†WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 3	*FREDERICK BROOKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

HARTLIP, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 4
*MISS KATHLEEN L. CHEAL 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5
MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. 3	CHARLES A. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon C. G. Mutter, Vicar of St. Michael's, on his retirement.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HADLEIGH DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, October 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HARRY J. MEE ... .. Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT ... .. 4
EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. 5
FREDERICK C. MEE ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. Treble	*JACK PENNELL ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Minor as conductor.

## BELL SILENCERS.

## THE 'DAVIS SILENCER'

for lessening the sound of noisy church bells, supplied by the inventor,

JAMES E. DAVIS,

118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, London, S.W.12.

## WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. BENTON ... .. Treble	F. BOYCE ... .. 4
E. DURRANT ... .. 2	W. MADLER ... .. 5
H. READ ... .. 3	G. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

VICTOR W. BRIGGS ... .. Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 4
*ALBERT A. DRURY ... .. 2	HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. 5
ROBERT H. HURST ... .. 3	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARCHER T. LOWMAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Bourne, Rossendale, Stamford, Beverley, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5
RONALD SHARPE ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung for All Saints' Day.

PENGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. Treble	†GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... .. 4
EDGAR J. BARRETT ... .. 2	NORMAN T. HEXT ... .. 5
DENNIS G. BROWN ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford, 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE BENSON ... .. Treble	*ALBERT RODMAN ... .. 4
LESLIE FRANCOMBE ... .. 2	*CLAUDE GIFFORD ... .. 5
*DOUGLAS LUTON ... .. 3	DONALD MARSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD MARSH.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. George E. Newman.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 4, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MRS. L. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 4
*LESLIE WRIGHT ... .. 2	MISS VIOLET FROST ... .. 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal in four methods.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

## THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

### MEMORIALS IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

A fitting memorial to the late Mr. William T. Cockerill, for 46 years hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, has been placed in the ringing chamber of St. Paul's Cathedral, where for so long he was the 'skipper.' About nine years ago, at the request of Mr. E. Alexander Young, Mr. Cockerill sat to Miss Hiley for a bust of himself. This, when completed, was exhibited at the Royal Academy and won for the sculptor high encomiums, for it was the first work that she had submitted. After the exhibition, the bronze remained in the possession of Mr. Cockerill, and now, with the permission of the Cathedral authorities, it has found a permanent place in the Cathedral belfry. The bust is life-size, upon a pedestal of Hoptonwood marble, designed by Mr. Young. It stands in the belfry upon a corbel placed in the wall just above a seat which Mr. Cockerill so often used to occupy near the boxes of the tenth and eleventh. In addition to the bust is a fine polished oak bookcase of exquisite workmanship, which has been presented by Mr. W. S. B. Northover, of Bridport, Dorset.

The gifts were handed over on Sunday morning, before the usual service ringing. The Archdeacon of London represented the Cathedral authorities, and those present, in addition to Mr. Young and Mr. Northover, were Miss Hiley, the Master of the College Youths (Mr.



THE BUST OF THE LATE MR. W. T. COCKERILL.

E. H. Lewis), Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward), Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. J. T. Dyke (Chilcompton), Mr. W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury) and, of course, the Cathedral ringers.

The Master explained the object of the ceremony and said the memorials were being placed in the belfry by the permission of the Dean and Chapter.

Mr. Young, in handing over the bust, said the thought occurred to him some years ago that they ought to preserve some tangible recollection of Mr. Cockerill, and he thought of the idea of a bust. He had great difficulty in persuading Mr. Cockerill to sit to an artist, but eventually Miss Hiley produced the very lifelike piece of sculpture which they saw. The idea at the time was that it should remain the property of Mr. Cockerill during his life and afterwards pass into the possession of the society, and he (Mr. Young) was there that day formally to hand it over.

In presenting the bookcase, Mr. Northover said he offered it as a small tribute of his esteem and affection for Mr. Cockerill. It was a privilege to claim acquaintance with Mr. Cockerill, and any man who could do so was the better for it.

The Archdeacon expressed his pleasure at being able to take part in the ceremony and said how pleased, also, the Dean and Chapter were to do anything for the society. He (the Archdeacon) knew Mr. Cockerill for many years and he knew what a sterling man he was. He took the opportunity of saying how much the Dean and Chapter appreciated all that the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral were doing.

The ceremony concluded with the Master thanking the Archdeacon for his kindness in coming up into the tower, and the Dean and Chapter for permission to place the memorials in the belfry.

The bookcase, which is combined with a table, will stand in the centre of the belfry and house some of the society's old peal and name books.

## PEAL NOTES.

### ONE HUNDRED ONE-PART PEALS.

Mr. T. E. Sone, one of the Kent County Association's leading conductors, makes a hobby of calling new compositions, and he has completed an interesting achievement in having now conducted 100 different one-part peals. They are made up of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original 33 times) 1, Grandsire Caters 5, Double Norwich 1, Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Maximus 1, Treble Bob Royal 14, Treble Bob Major 75.

It was Arthur Knight's composition of Treble Bob, No. 425, rung for the first time, on October 29th, that completed the century of one-parts, and it was the 75th different composition by Mr. Knights that Mr. Sone has called, 72 of them having been rung for the first time.

The peal which made up this total was rung at Frittenden, Kent, and was Mr. Sone's 199th as conductor. It was a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. H. Sone (71), L. W. Jarvis, W. A. Kitchenside and B. J. Baker. It was Mr. Kitchenside's 75th peal and Mr. F. H. Hicks' 50th. The bells at St. Agatha's Church, Brightwell, Berkshire, were installed 130 years ago, but it was not until last Saturday week that the first peal was rung on them. Four methods of Doubles were rung, and it was the first attempt for a peal made by three of the band.

To enable Mr. Fred Brightman to ring a peal in his native village of Morton, Lincolnshire, a peal in seven Minor methods, ranging from London to Plain Bob, was rung on October 29th.

As a farewell to the Vicar of Hartlip, Kent, Canon C. G. Mutter, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on October 29th. The band included two ladies, one of whom rang her first peal, and it was the first peal of Doubles by all the ringers.

### A LADY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

By calling a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on November 5th, Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer has now conducted peals in this method on six, eight, ten and twelve bells this year. She is the first lady to call peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Her total peals this year have considerably exceeded the lady's record set up by herself in 1937, and the peal on Saturday was the 25th which she and Mr. Cecil Pipe have rung together this year.

She had added Cambridge Surprise Minor to the peals which she has conducted only the previous week, when she called seven 720's at Stutton, Suffolk, the first peal of Surprise on the bells and also the quickest. The tenor is 12 cwt. and the peal was rung in 2 hours 43 minutes.

A band should have met at Sprooughton, Ipswich, on Sunday, October 30th, for a peal in four Minor methods. Five of them turned up, but one was absent. Mr. Fred Mee stepped into the breach and a peal in three methods was rung. The rest are especially grateful to him for helping them out, as Messrs. Alan Andrews and Harry J. Millatt had cycled 20 miles in the rain from Thorington, Essex, for the peal.

Another peal made possible at the last minute by a willing substitute was rung at Rainham, Kent, where on Saturday Mr. Walter Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, made up a band for Superlative at a few hours' notice in response to a series of telegrams.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service at Clifford, Herefordshire, on Sunday, October 30th. It was the 49th peal in the tower and Mr. J. P. Hyett's 249th peal. He has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Grandsire Triples.

A peal of Bob Minor was rung at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, Penge, Kent, on November 2nd, in honour of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, and of the Gift Day at St. John's on the previous Sunday. It was also rung to mark the completion of two years' very successful ministry in the parish by the Vicar, the Rev. B. P. Mohan.

Four ladies took part in a peal of Minor at Polstead, Suffolk, on Friday, the first in four methods by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wright. It was the first peal on the bells for the Suffolk Guild.

A band of Sunday service ringers at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday. Mr. Albert Newman has been captain of the tower for 35 years, and it is 30 years since he rang his previous peal. We hope, however, that it will not be long before he rings another.

Forty years ago last Saturday, Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, rang his first peal. This was at Woodchurch, Cheshire. He celebrated the anniversary by calling a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and it happily coincided with the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Claude I. Davies. Mr. Davies is now hon. treasurer of the Lancs. Association, and he took part in the peal.

In memory of the men of Coalbrookdale who fell in the Great War, a half-muffled peal of Bob Royal was rung on Saturday.

Another half-muffled peal, to commemorate the Armistice, was that rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday. It had been arranged for Nov. 12th, but had to be brought forward, owing to circumstances.

Although only 19 years of age, Geoffrey Murphy, of Crayford, has just rung his one hundredth peal. There is no holding these Crayford youngsters. Teddy Barnett III. set the pace and the others are trying to live up to it.

The first peal of Belgrave Surprise Major by all the band and for the Norwich Diocesan Association was rung at Pulham on Saturday.

Ickleton Church, where a peal of Double Norwich was rung on Saturday is one of the few which have a sanctus bell hung outside the spire. Saturday's peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Lilley, who was for many years a ringer at this church.

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**KENT ASSOCIATION'S FIRST PEAL COMMEMORATED.**

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The peal of 5,040 Bob Major at Bromley, Kent, on October 31st, was rung on the 57th anniversary of the first peal rung for the Kent County Association, a peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes, in 2 hours 50 minutes, at St. Mary's, Prittenden. It was conducted by Thomas Daynes, grandfather of Mr. G. H. Daynes, the conductor of the commemorative peal, last week. Incidentally it was also the 51st anniversary of the first time Mr. I. Emery rang at Bromley. The conductor would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and the Bromley ringers for making this peal possible, and also all those who so kindly took part in it.

When Mr. Daniel Smith, of Felkirk, rang his one hundredth peal on Saturday at Arksey he called a new composition of Treble Bob Major by Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, which contains the 6th its extent in 5-6, in 13 courses.

The peal was rung to commemorate the patronal festival of All Saints' Church, and also in honour of the 21st birthday (on November 1st) of Mr. G. W. Clark, the youngest son of Mr. G. Clark, the ringer of the treble. The ringers were entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. G. Clark and his family.

The peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods at Maulden, Bedfordshire, was rung on All Saints' Day at the request of the Rector.

The first peal on the bells at Brentwood, Essex, was Kent Treble Bob Major on November 3rd, 1888. A jubilee peal was rung last week in the same method. It had been hoped to ring the same composition, but all attempts to obtain the 1888 figures were unsuccessful.

A peal of Minor in three methods was rung on Oct. 29th at West Hallam, Derbyshire, as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Lloyd Jones, who was inducted on the previous day. It had been intended to ring a peal of Major, but the band met short. When they did start, however, they pushed the bells along at speed and completed the seven 720's in exactly two hours and a half, thus ringing the quickest peal on the bells. The tenor is 9 cwt.

Mr. T. G. Myers, who called a peal of Bob Major at St. George's Church, Stonehouse, Plymouth, on Saturday, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

Coalpit Heath, Gloucestershire, has lost a valued churchworker by the death of Mr. George E. Newman, who was an associate member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He was connected with the church for 50 years and while a churchwarden started a fund to provide the bells as a 'thankoffering for peace after war, 1914-18' as the inscription on the tenor says. He also gave the third bell in memory of his wife, who died in 1920. On November 2nd, a half-muffled peal of Minor was rung in his memory.

**HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****SPECIAL METHODS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Huddersfield and District Association was held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 29th. Members attended from a wide area, representing the following towers: Almondbury, Lindley, Longwood, Meltham, Huddersfield, Elland, Brighouse, Heptonstall, Northowram, Halifax (All Souls') and Armitage Bridge.

There was some good ringing throughout the day, including Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, but the pleasure was marred to some extent owing to the 3rd bell causing much trouble. The rope kept jumping from the wheel and some ringers found it entirely unmanageable.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, who was assisted by the joint presidents of the association, and he accompanied on the organ, as he later remarked, the finest congregational singing ever heard in the church.

After tea, which was held in the Parish Room, Mr. W. Hargreaves, of Lindley, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for playing the organ, to the ladies for making tea, and to the local ringers for making the arrangements.—The Rev. T. Mathieson seconded and the Vicar responded.

At the business meeting, the Rev. A. L. Minns took the chair. Four new members were elected, and Brighouse was announced as the venue for the November meeting.

Mr. G. H. Turner, of Northowram, proposed that a special method be studied, to be practised at the monthly meetings. This was carried and the method for the November meeting will be Double Norwich.

The Chairman stressed the point that the special method would on no account dominate the day's programme, and any ringer who did not feel inclined to practise the method would have ample opportunity of ringing the usual methods. This new venture should be very popular, because there are a number of ringers in the district who are desirous of practising the higher methods, but who have had but little opportunity.

Mr. J. Turner, Lindley, was appointed Deputy Ringing Master to relieve the official Ringing Master, or to take charge should the latter be unable to attend.

Ringing was resumed after the meeting, and the offending bell continued to give trouble until, rather late in the evening, a superman arrived, and showed everyone how the bell should be rung. Needless to say, everything followed smoothly and there was a perfect ending to a most enjoyable day.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Ladies' Guild will join in congratulations to their hon. secretary, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, to-morrow on the occasion of her birthday.

At the age of 90, Mr. George F. Margetson, of Thundersley, Essex, has had under doctor's orders, but much against his will, to give up active ringing. Mr. Margetson was an enthusiastic leader among ringers in the Essex suburbs of London, in the days when he was at Cligwell Row, and many will remember him for the poetical effusions which he formerly published in the ringing papers.

The peal of eight at Sandbach, Cheshire, have just been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They were rededicated on Sunday by the Ven. Archdeacon Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach. A meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held there on Saturday week.

The annual meeting of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was to have been held at Brislington to-morrow, has been transferred to St. Matthew's, Cotham.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE OF ST. PAUL'S BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The account of the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells 60 years ago, given in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' by Mr. F. E. Dawe, is interesting, especially to one who rang with most of the worthies mentioned by him over 40 years ago at Sunday service ringing at St. Paul's.

But this is not my reason for writing to you. I want to take objection to Mr. Dawe's remarks in his last two paragraphs (the last especially), which is so glaringly expressed, that it could not be mistaken as referring to the dedication and opening of Winchester Cathedral bells last year.

In these remarks Mr. Dawe has gone quite beyond his depths. As far as I know, he is not in touch with a territorial guild or association as an officer, and therefore is not in a position to judge or criticise, especially our Guild, which has always treated him with the greatest hospitality and respect. If Mr. Dawe wishes to compare the openings of bells 60 years ago with the present day, he is much behind the times. I recollect, before our Guild was formed, the opening of the new eight at Privett by a band of College Youths from London. I wonder what members of our Guild would say to our 'Executive' if such a thing was attempted now?

The Winchester Cathedral opening was a very dignified event in our history, and the majority of our members attended, not to show off their prowess, but just to have a ring on the opening day of their Cathedral bells—to many the event of a lifetime. I hope Mr. Dawe will take these few remarks in the spirit in which they are written and consider his remarks unjustified.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Master,  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

## THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. J. PARKER.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The memorial to the late Mr. J. J. Parker, the well-known composer, which was proposed in February last, has received a great response. The memorial has taken the form of retuning and rehangng all the eight bells in the tower of St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. During the work a crack was discovered in the fifth bell and recasting was necessary. The work was taken in hand soon after Easter and the bells were back again by the end of July. The peal is now in very good condition and the sound is much more mellow than before. The work has been done very well.

The actual cost of the work done by the founders was £238, but extra costs have been incurred by the necessary blocking up of part of the louvres and the redecoration of the belfry and the tablet to be placed in the church. Up to date we have received £215, and if we receive the donation promised by the Oxford Diocesan Guild the £238 will be very nearly reached.

May we take this opportunity of thanking all those associations and individual bellringers all over the country who have contributed to the fund?

The Oxford Diocesan Guild are holding a meeting at St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, to-morrow (Saturday), and at 4.30 there will be a short thanksgiving service. A notice of the meeting will be found in the 'Notices' column. We will be glad to see any who wish to come.

R. A. CRAWLEY-BOEVEY, Hon. Treasurer.  
Farnham Royal Rectory.

## BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

As a birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Hughes, of the White-chapel Foundry, daughter of the Master of St. Lawrence Jewry Guild, the members on Sunday, Oct. 30th, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, A. Allen 2, E. Murrell 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, M. Hodgson 5, R. Allen 6, A. A. Hughes 7, E. Owen 8.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—44.

## DANIEL SMITH.

For the past three or four years Mr. Daniel Smith, of Shafton, Barnsley, has headed the list of conductors for the Yorkshire Association, although only last Saturday he rang his one hundredth peal, sixty-two of which he has called.

Attached to the six-bell band at Felkirk, Yorkshire, Mr. Smith has naturally devoted most of his attention to Minor ringing, in which he has achieved some noteworthy successes, for among the peals which he has called have been one in 35 spliced methods, two in 25, two in 20, three in 14 and one in 10 methods, and 11 peals consisting of seven Surprise methods.

Mr. Smith is a native of Gloucestershire, having been born at Ruardean on November 8th, 1896, but he did not begin ringing until early in 1925, when he learned to handle a bell at Felkirk. Previous to that he had not the slightest idea what bellringing was, and the only thing he regrets is that he did not take it up earlier in life, for he feels he missed a lot of pleasure.

His first peal was one of Bob Minor at Felkirk, rung on February 26th, 1927, and it was, for the ringers, a memorable performance. It was the first attempt for a peal by all the band and the first by a local band on the bells. There had been no change ringing by local ringers at Felkirk until about 1921, and when it was started none of them understood much about it, but by assiduous study of Snowdon's 'Ropesight' and knowledge gained by attending the monthly meetings of the Barnsley and District Society, the band soon made headway.

Mr. Smith rang his first peal as conductor on March 5th, 1932, when he called seven 720's in seven Treble Bob methods at Felkirk. Naturally he values the spliced peals, as they have been rung by mixed bands from various towers in the district and without practice. His record also includes a non-conducted peal at Felkirk in seven Treble Bob Minor methods.

Mr. Smith was appointed hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society in January, 1937, and last June was elected on the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association.



MR. DANIEL SMITH.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

## ENJOYABLE EVENING AT CHORLEY.

The seventh annual dinner of the Lancashire Association was held on October 29th, Chorley Town Hall being the venue. The chair was taken by the president (the Rev. A. Scott), who was supported by the Mayor of Chorley, the Rev. T. C. Porteus (Vicar of St. George's, Chorley), the Rev. W. S. Mellor (Rector of Standish), Mr. C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer of the association), Mr. W. H. Shuker and Mr. T. Wilson (hon. secretaries), and several members of the committee. Although the company was not as large as in former years, it was a happy gathering. The dinner, admirably served by Messrs. J. Booth and Son, was cooked twelve miles away and brought to the Town Hall in containers, but it came to the tables as if prepared on the spot.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Rev. T. C. Porteus proposed 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association,' to which Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool) responded.

Mr. F. G. Bradley (Whittle-le-Woods) gave the toast of 'Our Guests,' which was acknowledged by the Mayor of Chorley.

The health of the Chairman /was drunk on the call of the Rev. W. S. Mellor.

The Revellers' Concert Party entertained the company between the speeches, and Mr. and Miss Booth contributed selections of old and new tunes on their handbells.

A very enjoyable evening was spent, although there was deep regret that the Rector of Chorley had recently died.

During the afternoon visitors had had the opportunity of ringing at both the Parish Church and the Roman Catholic Church, each of which has a ring of eight bells.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

## ANNUAL GATHERING IN LONDON.

## Yorkshire President on Ringers' 'Inheritance.'

Although it was not to be expected that the enthusiasm and interest aroused last year in the College Youths' annual gathering by the tercentenary celebrations could be repeated this year, Saturday's proceedings in London proved highly successful and brought together a representative company from all parts of the country. Ringing took place at a number of city churches during the afternoon, service was held in the Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, on College Hill, and afterwards a company numbering nearly 220 dined together at Cannon Street Hotel.

The service at St. Michael's was largely attended. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Douglas) officiated, the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xlv., beginning 'Let us now praise famous men,' was read by the Master of the Society (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association). The hymns were 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'We love the place.' Before the address five Stepney ringers rang a perfect course of Grandsire Cateters on handbells: H. E. Thompson 1-2, J. A. Waugh 3-4, L. J. Fox 5-6, G. W. Cecil 7-8, T. G. Fox 9-10.

Canon Marshall based his address upon the words, 'As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing and yet possessing all things' (II. Corinthians, vi., 10). Having had a fairly long connection with bellringing in Yorkshire, he said, he felt, in speaking at that annual service of the Ancient Society, he was somehow getting back to deep foundations; getting in touch with the society which was actually concerned with the birth of change ringing just over 300 years ago. The child which was then born had had a rather chequered career, and the Exercise, to use a good old word, had passed through many phases, some good and some not so good. They stood to-day as inheritors of the past, which had been handed down to them. Their inheritance was not just those things which, for a time, they had gathered round them, as a child sitting on the floor gathered all its toys around it, but which in time must be taken from them. Real possessions were those things which were part of themselves, something which no one could take from them, not even death, and something, correspondingly, which, because it was part of themselves, they could really share with others—patience, long suffering, pureness, kindness and truth. He bade his hearers think of the inheritance which they possessed in their art of change ringing as members of that Ancient Society. If that possession was to be real it must be part of themselves, and not just some pastime, which they had added to their life, and which they enjoyed, but something which, because it was of value, they had tried to build into their life. One or two things surely followed from this. First, and he admitted they were truisms, they should always give their best to this inheritance. Nothing less than that must suffice; no careless slipshod ringing, but good striking, good raising and falling; their best whatever it might be; no unpunctuality, no failure to turn up. All those things were ways in which they could add to the real value of their inheritance. Secondly, because this inheritance was really part of themselves, it was something which could and must be shared with others—'as poor, but making many rich.' There were ringers who were not sharers. They thought only of getting peals and would not share in what was often the drudgery of teaching others. What they possessed, if it were really part of themselves, they must always be ready to share to the utmost with others, otherwise it was not true possession. Among the other wonderful possessions which ringing gave them were their own memories, their fellowships, their visits to other churches. He urged them to value these possessions to the utmost and hand on their gifts to those who follow. Above all else their inheritance must be for the service which they were privileged to give to the church of Christ. As they all knew, that had not always been the thought behind bellringing, and he was afraid it was not always so to-day, although, of course, a tremendous change had come about. But if their possession was to be held most truly valuable, it must be the service which they were privileged to render in the Church.

## THE DINNER.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) presided at the dinner, and Mr. E. P. Duffield (the immediate past master) was in the vice-chair. Among those present were the Ven. Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. H. Longuet-Higgins, M.C. (Rector of Brasted), Capt. Cann (Brookwood), the Rev. Canon Douglas (St. Michael's), the Rev. A. Lombardini (St. Lawrence Jewry), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus'), the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. A. A. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), Major F. A. Yorke (Durham), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Messrs. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the society), A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton (trustees), L. R. Porter and J. Waugh (stewards). Ringers were present from many parts of the country, especially the home counties, and many came from distant places such as Bath, Birmingham, Bridport, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Coventry, Eastbourne, Ipswich, Kettering, Manchester, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newbury, Newport, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Salisbury, Sheffield, Somerset, Winchester, etc.—a testimony to the widespread interest which is taken in this annual gathering.

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## VETERAN COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MEMBERS FOR OVER HALF A CENTURY.

(Continued from previous page.)

During dinner, the Master 'took wine' with those who had been members of the society for 60 years, and to this Messrs. W. D. Smith, F. E. Dawe and C. F. Winney responded. He then 'took wine' with those who had been members over 50 years, and three others joined the little group, Canon G. F. Coleridge and Messrs. H. R. Newton and R. T. Hibbert. These veterans were received with loud applause.

The Master, in discharging what he described as a traditional duty at these gatherings of the society, proposed the toast of 'The Church,' and said he would like to continue a little bit the argument which he started four weeks earlier at Sheffield, when he had to propose the toast of 'Church and State.' On that occasion he finished by pointing out that it was a rather curious position in which the Church found itself, that the last word in the matters of order and the church services had to be settled by Parliament, of which none of the members need necessarily be members of the Church. He suggested that before long, when they had tidied up international affairs, this was one of the things that would have to be settled in this country. That night he would like to go a little further and to suggest that, curious as was the position at present, it might be of some good after all. He remembered when, before the war, a certain politician was trying to disestablish the Welsh Church and doing other things, for which purpose he thought it would be useful to get rid of the House of Lords, a political meeting was held in his (the speaker's) old parish of Frodsham, and the chairman, referring to the question of the House of Lords, asked the audience, what was the most important part of a motor-car. One or two suggestions came from the back of the hall, but the chairman explained that he considered the most important part of the car was the brake. He (Mr. Lewis) was quite sure that was not a bad thing in the case of the new Prayer Book. He was not sure that churchpeople as a whole were ready for the change when it was proposed, and he was not sure they had sufficiently got used to the machinery for expressing themselves, so as to convey a fair general opinion of the Church, through the Church Assembly. That would come as they got educated to it. He felt that the Church in this country, and very much more so in other countries, was going to be 'up against it' in the next few years, and it was most important that they, as a Church, should be united, know what they wanted and say so authoritatively through the Church Assembly (applause).

### KING'S MAN AND CHURCHMAN.

Continuing, the Master returned to the subject of ringers and beer bottles, which had been mentioned at the Yorkshire dinner. The Archdeacon of Sheffield said he was glad to hear that at the time their Ancient Society was founded ringers had nothing to do with the Church, and, therefore, he was less disturbed at hearing that beer bottles were occasionally found in belfries in those bad old days. He (Mr. Lewis) did not quite say that. What he did say was that at the time their society was founded the Church did not allow any bell-ringing in connection with her services, and, therefore, all ringing that was done, was done more or less for secular purposes, national occasions and as a pastime; but it was not true to say that ringers had nothing to do with the Church. He was sure their founder (Lord Brereton), who suffered severely a few years later for his views, was a keen churchman. They knew he was a keen King's man, and for that reason it was fair to assume that he was a keen churchman.

On the wider question of the position of the Church, Mr. Lewis said he was sure the various branches of the Catholic Church, while retaining their separate identities, could co-operate, and must co-operate very much more than they had done, if they were to meet the terrible menace of the various ideologies, which were definitely anti-Church and definitely anti-Christian, on the Continent of Europe to-day. When he said the Churches should co-operate, he did not suggest physical amalgamation, and there came to his mind the parallel which he could not help mentioning, because he felt quite certain it was possible that their friends, the Cumberland Youths and other ringing societies, could retain their identity absolutely and completely and yet co-operate in furthering the art which they all had so close at heart to-day (applause).

At the close of his speech Mr. Lewis said he had been handed a note telling him that beer was never bottled before 1788 (laughter).

He coupled with the toast the name of the Archdeacon of London, at whose suggestion, said Mr. Lewis, the splendid service in St. Paul's Cathedral on the occasion of their tercentenary last year was held.

The Archdeacon of London, in reply to the toast, said he was sure they were all with the Master in the great desire he had expressed that in these days, with all the evil they had to fight against, they should have as much unity as they could among all branches of the great Church (applause). They could not expect to have uniformity; but they must work and pray for unity. He laid emphasis on the point that the Church did not consist merely of the parsons; it was the people, as well, who were the Church. The more the members of that old society, and everyone, could bring themselves to realise that they were part and parcel of the Church, their work for the Church would be happier and better done.

### ST. PAUL'S BELLS HEARD IN ARCTIC CIRCLE.

He felt that they owed a tremendous debt to the bellringers. Once a month they had at St. Paul's Cathedral a Sunday evening service

that was broadcast to the world. One month it so happened that he was taking the service and he sent a message to all those who were listening in different parts of the world and said he hoped he might send a special message to his own relatives. His daughter was listening to it in Madras, his brother in New Zealand, and his cousins in Australia were listening. He had two hundred letters from all parts of the world referring to that service, and in letter after letter mention was made of the joy and happiness of hearing the bells, with which they always began the service at St. Paul's (applause). A lady writing from the Arctic Circle, who would not receive any letters for months from home, was listening to the service, and she wrote, 'You cannot tell what it was for us to hear those bells. We never hear a bell here, and to hear the old chimes and the old bells ringing out brought one home at once.'

'I want you to think of that message reaching hearts all over the world, when it is broadcast, as it is month by month at St. Paul's,' continued the Archdeacon, 'and when you think of the message, think of it as work you are doing for the Church and for our Lord. I want you to feel encouraged that your work is far more appreciated than many of you suppose. You may not hear about it, but it is from occasions such as I have spoken of that we do get to find out what is being felt all over the world by our English-speaking people about the blessing of the bells. Those of you who ring the bells are sending out the message in our country parishes and in our great cities, a message which has been ringing out year after year for hundreds of years. Think of what those towers and those bells could tell us if they could only speak; what they could tell us of all the history of our Church during these last three hundred years and more; what they could tell us of the great Evangelical revival; what they could tell us about the Oxford Movement and about all that is happening to-day. What a wonderful history it would be if we could realise all that the bells could tell us about our Church.'

They had a marvellous opportunity to-day, continued the Archdeacon, of realising that they were workers together in the Church, each doing their particular part not only for the good of the Church, but for the good of the world. If they wanted a Christian world to-day it must come from the work of the Church, the Body of Christ, of which they were all members. They had each their own responsibility and privilege of taking part in the work of the Church, which had been a blessing to the country in the past and which, with God's help, would be a greater blessing in the future. For that end they must each do their little bit, otherwise their part would be missing. There was a place for them all. Let them go from that happy gathering back again to the places to which they belonged in the Church, there to fulfil their duties which would make the Church a blessing, not only to this country, but to the world (applause).

### CANON COLERIDGE'S ADVICE TO YOUNG RINGERS.

Canon Coleridge, who proposed the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths, began with what he termed his 'annual complaint' of delay in the proceedings, which prevented the members who came from the country sharing in as much of the programme as they might otherwise do. They wasted a quarter of an hour at the outset, because dinner did not begin at the appointed time, and another quarter of an hour by an interval after dinner. Did they suppose, he asked, that any guest invited to the Lord Mayor's banquet would dare to come a quarter of an hour late and keep the proceedings waiting, or that the Lord Mayor would announce a quarter of an hour's interval before calling on the Prime Minister? (laughter). The delay made it impossible for him to hear anything of the third page of the programme, for he had to be home to get a night's rest before an arduous Sunday.

He was grateful to those who had shown so much solicitude for his well-being on that occasion, but he assured them that he was still able to travel alone and look after himself.

'You will expert me,' said Canon Coleridge, 'to say a few words about our late beloved secretary. We all loved him; we all had the greatest admiration for the way in which he handled the affairs of this old society. We looked upon him as a true friend and a very wise counsellor. The large number of ringers who turned up at that great service in St. Paul's Cathedral for his funeral, and again at the cemetery, showed the affection and esteem in which he was held. Personally, I feel I have lost a very dear friend, indeed.'

Continuing, Canon Coleridge referred to the serious times through which the country had recently passed, when they were within a few hours of possibly the bloodiest war in the world's history. That by the grace of God through, he verily believed, the prayers of the multitudes who gathered together during those conversations, was staved off. If it had been otherwise not one of them would have been there that night.

He had heard, he went on, that there was a very smart young band coming on in London. They not only handled their own ten bells in masterly style, but attended the College Youths' practices as often as they could. Some of those young men had shown them a sample of what they could do at the service which they had attended that evening, when they rang a course of Grandsire Caters exceedingly well. He asked them, in all seriousness, not to let any female attractions take them away from their job (laughter). There was plenty of time to get married later on (laughter). A former well-known College Youth told him that when he married he made a bargain with his wife. He told her he would not marry her unless she allowed him out three nights a week for ringing (laughter). She looked rather



astonished, but agreed to it, and that ringer always had his three nights a week (laughter and applause). 'Bide a bit,' said Canon Coleridge. 'Stick to it and show what you can really do; stick together with one intention and purpose to do your very best, not only in the matter of excellency of striking, but also of goodwill one to another' (applause).

#### INSPIRATION OF MR. COCKERILL'S EXAMPLE.

Mr. A. B. Peck said he responded to the toast with mixed feelings, sadness that their beloved 'skipper' was not with them that night, but gladness because he realised his spirit was with them. His wonderful example was ever before them; he was an inspiration to the younger men to carry on. He felt personally he could not do better than follow Mr. Cockerill's example and work for the society as the 'skipper' did all his life (applause). When he (Mr. Peck) was elected secretary twelve months ago, Mr. Cockerill told him he would help him all he could, and that was the principal reason that induced him to take on the job; but alas, it was not to be; Mr. Cockerill was soon taken from them.

The society, said Mr. Peck, had had a very quiet year, as they might expect after their wonderful tercentenary year. They had elected 33 new members and held 77 practices, which were attended by 121 different members. Some had attended only once, but one attended 64 times. They had rung 18 peals—two of Minor, two of Bob Major, one of Double Norwich, one of Cambridge Major, three of London Surprise, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Treble Bob Royal, three of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Caters and three of Stedman Cinques. The most outstanding peal was the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's to Mr. Cockerill's memory; the first half-muffled peal on the bells and a last tribute to their beloved secretary.

The Hon. Secretary went on to announce messages of apology and good wishes from Mr. James George (Birmingham), Mr. M. Northover (Reigate), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, wrote that old age (he is 83½) and increasing infirmities prevented him attending. He must be, he said, the 'father' of the society, having been elected on November 10th, 1874. He had always been proud of his membership, and his certificate, framed and glazed, was before him as he wrote. He hoped they would have a record attendance (applause).

A message had also been received from Miss Daisy E. Cockerill, wishing the members a successful and happy evening in the name of her brother and herself. She was very thankful that her father was able to be at the tercentenary dinner last year, as he had been looking forward to it for so long.

Other apologies had been received from the Revs. J. H. Ellison, J. B. Howden, E. G. Turner and R. French, and Messrs. S. H. Wood (Bristol), W. C. Dowding (Birmingham) and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash).

The list of members who had passed away during the year was then read by the hon. secretary, while the members remained standing: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. W. Cross, W. T. Pates, A. Riley, W. H. Hollier, W. A. Cooke, George Smith, George Holifield, E. E. Phillips, W. Hughes, G. T. Daltry and W. T. Cockerill; to whom had to be added the Rev. Canon Haldane, who died the previous day.

Continuing, Mr. Peck thanked the various city incumbents for kindly allowing the facilities for practice, and the officers and members for their loyal support during the year.

Mr. Peck concluded by saying that the officers intended to do their best to carry on the traditions of the society, so that they could hand them down to posterity in as good condition as they found them (applause).

(To be continued.)

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

##### MR. L. B. PORTER BECOMES MASTER.

On Tuesday evening the society met at headquarters, the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, after ringing practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, to elect officers. The retiring Master, Mr. E. H. Lewis, who has served for two years, was unable to be present, as he had to leave England for Denmark, on business, on Monday.

There had only been one nomination for the respective offices, and the following were duly elected: Master, Mr. Lawrence B. Porter; senior steward, Mr. Jack Waugh; junior steward, Mr. George W. Cecil; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church for morning service on Sunday, October 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, H. Mance 2, E. L. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, C. A. Button 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, L. G. Franks 8. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who is on a visit from Limerick.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On Sunday, October 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Keeley 1, Miss L. Keeley 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, E. Hawker 6, C. W. Powell 7, E. Tett 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of treble and tenor. First quarter-peal of Grandsire with a working bell by the ringer of the 2nd, and first quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th.

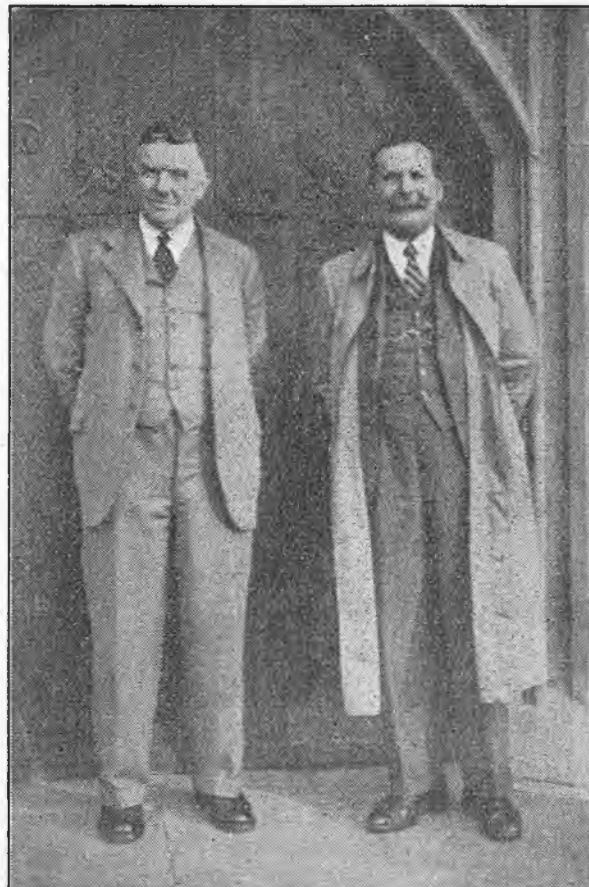
## HILLINGDON VETERANS HONOURED.

### FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE IN ONE TOWER.

#### Presentations at Ringers' Social.

Two members of the band at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, have each completed 50 years' service as ringers at their parish church. These are Messrs. J. J. Pratt and W. Honor, born and bred in Hillingdon, when it was a peaceful country village. To-day Hillingdon is swallowed up in that network of great towns that have stretched themselves round the outer fringe of London. But 'through all the changing scenes of life,' Messrs. Pratt and Honor have loyally given their services to their church and the art of ringing, and at a meeting held at Hillingdon on Saturday, October 22nd, presentations were made to them to mark the auspicious anniversary.

The occasion was a very successful joint meeting of the Middlesex County Association, the Oxford Guild and the Ladies' Guild. About 80 members and friends were present from Bayswater, Belvedere,



MR. J. J. PRATT AND MR. W. HONOR.

Billingham, Boyne Hill, Brentford, Camberwell, Clewer (St. Andrew's), Cookham, Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Edmonton, Farnham Royal, Harrow, Hillingdon (St. Andrew's and St. John's), Isleworth, Kensington (St. Mary Abbot's), Leytonstone, Prittlewell, Ruislip, Slough, Stoke Poges, Sunbury, Uxbridge, West Grinstead, Westminster (St. Margaret's and St. Stephen's), Willesden, Windsor and Woodburn.

At St. John's, Hillingdon, the ringing was under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert (Ringing Master). Grandsire Triples, the first touch, was followed by rounds for learners, and subsequently, other standard methods were rung, as well as a course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. As a service touch Stedman Caters were brought round. After tea the ringing included a plain course of Grandsire Caters by ladies only, and Bob Royal. At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, ringing was delayed until 3.30 p.m. owing to a service, but rounds and all standard methods up to and including Cambridge Surprise were rung under the supervision of Mr. F. Corke, about 25 ringers being present.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar at St. John's, who gave an eloquent address, stressing the need of putting one's best into everything. He remarked on the need for well-attended practices, so that

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## MEN WHO TYPIFY THE OLD SPIRIT.

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Sunday ringing should be of the best, and said that outsiders, even though ignorant of ringing matters, noticed if the bells were not rung properly and if only six were going where there was a peal of eight.

Following the usual substantial tea, always so well arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) referred to the recent remarks in 'The Ringing World' on the question of joint meetings which were now being so successfully held. With regard to the suggestion made at a meeting at Kingston for a national association of ringers, he did not think this was necessary, providing the districts were well organised and that they cultivated co-operation between themselves and with the Church authorities.

The presentations were made prior to a 'social,' arranged by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow and his colleagues, with Mr. W. H. Coles as M.C.

The Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. A. M. Bashford) said it was a very great occasion for Hillingdon Church and the parish, the achievement of their two ringers was a wonderful record indeed. It reflected tremendous credit on those who had given such loyal and splendid service.

Alderman Craig said Mr. Honor and Mr. Pratt had been stalwarts of the village for very many years. The Hillingdon of to-day had lost its old entity, and little of the old village or its spirit, which many of them remembered with so much pleasure, remained. 'In those days,' said Mr. Craig, 'everyone knew everyone else and we called each other by our Christian names. To-day we are entirely submerged. There is very little of the old Hillingdon village, or the old Hillingdon spirit best represented by the service of Mr. Honor and Mr. Pratt left.'

He welcomed the opportunity to pay tribute to these two men who typified that old spirit of service, cheerfully and loyally rendered, the spirit which was so much needed to-day.

On behalf of the churchwardens and the people of Hillingdon, he associated himself with the presentation. He hoped Hillingdon would never lack such men of spirit.

Mr. W. H. Coles added a word of congratulation from the bell-ringers.

Mr. Pratt was presented with a lounge chair and Mr. Honor with a handsome chiming clock, tobacco pouch and pipe, and both made brief but suitable responses.

Dancing, to the strains of the 'Lambeth Walk' and other popular numbers, was much enjoyed. A 'serious operation' took place in full view of the audience and caused much amusement and some trepidation. The victim, however, soon recovered and seemed pleased to have got off for 'five bob.' A number of amusing games followed, including variations of 'Oranges and Lemons,' the 'Wedding Night' and others, and a well-conducted spelling bee contest between the Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies' Guild was won, amid much applause, by the ladies with 13 points, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Botham and Mrs. Housden winning full marks.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and carried with acclamation to the Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. A. M. Bashford, M.A.), the Vicar of St. Andrew's (the Rev. R. Home), Alderman G. G. Craig and Mr. J. H. Coleman (churchwardens), Mr. Sayer (organist), Messrs. F. F. Smith and F. Corke (steeplekeepers) and to all those who made the arrangements for the tea and social, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow, the Misses Darvill, Coles, Haynes, Barker, Gutteridge and Dean, and to the secretary.

Coffee and light refreshments were served during the evening and the proceedings terminated about 11 p.m.

## JOY BELLS AT TUNSTALL.

The ringers at Tunstall, Kent, assembled at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 30th, to proclaim the joy and thanks of the parish for the preservation of peace by ringing touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, they rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers taking part were Miss B. Spice, J. Spice, Mrs. G. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. E. Spice, Mrs. E. H. Spice, W. Spice, sen. (conductor), G. Webb, J. Webb, Miss F. Hollands and G. Kenward.

## THANKSGIVING TOUCHES.

At Coseley, Staffs, for harvest festival evensong, on Sunday, October 2nd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Jeavons 1, J. Holden (first quarter-peal) 2, W. Fisher 3, A. Cope 4, W. Grinsell 5, S. Baker 6, J. D. Holden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, F. Holden 8. All are members of the local band.

On Wednesday evening, October 5th, at Rainham Parish Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Morris 1, Miss J. Naylor 2, Miss K. Cheal 3, F. Cheal 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker 6, G. Naylor (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. On Sunday evening, October 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss K. Cheal 2, Miss J. Naylor 3, C. Belsey 4, F. Cheal (conductor) 5, W. Walker 6, G. Naylor 7, C. Webb 8.

At Great Baddow, Essex, on Sunday, October 9th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Ainger (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, G. Green 2, Miss D. K. French 3, P. Felton 4, Pat Spencer Phillips (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (composer and conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8.

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brownedge (St. Mary's R.C.) on Saturday, November 12th. Eight bells. Tower open 2 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—St. Paul's, Walden. The peal, recently augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be available for the first district meeting on Saturday, November 12th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, and I must ask you to 'play the game' and let me know. Remember, it's an opening of a new peal. May I expect 10—or 100? Committee members please make an effort to attend, as I have business for you.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8 bells) on Saturday, November 12th, to inaugurate the new Eastern District. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Excellent bus service from Ipswich. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Gen. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business and election of officers for 1939. Private coach from Owen's Garage, Shaw Street, Worcester, 2.30. Return fare 1s. 3d.—G. E. Large, 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake District.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Watlingbury on November 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cafe, Watlingbury, at 5.30. It is several years since the association visited this tower. Come and try these bells. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Please make an effort to make this meeting successful.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).**—A joint meeting will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged at Farnham Royal (8 bells), on Saturday, November 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—North Midland District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Todmorden Unitarian Church on November 12th, but will be transferred to the Parish Church tower after tea. Interested ringers please note.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be at Winthorpe (6 bells), near Newark, on Nov. 12th. Please do your best to be present.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol City Branch. — Please take notice that the annual meeting of the above branch, arranged for Brislington on Nov. 12th, has been cancelled, and will now take place at St. Matthew's, Cotham, on the same date. Come up and see us. — W. H. Thomas, Hon. Branch Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — Meetings for Nov.: St. Magnus', Thames St., 24th, 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral, 15th, 7.30 p.m.; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 22nd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, November 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports now ready.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern Branch).—Combined meeting at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meetings 5.15 in the Parish Hall. Notifications by Thursday, 17th. Everybody welcome.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch will hold their November meeting at Lacock on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The Abbey will be open to ringers and friends at 3.30 sharp. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome. Intending visitors please let me know by Wednesday, November 16th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berks Branch.—SS. Peter and Paul's, Wantage. Re-dedication of bells (8), after rehanging by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, November 19th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Please send a card if you are staying to tea to A. V. Gibbs, Trinder Road, Wantage, Berks.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lea, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$  cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. It is absolutely essential that all who require tea notify me, the undersigned, by the Tuesday previous.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandbach on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. This peal of 8 bells have just been retuned and rehung in a new steel frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a postcard by the 16th instant?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Rainbow Inn at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Visitors cordially invited.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District. — The next ringing meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Cards for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Peter's bells (10) open from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Blacksmiths Arms 5.30 p.m. Election of officers and secretary's report, etc. All district ringers are asked to attend. Please notify me by Friday, 18th.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** —Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stoughton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The tower has recently been rebuilt, five old bells recast and one added by Mears and Stainbank. Bells available 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (6d.) and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham. Phone Evesham 6061.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.** — The next meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 19th (please note date). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All are welcome. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, not later than the Wednesday previous to the meeting. Notifications can be sent to the guild secretary, but must arrive by the Tuesday previous, not Thursday, as stated on the members' notices. — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seavington, St. Mary, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please advise by Tuesday, 15th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Our next meeting will be held at Matlock, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Will those hoping to be present get in touch with Mr. V. Taylor, 20, Mornington Rise, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea in the Welcome Hall

at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells of Merton Parish Church will be available for ringing in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. W. Arthur Taylor, 25, Beverley Avenue, Wimbledon, S.W.20, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. Nominations for district officers may be made at this meeting. —F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', High Street, on Saturday, November 26th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 3.30, All Saints', and at other churches in the evening as announced. Ringers wishing to attend and requiring tea, please notify by November 22nd to E. J. B. Morton, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 11, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 18½ cwt.). Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to the undersigned not later than the 24th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterill, near Bristol.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Munday, 92, High St., Old Woking.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th. St. Anne's, West Hill, Highgate, will be available from 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Evening ringing will be at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, and possibly Gospel Oak; full particulars later. It is essential that names for tea should reach one of the following by Thursday, Nov. 24th.—J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh St., Westminster S.W.1 (L.C.A.); N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent (R.C.Y.).

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District. — The annual general meeting of this district will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. As this is the Silver Jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the Cathedral bells, it is hoped there will be a good attendance, and in order to assist in the catering arrangements it will be appreciated if those who require tea will let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. —A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present please notify H. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead.

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**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, free to all those who notify me by Dec. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mill-field, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.



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To some people, content with ringing the well-worn methods, this constant breaking of new ground may make little appeal; indeed, some look upon it with an unfavourable eye, because they imagine that only by constant practice at one thing can a method be properly rung. In this, however, they make a profound mistake. Bands who, like the Hertfordshire men, ring a peal in a new Surprise method on an average, say, once a month, are masters of the art, and there is no method, old or new, which they could not ring well, for, unless they rang well, they would fail. They are helping to raise the standard of striking just as much as those old-fashioned ringers who are content all their lives to stick to just one or two methods. But, more than this, they are showing the world the vast possibilities that are to be found in our art, and while no one is compelled to follow them, and few could follow them in the pace they have set, these achievements are an inducement to all ringers to get away from the stagnation that marks all too many bands.

It is not entirely in the Surprise field that this applies, either. There is plenty of opportunity in the plain methods. There is an idea abroad that it is only the Surprise ringers who have any scope. Nothing could be wider of the mark. There may be a more extensive range in Surprise methods—for an obvious reason—but plain methods are to be had in large numbers, and there are many of them worthy of wide practice; indeed, some of them, if studied, will be found to require as much ringing as many in the Surprise class. 'Surprise' is really an overrated word. In these days it refers only to a 'class' of methods; many of them no more difficult to ring than plain methods like Double Norwich, and far less musical. Surprise ringing is not necessarily the only indication of progress. There are many good plain methods that ought to be in more general use, and yet there are not in the plain Major methods, five that are rung as frequently as London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and

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CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... .. 8
ALFRED ADAMS ... .. 3	WALTER R. HUGHES ... .. 9
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 4	GILBERT HARDING ... .. 10
THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... .. 11
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ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 2	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7
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JOHN SALWAY ... .. 3	RICHARD WILMINGTON ... .. 7
JOSEPH BREALY ... .. 4	JOHN MORGAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

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C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 4	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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ALLAN SHORT ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 7
*RONALD SHEPHERD ... .. 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 11½ cwt.

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LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 2	REGINALD MARTIN ... .. 6
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Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	*GEORGE SEWELL ... .. 5
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... .. 2	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN CURRY ... .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 4	JOHN G. AMES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

\* First peal in the method.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*JOSEPH PAPWORTH ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... .. 5
JOHN C. NEWMAN ... .. 2	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 6
ERNEST BRIGHT ... .. 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK FLUDDER ... .. Tenor

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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MAURICE G. TURNER ... .. 4	*FREDERICK HORSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival of All Saints, and also as a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday and to Herbert Howell on his birthday.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF VERULAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... .. 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

KING'S NORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 6
CECIL E. CARR ... .. 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Davis), who was inducted the previous week.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. Treble	SIDNEY A. WYATT ... .. 5
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 7
*ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, 'Lest we forget.'

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GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GAYES ... .. Treble	JACK TIPPER ... .. 5
*ARNOLD WORTH ... .. 2	THOMAS B. KNIGHT ... .. 6
HARRY FARRAR ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
†GERALD FARRAR... .. 4	†EDWARD SEED ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS (No. 2). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.  
\* First peal of Triples. † First peal. † First peal on eight bells.  
Arranged and rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Longden, of Macclesfield, grandparents of ringers of the 3rd and 4th, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BUSHEY, HERTS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF DEBEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. Treble	WALTER AYRE ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the association.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*FRANK DOBNEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... .. 5
JOHN W. CARTER ... .. 2	†ALBERT F. SARGENT ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	NORMAN T. KING ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	ERNEST T. KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST T. KING.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE Treble	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... .. 5
MISS LUCY KELLY ... .. 2	FRED WATKINSON ... .. 6
*RONALD BIRCH ... .. 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 7
MRS. E. DORICE KELLY ... .. 4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 115). Conducted by J. J. L. GILBERT

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to those who fell in the Great War.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

ARTHUR C. OTWAY, Ex-Corporal, Wiltshire Regiment ... .. Treble	
GEORGE COOK, Ex-Private, London Regiment ... .. 2	
FREDERICK G. WOODISS, Ex-Sergeant, Grenadier Guards ... .. 3	
GEORGE MARRINER, Ex-Sergeant, East Surrey Regiment ... .. 4	
ALFRED H. WINCH, Ex-Private, Labour Corps ... .. 5	
ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN, Ex-Bombardier, R.F.A. ... .. 6	
WILLIAM T. BEESON, Ex-Gunner, R.G.A. ... .. 7	
ALBERT HARMAN, M.S.M., Ex-S/Sergeant, R.G.A. ... .. Tenor	

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

Specially arranged to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Armistice.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

REV. R. F. R. ROUTH, Royal Army Chaplains' Dept. ... .. Treble	
GEORGE MARTIN, R.E. ... .. 2	
WILLIAM WELLING, 346th Siege Battery, R.G.A. ... .. 3	
THOMAS J. FOWLER, R.A.O.C. ... .. 4	
JESSE HARRISON, 29th Middlesex ... .. 5	
WILFRED EDWARDS, R.A.F. ... .. 6	
LEONARD STILWELL, 81st Battery, R.F.A. ... .. 7	
HARRY WINGROVE, 5th Oxford and Bucks L.I. ... .. Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Armistice.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*REGINALD H. NEWTON ... .. Treble	ERNEST PARKER ... .. 5
PERCIVAL HARDING ... .. 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7
†ALFRED J. BOYCE ... .. 4	*SIDNEY PRESCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF TILEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... .. 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 7
REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

This peal is to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham, which was rung at this church on Saturday, November 12th, 1898.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 6
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 7
PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except by the ringers of 6th and 7th. First peal in the method as conductor.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

EYTHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 1, 1938, in 1 two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (12 different callings), and six 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire (12 different callings).

Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. W. M. CHIVERS ... .. 1	LAURENCE BODMAN ... .. 3
MISS JOYCE BEAN ... .. 2	WILLIS BROOKS ... .. 4

E. THOMAS ELLENDER... .. 10

Conducted by LAURENCE BODMAN.

First peal in four methods for all, on the bells and by an entirely local band at this church.

WOOTTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 1 two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 120's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb.

FRANK E. BUGGINS ... .. 1	JAMES BUGGINS ... .. 4
HORACE W. MORRIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK APPLETON ... .. 5
ALBERT H. HOARE ... .. 3	THOMAS PORTLOCK ... .. 10

Conducted by F. APPLETON.

First peal and first attempt by all except the conductor.

BRAY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 3 three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

TONY PRICE ... .. 1	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 4
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 10

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*MISS ALISON M. GODDARD Treble	*JAMES CHAPMAN... .. 4
GEORGE HALL ... .. 2	MARTIN WALKER ... .. 5
ARTHUR HOODLESS ... .. 3	WALTER GODDARD ... .. 10

Conducted by WALTER GODDARD.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of the late Mrs. J. Atkinson, of Barrow-on-Humber, and Mr. J. W. Hobson, of Hull.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 1 three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) London and Wells; (2) Norfolk and Primrose; (3) York and Durham; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (5) Beverley and Surfleet; (6) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*G. ARTHUR DAY... .. 1	†WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... .. 10

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Canterbury, and nine spliced 240's of Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*LEONARD HART ... .. 1	†WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 3	... .. 10

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*HARRY STRINGER ... .. 1	PERCY W. SMITH... .. 4
JACK WALTER ... .. 2	SIDNEY WALTER ... .. 5
FREDERICK FAIRBEARD ... .. 3	STANLEY WHITE ... .. 10

Conducted by STANLEY WHITE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being an extent each of College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
HARRY CARTER ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. 10

Conducted by R. BIRD.

A birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree.

THORNER, YORKSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*W. MARTIN SMITH ... .. 1	MRS. ERIC GRAY ... .. 4
MISS PHYLLIS BAKER ... .. 2	CHARLES H. BAKER ... .. 5
JOSEPH DIXON ... .. 3	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 10

Conducted by G. L. A. LUNN.

\* First peal away from the 'cover' bell. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Dixon's mother.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 8, 1938, in 2 two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 1	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4
*WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 2	†BRIAN F. SIMS ... .. 5
HUGH HARDING ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 10

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' The first peal of Kent by all. Rung as a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. Ladds, verger and parish clerk at this church.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 2,640 of Grandsire, 1,200 of Plain Bob, 240 of Stedman and 960 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 12 cwt.

*A. BRIAN ELLSMORE ... .. Treble	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. 4
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	*THOMAS R. ECKLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal in four methods. First peal in four methods on the bells and first peal in four methods of Doubles as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Eckley (youngest daughter of the tenorman) and Mr. David Barrar, of Eardisland, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

OADBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two different extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN E. CLARK ... .. Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First four-method peal by all the band and on the bells. Rung for Armistice Day.

BROUGHTON, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One extent each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, College, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PHILIP BARNES ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
FRANK LORD ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 5
HAROLD JUDD ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First seven-method peal on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

KELHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 6, 1938, in One Hour and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the House of the Sacred Mission,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's called differently.

THOMAS BARLOW BROWN ... .. 1-2	*PHILIP JOHN BOULSOVER ... .. 3-4
ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by ALBERT FRANCIS SARGENT.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At Glyn Garth,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At Glyn Garth,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT ... .. 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

**PEAL NOTES.**

**MORE NEW METHODS.**

At Isleworth, on Saturday, another method was added to the peals of Royal. We have refrained from calling it a 'new' method, although it had never previously been rung, because its existence has long been known. The only surprising thing about it is that such an excellent method has not been in general practice.

Verulam Surprise has now been added to the methods rung for the first time by the Hertfordshire band, whose activities in this direction seem unending. The peal was rung at Bushey on Nov. 5th. Unfortunately, they have had to wipe one off the slate; the composition which was used for Newbury Surprise last July having been found false for that method.

Verulam is a name which comes from an old Roman source. St. Albans stands on the site of the old Roman city of that name.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, is the first to ring 200 tower-bell peals for the Hertford County Association. He reached this total on November 10th, when the first peal of Deben Surprise was rung for the association, as well as by all the band.

Two days later they added yet another to their many new Surprise methods, when, without previous practice, they scored a peal of Tilehurst Surprise Major at Tilehurst, Berks. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Goodger, who has been a ringer at Tilehurst for 53 years.

As a compliment to Mr. Ladds, vergor and parish clerk of St. Peter's, Tempsford, Beds, on his 76th birthday, the lads of the belfry rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor on Nov. 8th. We say the 'lads' because we are informed that they are all single young men. It was the first peal of Kent by all of them.

The ringers of a wedding peal of Doubles at Dilwyn, Herefordshire, had a narrow escape on November 7th. As the bells were being lowered in peal at the finish, the 2nd rope broke!

The peal had been rung after the marriage of Miss Margaret Eckley and Mr. David Barrar, of Eardisland, the bride's father ringing the tenor. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the bride's parents. Messrs. A. T. Wingate and E. F. Salmon rang their 25th peal together.

Arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Longden, of Macclesfield, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Gawsorth, Cheshire, on November 9th, by Sunday service ringers from Christ Church, Macclesfield. Two grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Longden, Messrs. Harry and Gerald Farrer, took part in the peal, which was also a birthday compliment to William Gayes.

**FORTY YEARS ON.**

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Bishopwearmouth, on Saturday, on the 40th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman in the county of Durham, which was rung at this church on Saturday, November 12th, 1898, by R. G. Chichester 1, Thomas Hudson 2, William T. Robson 3, William Storey 4, Robert C. Hudson 5, Robert Richards 6, Frederick J. Harrison (conductor) 7, Robert L. Patterson 8.

Of this band only Mr. Patterson took part in the commemorative performance, and before the peal the Rev. J. P. Pelloe led the company in prayers to the memory of ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th, in the peal of 40 years ago, who have since passed on.

Mr. Maurice G. Turner celebrated his twenty-first birthday by calling Holt's Original at All Saints', West Bromwich, on November 5th. It was his first peal as conductor, and the way in which he called the peal left no doubt as to his ability. Those who know the Original will best appreciate the merit of this performance.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Wootton, Oxfordshire, on November 5th, which is also recorded this week, is another meritorious performance. It was rung by the Sunday service ringers at this church and was the first peal and first attempt by all the band except the conductor.

Three peals of Bob Major were rung in three days at Surfleet last week, two on handbells, with one on tower bells sandwiched between. Mr. A. F. Sargent, of Kelham Theological College, Notts, was on a visit to Lincolnshire, and he rang his first peal on tower bells. The first of the handbell peals was Mr. Rupert Richardson's 450th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The anniversary of the dedication of the bells at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday.

An Armistice commemoration peal of Superlative was rung at Wilton, Taunton, on November 10th. This was a thoughtful action on the part of the ringers, who felt that prolonged ringing on Armistice night might be a source of disturbance to nearby residents, who desired to listen to the broadcast of the Festival of Remembrance.

The conductor (Mr. W. H. Lloyd) and Messrs. A. H. Reed and W. G. Gigg rang their first peal of Superlative, and Mr. Gigg rang his sixtieth peal. The conductor took part in a peal of Superlative at Loughborough Bell Foundry as long ago as 1924, but the composition afterwards turned out to be false.

The first peal on the bells at Goodnestone, near Canterbury, was rung on Nov. 5th. It was in three Minor methods, and Mr. Harry Stringer rang his first peal. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Stringer extended their hospitality to the ringers, who much appreciate the kindness thus shown to them.

Mr. James P. Hyett, of Hay, Herefordshire, rang his 250th peal on Nov. 5th, when at the five-bell tower of Whitney-on-Wye he called a peal in five Doubles methods.



**FORMER ESSEX MASTER HONOURED.**

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Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, who was Master of the Essex Association for 25 years up to 1934, reached his 70th birthday on Saturday week. In his honour 22 members of the association went peal ringing and three peals were rung, Superlative Surprise at St. Michael's, Braintree, where he rang for so many years and was at one time churchwarden, Kent Treble Bob Major at Feering, and seven Minor methods at Belchamp St. Paul's.

The six-bell peal was Mr. Ralph Bird's fortieth peal of Minor. The peal at Feering was, in addition to the birthday compliment, a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Gibleon.

A band of ex-Service men rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Armistice. With one exception, the same band rang a peal ten years ago. We hope they will be able to repeat the performance in ten years' time.

An ex-Service men's Armistice peal was also rung at Beaconsfield, Bucks, on Saturday, by four East Berks and four South Bucks members of the Oxford Guild. The bells were half-muffled in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

The Leicester 'Thursday' band scored yet another peal when at Oadby on November 10th a four-method peal of Minor was tapped off. The party again included Mr. John Clarke, who, for his age, is doing himself well in the peal world this year. The peal at Oadby was his tenth this year—not bad for 'nearly three score years—and a little bit more.' The Thursday band has been very successful since it was formed in April, having rung 16 peals out of 22 attempts, including four Sunday peals which were attempted on that day instead of on a Thursday.

A peal of Bob Minor was rung at Thorner, Yorkshire, on November 5th, by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, as a birthday compliment to the mother of Mr. Joseph Dixon, who has reached the grand old age of 87 years. She lives in the village of Thorner, and it was here that Mr. Joe Dixon, who is now at Gainsborough, learned to handle a bell 25 years ago.

On November 1st a peal in four Doubles methods was rung on the five bells at Eythorne, Kent. It was the first in four methods on the bells and by all the band, who were local ringers and included two ladies. It was rung for the 27th wedding anniversary of the Rector (the Rev. J. W. Horsley) and Mrs. Horsley, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. T. Ellender, who rang the tenor.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Erdington, on November 5th, was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. Norman S. Power, eldest son of the Vicar, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea in the Vicarage after the peal.

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**THE J. J. PARKER MEMORIAL.****THANKSGIVING AT FARNHAM ROYAL.**

A suitable conclusion to a week of memories was provided when members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild met on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Farnham Royal, to ring on the bells recently restored in memory of Joseph J. Parker, author of the famous twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples and many other compositions. We venture to say that Mr. Parker would have been pleased with 'his bells' and the improvement in tone.

Parishioners and ringers joined together in the service, conducted by the Rev. R. A. Crawley-Boevey (curate and ringer), which had 'Thanksgiving' for its theme. The lesson, 'Let us now praise famous men,' was read by one of the ringers.

Tea was enjoyed at the Jolly Butchers, the party including the Master (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. John Evans, Mr. A. Parker (son of the late Mr. Parker) and Miss F. Parker (daughter).

Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells and to the unknown donor of the tea. Then, a few words from the Master and Tom Hibbert, and the bells were set going again until 8 p.m.

The bell fund is almost complete, and anyone wishing to contribute should lose no time in sending their donation.

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Four Honiton Clist (Devon) men took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples on their own bells on November 4th. Great credit is due to them for the progress they have made. It was much regretted that another of the local band, Mr. E. Retter, could not take part, owing to his not feeling fit.

The secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who will always be a Ladd, however old he may be, began his ringing career on November 5th, 1885, fifty-three years ago. Last Saturday week a complimentary peal was rung at Pinchbeck, where he has so long served the church in many capacities, including those of ringer and churchwarden.

He told us recently that the 60 steps up to the ringing chamber seem about 20 more than was once the case. We only hope that, in their Stygian darkness, he will never fall down their precipitous length.

A band met one short at Glinton, Northamptonshire, on Nov. 5th, when a peal in 14 spliced Surprise methods was to have been attempted, under Mr. Horace Day's conductorship. It looked hopeless, but, nothing daunted, Mr. C. W. Woods set off on a nine-mile cycle ride, found the conductor's son in his garden, persuaded him to 'come along,' and the result was he rang his first peal at the first attempt and a really good one at that. Few ringers can have so unexpectedly rung their first peal.

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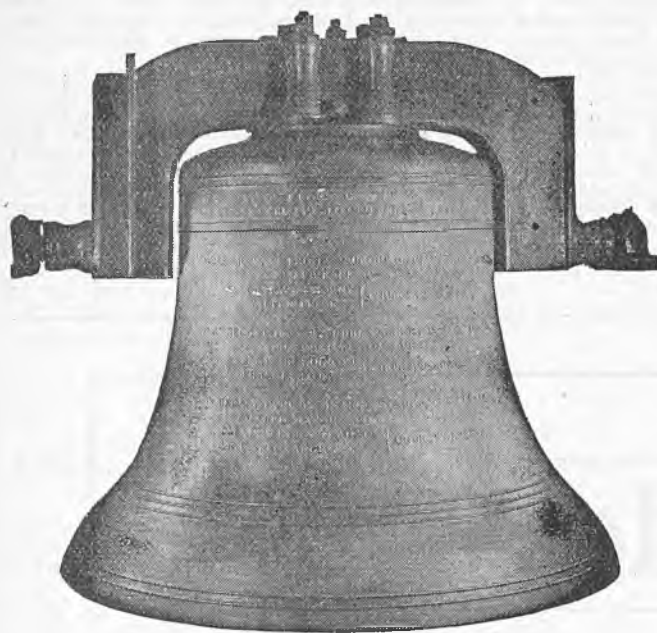
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Hearty congratulations will go out to-morrow to Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, of 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, upon their golden wedding. They were married at Storrington, Sussex, on November 19th, 1888.

Mr. Parker was leader of the band at Crawley, Sussex, in the early days of Surprise ringing there, and called the record peal of 9,312 Superlative, rung on December 26th, 1894.

On migrating to London, he became Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and he still represents them on the Central Council, as he has done, with one interval, since 1897. His daughter is Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild.

Next Sunday week (November 27th), Mr. James George, 'of England,' whose home is at 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, will reach the age of 85 years. Unfortunately, his indisposition, which still painfully persists at times, will prevent him taking any part in ringing for the occasion. He wishes sincerely to thank all those who have called upon him, or written to him, or made inquiries during his illness.

Combined with their good wishes for his birthday, his many friends will hope for Mr. George's speedy return to health and the belfry.

The death of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for 38 years hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, is a reminder of the fact that in the 58 years of its existence, the association has had only four general secretaries: The Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, 1880-1889; the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 1889-1891; the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 1891-1929; Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 1929 to the present time.

The clerical peal of Stedman Caters, in which the late Mr. Helmore took part, at Warwick in 1910, was rung by the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, E. V. Cox, J. F. Hastings, C. W. O. Jenkyn, C. C. Cox, H. A. Cockey, H. L. James, G. F. Coleridge, C. D. P. Davies and F. J. O. Helmore.

The report of the committee of the Lancashire Association states that there are now 1,466 members, of whom 92 were elected in the preceding year. Of the 1,042 resident ringing members, however, only 679 paid their subscriptions. Sixty members are two years in arrears, and 69, who had exceeded this period allowed by the rules, were struck off the roll.

On Thursday week, a mixed band, including visitors from Leicester and Leeds, started for a peal at St. Mary's, Nottingham. After 2½ hours' excellent ringing there was a loud 'thud' and the 8th bell went silent. Examination revealed that the clapper had snapped across 'like a carrot.' The observations of the Leeds visitor, who faced the prospect of arriving home about 2 a.m. with no peal, are unprintable.

At a meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Scunthorpe, Archdeacon Parry, president of the Northern Branch, was welcomed back after his long illness. A grant of £10 was made to the Burton-on-Stather Bell Fund.

It has been found necessary to postpone the joint meeting of the London County Association and Royal Cumberland Youths, at Hampstead and other North London towers, to December 3rd.

The Sherwood Youths are to have a mid-week meeting next Thursday at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

## BELLS BEFORE BROADCAST SERVICES.

### B.B.C. TO LOOK INTO QUESTION.

After the broadcast from St. Mary's, Portsea, on October 30th, Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, wrote to the B.B.C. protesting against the time taken out of the five minutes allotted to the bells by a description of the church. He added:—

'Surely, if it is necessary to describe the church, you could allot two or three minutes to this beforehand (especially as there is usually an interval of some minutes) and not deprive many people in England of the opportunity of hearing the whole of the ringing, instead of the last few changes, to say nothing of English people abroad to whom the sound of church bells means so much.'

The Director of Religion replied from Broadcasting House: 'The question which you raise will be looked into carefully; but you may have noticed that we deliberately keep notices about the churches from which we broadcast as short as possible; nor is more than half of them noticed in this way. This leaves time for two or three minutes of the bells; and we feel that those who take an interest in church buildings should be considered as well as those who are expert in bellringing.'

## EYNESBURY BELLS REHUNG.

On the evening of Remembrance Day, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts, rang out again to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor after a silence of about three months. The bell frame had become unstable and the gudgeons and bearings were badly worn. The bells also required quarter-turning.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, was commissioned to do the work, and he and his workmen, Messrs. H. Wellham and V. Waters, are to be congratulated on the result, as after the touches rung on Friday the ringers considered the bells had never gone so well within memory. In addition to strengthening the timber frame with bolts, etc., quarter-turning the bells, and providing new gudgeons and bearings (the 5th and tenor being placed on self-aligning bearings), careful attention has been paid to clappering, with the result that the tone of the bells is much better.

There will probably be a meeting of the Ely Association at Eynesbury in due course.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—45.****ERNEST STITCH.**

Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association for this year and Southern District secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild since 1926, Mr. Ernest Stitch, of Port Talbot, Glam., is one of the most active workers in the cause of ringing in those dioceses. He was born at Biddisham, Somerset, on August 4th, 1884, but began his ringing career at St. Mary's, Aberavon, Glam., in 1914. He has been a Sunday service ringer there ever since and has been captain of the tower for the past twelve years.

Mr. Stitch comes of ringing stock. His grandfather was a ringer in Somerset about 80 years ago, and his father and four brothers all learnt to ring, although none of his brothers ring now.

He rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at the first attempt at Aberavon on July 5th, 1919, while his first peal as conductor was one of Grandsire Doubles rung at Baglan, Glam., on February 18th, 1926. In November of the same year he called his first peal of Grandsire Triples. He conducted Holt's Original from the 7th at the first attempt at Aberavon in 1931, and has since conducted it 18 times in 15 towers.

He has rung peals in the four standard methods up to ten bells, except Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Doubles, and among the interesting performances in which he has shared have been the only peal at his own tower by a local band, the first peal of London Bob Triples ever rung and peals of St. Clement's Triples, Little Bob Major, Forward Major and Erin Caters when they were rung for the first time in Wales.

His 248 peals, of which he has conducted 56, have been rung in 46 towers in nine counties and for six associations, while he has rung to peals all the bells in one six, one ten and five eight-bell towers.

**MR. ERNEST STITCH.****SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. W. HOBSON.****A POPULAR HULL RINGER.**

The sudden death of John William Hobson, of Hull, on October 21st, at the age of 49 years, came as a great shock to ringing circles on both sides of the River Humber. For a considerable number of years he had been attached to Holy Trinity Church, Hull, where he was a regular member of the company. A very competent and keen exponent of the art, his passing will be a great loss to the neighbouring towers. Of a very genial disposition and very popular wherever he went, he was usually present at the ringing meetings.

On the Saturday previous to his death he was present at the meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association held at Sutton-Hull and appeared to be in his usual good health and spirits, while he also rang at Hull the next day.

Although opportunities for peals were not very frequent for him, he had rung peals in most towers in the district. He was a very reliable ringer and generally to be found excelling himself at the heavy end. His last peal was at his own tower last August, when he rang the 9th to Stedman Caters.

On Monday, October 24th, some of his ringing friends met at Holy Trinity Church and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled.

He was a popular figure in North Lincolnshire and was a non-resident member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. To pay a tribute to his memory, six members of the Lincoln Guild rang a peal of Minor in seven methods, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber.

**A FALSE PEAL.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir.—I regret to say that the peal of Newbury Surprise Major rung at St. James', Bushey, on July 14th, 1938, was false.

The composition, one of Treble Bob by Arthur Knights, is true as such, but is false to Newbury.

I offer my sincere apologies to those who rang in the peal.

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford

**LADIES' GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.**

The inaugural meeting of the new Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Stowmarket, Suffolk, on Saturday, November 12th. This was a most fitting date, as it coincided with the birthday of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild.

In all, 24 ladies attended, including Miss E. Steel, the president of the Guild, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Massey (Surrey), Mrs. Housden, Mrs. Humphrey and Miss P. Humphrey (London), and ladies from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. The gentlemen also availed themselves of the cordial invitation which had been extended to them and turned up in force.

The meeting began with ringing on the bells of the Parish Church. These are a good peal of eight, with a tenor of 24 cwt., but eight ladies rang a good course of Bob Major prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Tucker-Harvey. In his address he gave the ladies a warm welcome to Stowmarket. Afterwards he was a guest at tea in the Church Hall, where 41 sat down to the meal, which was very kindly served by some of the lady churchworkers.

After tea, Miss Steel proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells and for his kind words of welcome.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to see the ladies at Stowmarket, and hoped that in time they would have some lady ringers of their own. He also made special mention of Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who was present and who has rung in every county in England and in over 800 towers.

Finally Mr. C. J. Sedgley, in his capacity as Ringing Master, welcomed the Ladies' Guild on behalf of the Suffolk Guild.

Mrs. Fletcher then told the men that they were going to turn them out while they held their business meeting, as the ladies seemed to be shy when the men were present.

Before the business meeting commenced, Miss Steel read a telegram of good wishes from the Northampton District of the Guild. The election of new members then took place to enable them to vote in the subsequent proceedings. These included 12 ringing members and two honorary members. The following officials were elected: Vice-president, Miss Hilda G. Snowden (Halstead); hon. secretary, Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer (Ipswich); committee, the Misses Helen W. Bill (Norwich), Lilian D. Le Beau (Bocking), Dorothy F. Woolston (Ipswich) and Vera Wooderham (Stoke Ash); Central Committee representatives, in addition to the vice-president and secretary, Miss H. W. Bill and Miss L. D. Le Beau.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Diss, Norfolk, in January or February of next year, the date to be settled by the secretary.

As there was no further business, the meeting was declared closed and the ladies adjourned to the belfry for more ringing. In the meantime, some of the gentlemen had already adjourned elsewhere to do some 'shopping,' and although Stowmarket is a small town, they found their needs were well catered for.

A highly successful meeting was brought to a close at about 8 p.m. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

**ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.****RINGING FOR 'REMEMBRANCE DAY.'**

Much ringing was, as usual, done in churches throughout the country in connection with the observation of the twentieth anniversary of the Armistice. We record elsewhere the peals rung—two of them by bands of ex-Service men.

Touches, with half-muffled bells, were rung on Armistice Day and on the preceding and following Sundays in connection with the services of remembrance.

At St. Giles', Desborough, on Armistice Night, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung, the first by a local band at this church and by all the ringers: Leonard Brown 1, Raymond Law 2, Raymond Idle 3, Fred Kilborn 4, Dennis Yeomans 5, Arthur Idle 6, Alfred Tailby 7, L. W. Kilborn (conductor) 8. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble, 2, 3 and 5, whose ages are 16, 14, 13 and 14 years respectively.

Touches of 336 Grandsire Triples and 630 Oxford Bob Triples were rung on Armistice night at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, those taking part being Miss D. Wacey, E. Ansell, R. Wood, T. Ward, W. T. Prior, H. Bird, W. Wilkinson, H. M. White and F. Bird (conductor).

A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung for the Remembrance Day service at St. James', Milnrow, Lancs, on November 6th: A. Withnell 1, A. Buersil 2, D. Hollos 3, S. H. Dearden 4, S. L. Parry 5, G. Staff (conductor) 6, H. Homer 7, J. H. C. Massey 8.

On Saturday, November 12th, at Leicester, with bells half-muffled, an attempt for a memorial Armistice peal was lost after three hours' excellent ringing owing to the indisposition of one of the ringers. The following ten ex-Service men took part: R. Narborough (Cams) treble, F. Bradley (R.E.) 2, E. Morris (R.A.S.C.) 3, J. L. Willers (Leicesters) 4, W. Nichols (Leicesters) 5, W. A. Wood (M.T., R.A.S.C.) 6, F. A. Salter (M.G.C.) 7, W. H. Clarke (Tank Corps) 8, W. Bottrill (Mounted Military Police) 9, C. Harrison (R.A.) 10. Composed by ex-Corpl. Edgar Shepherd, M.M. Conducted by ex-Staff-Sergt. Ernest Morris.

## DEATH OF REV. F. J. O. HELMORE. HIS LONG SERVICE TO KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### Hon. Secretary for 38 Years.

We much regret to record the death of Minor-Canon F. J. O. Helmore, at Canterbury, on Tuesday of last week. He was nearly 87 years of age, but up to about a year ago had continued to lead a fairly active life, and when the Central Council met at Whitsun, 1937, he it was who, on behalf of the Church, welcomed the members to Canterbury. Advancing age had, of course, considerably curtailed his ringing activities, and his last peal was rung ten years ago. Nevertheless, he continued to take the liveliest interest in ringing affairs and particularly in the Kent County Association, of which he was hon. secretary for the long period of 38 years.

Born in London on December 2nd, 1851, Frederick John Ottley Helmore was educated at St. Paul's School, where he gained one of the Mercers Company's exhibitions in 1870 and went up to Oriel College, Oxford, taking his B.A. in 1874 and M.A. in 1877. He was ordained, at Hereford, deacon 1875, priest 1876, being at the time an assistant Vicar choral in the Cathedral. After serving at Stratford-on-Avon (1877-1878) as curate and precentor of Holy Trinity (where Shakespeare lies buried), he was appointed a Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral in 1878 and precentor of the Cathedral in 1883. Later, from 1912 to 1927, he held, in conjunction with these offices, the living of Stodmarsh. Advancing age compelled him to resign the office of Minor Canon last year.

For 60 years he had resided in Canterbury, most of the time in the Precincts, and it can almost be said that he knew, as well as loved, every stone of this old Cathedral. He had taken part in the enthronement of four Archbishops—Benson, Temple, Davidson and Lang—and in the installation of six Deans. Payne Smith, Farrar, Wace, Bell, Sheppard and Hewlett Johnson, while he had shared in all the other memorable services held during his long residence.



THE LATE REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

### EARLY RINGING CAREER.

The almost accidental circumstances under which the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore became a ringer are interesting. In the year 1882 a company of amateurs applied to Dean Payne Smith for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells. This the Dean declined to grant unless they could induce one of the Cathedral clergy to superintend their practices, and he recommended them to apply to the junior minor canon. It was not until it had been clearly pointed out that their chance of pulling the Cathedral bells depended entirely upon his consent to join them that Mr. Helmore was prevailed upon to touch a bell rope. For months these amateurs attended a weekly practice, but made very little progress, and by the spring of 1884 Mr. Helmore was so heartily sick of scrambling through a plain course of Grandsire Doubles that he was preparing to give up all idea of becoming a change ringer. Fortunately, however, the then conductor of the Cathedral ringers (Mr. G. Stancombe) interested himself in some of the party, and by inducing them to practise with some of the Cathedral men, soon had them ringing Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Helmore was elected president of the Cathedral company in 1885, and occupied the position to the last. In July, 1891, he succeeded the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as general hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and discharged the duties of the office with the utmost efficiency and success until, in 1929, after 38 years' service, advancing age compelled him to relinquish the work. In 1907 the members presented him with a handsome roll-top desk, with a silver bell in the centre internal panel, in recognition of his labours for 25 years in the interests of the association.

On the occasion of the jubilee of the association, a year after his retirement, a further presentation was made to Mr. Helmore. It was a memorable occasion, at which 350 members of the association were present and the Archbishop of Canterbury presided. Mr. Helmore received at the hands of the Archbishop a cheque, a case of pipes and an illuminated address, recording the members' warm appreciation of his services as honorary secretary for 38 years and

the high standard of efficiency attained by the association due to his loving care and devotion.

The address was not only signed by the officers of the association, but was unique in that it also bore the signatures of two Archbishops, Lord Davidson and Archbishop Lang.

The Archbishop, in making the presentation, said he could only hope Mr. Helmore would remember for the rest of his days the entire sincerity of the thanks to him which he knew was in all their hearts. It was a remarkable thing for one man as secretary to have guided their work for all those 38 years. He became their secretary the very year in which he (the Archbishop) was ordained in the Church of God, and all that time Mr. Helmore had given himself to their service. They could have had no one more fitted to be their secretary, for he had been for fifty years connected with the Mother Church, not only of Kent but of the whole of English Christendom, and no one could be a more fitting link between the art of music and the art of bellringing and worship than their secretary for these 38 years. Mr. Helmore knew what his (the speaker's) gratitude was to him for the work he had done in the Cathedral, and, that day, for all the work he had done for the association. He knew that he would feel in that company of grateful and affectionate friends that he had received an ample reward for all the labour he had given to this cause, but he (the Archbishop) was permitted in their name to give him some more visible and tangible expression of their gratitude, and he felt it to be a very great honour to be allowed to do so.

### ASSOCIATION'S GROWTH UNDER MR. HELMORE.

It is not too much to say that the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore was responsible more than any other man for the building up of the Kent Association to its present high level among the ringing organisations of this country, and giving it a financial standing beyond that of any other similar society.

The remarkable growth of the association during Mr. Helmore's term of office may be judged from the fact that when he took over the duties in 1901 the association had a membership of about 400 and a balance in hand of £90. When he retired the resident membership was nearly one thousand, non-resident members had increased from 13 to nearly 250, and the funds had risen to £620; in addition to which a belfry repairs fund, started in 1904, had paid out £143 and had a balance of £101; and the Benevolent Fund, set up in 1912, had paid out £85 and had a balance in hand of £131.

Mr. Helmore represented the Kent County Association on the Central Council from 1894 to 1929, and he was a member of the College Youths, the Oxford, Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Guilds, the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the Devon Guild, the Surrey Association and the London County Association.

Mr. Helmore rang his first peal at Faversham on November 10th, 1884, and scored his first peal of Stedman Triples with the College Youths (at Bishopsgate, conducted by James Pettit) in 1887. His first peals of Stedman Caters, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in conjunction with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and James Washbrook. The majority of Mr. Helmore's peals, which numbered 205, were rung for the Kent County Association, his last being the 'Frederick' peal of Stedman Triples rung at Rainham on September 8th, 1928. A 'name' peal had long been one of his desires, and it gave him the greatest pleasure, especially to know that the band were all men of Kent, or Kentish men. Mr. Helmore's 200th peal was a peal of Stedman Caters at Canterbury Cathedral in 1923, which he conducted and which is suitably recorded in the belfry. Another notable peal in which he took part was a clerical peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick on October 11th, 1910, and in the following year he was one of a band of parsons who attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques at High Wycombe, which unfortunately failed.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore took place at Canterbury on Saturday, and among the large number who attended were Messrs. F. M. Mitchell (hon. general secretary), W. J. Jeffries (trustee), B. Luck, A. G. Hill, P. Page and G. H. Spice (district secretaries), W. Haigh, W. Spice, T. E. Sone and F. Brett, representing the other officers, and about 20 members of the Kent County Association.

The first part of the service was held in the Lady Chapel, and, as wished by Mr. Helmore, was simple in character, there being no music. Resting on the coffin, which bore the inscription, 'Frederick John Ottley Helmore, Priest, born 2nd December, 1851, died 8th November, 1938,' was a beautiful cross of flowers, 'In affectionate remembrance, from the Kent County Association of Change Ringers.'

The opening prayers were read by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Maidstone (Canon Sopwith), the lesson was read by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Canterbury, and the concluding prayers by the Rev. Canon G. C. E. Ryley (a life-long friend of Canon Helmore).

The interment took place at the cemetery, and, in a drizzle of rain, the committal prayers were read by Canon Potter. Thus passed from sight one who had endeared himself in the hearts of all Kent ringers.

The photograph, given above, is by W. Fisk-Moore, Canterbury, and was taken at the desk presented to the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore by the Kent County Association.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for harvest thanksgiving service on Oct. 9th: E. Ward (first quarter-peal) 1. E. Buck 2, W. Pooley 3, C. Kinch 4, A. Rose 5, R. Newman 6, P. Tompkins (conductor) 7, W. Collins 8.



## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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### PROBLEM CLERGY CAN HELP TO SOLVE.

Mr. J. Waugh, in submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' welcomed on behalf of the society the clerical guests. It was a fact, he said, that the support of the clergy was an accepted, and indeed, a welcome, feature of that gathering. That support had the two-fold effect of being at once a reminder of the religious significance of the society's work and an encouraging sign of the Church authorities' interest in the society's welfare. Nowadays it was acknowledged on all hands that the interest and active support of the clergy were absolutely essential to the well-being of the ringing Exercise, even though it was also recognised that bellringing, as a branch of church work, should derive a sufficiency of inherent driving power from that fact alone. Actually it did do so; but only to a limited extent. The difficulty was that ringing was a highly technical art which was organised and practised on a purely voluntary basis, so that it was easy enough to set a standard of excellency, but extremely difficult to attain it. One would always find plenty of people who were both able and willing to make some sort of bell noises, but the training of them into a band of really competent ringers was a matter requiring much time and patience. There was only one royal road to success in that direction; only one way in which ultimate efficiency could be secured, and that was by the plentiful use of that peculiar mixture of personality and enthusiasm which men called 'leadership,' and that leadership must be exerted to the full in each one of the numerous local centres which go to make up the ringing world as they knew it to-day, for it is there that the true strength of the movement lay. Unfortunately, however, it was just in these local centres, where any form of leadership was frequently found to be utterly lacking, with the consequent result of stagnation. It was this stagnation, this weakness at the roots, or, rather, the avoidance of it, which was the chief of the many problems which confronted the organisers of the Exercise to-day. The associations, of course, could do a little about it; they could recognise the danger and they could point it out, but beyond that they could do nothing. It was only when the clergy came to the rescue with their right of saying who should or who should not be in charge of their belfries that any real progress could be made and the bogey of stagnation forced into the background at last. That was only one case where the co-operation of the clergy affected the life blood of the movement, and, of course, there were many others, for their work had the same ultimate object (applause).

The Rev. A. Lombardini, in replying to the toast, expressed his warm appreciation of the help which was given at St. Lawrence Jewry by Mr. A. A. Hughes in connection with the bells. Mr. Hughes, he said, took the greatest interest in the ringers, and Mrs. Hughes was also always ready to come and delight them with her handbells. Mr. Hughes was a kind of fairy 'godfather' to their young ringers, who were getting along splendidly and endeavouring to carry on the traditions of the older generation in the belfry. The Ancient Society ought to be tremendously proud and happy to think of the influence they held in London. He liked to see the friendship which existed among them all and which was demonstrated by that gathering. The way they greeted their old friend Canon Coleridge must have given him great joy. He congratulated Mr. Jack Waugh on his speech. He felt Mr. Waugh had almost missed his vocation. He ought to have been a parson (laughter and applause). Mr. Lombardini went on to say that they had had a little difficulty with the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, owing to the noise, of which the inhabitants complained, but Mr. Hughes had helped them by louvring up the openings, and the people now loved to hear the bells on Sunday evenings. Some even said that they could not hear the bells, but he had told them that, while they might not be able to do so, the angels could. The part the ringers played in the belfries was one not only of delight to the people who lived around their steeples, but it was a work for God, and the angels heard their efforts and appreciated them (applause).

A toast to 'Absent Friends' was drunk on the call of the Master, who asked the company to remember specially Mr. C. S. Burden, who had just come out of hospital, after a serious illness, and Mr. Bert Langdon, whose wife had that morning undergone a serious operation.

### COLLEGE YOUTHS AND LADIES.

Mr. E. P. Duffield proposed 'Kindred Associations.' There was a time, he said, not so many years ago, when, under the leadership and inspiration of that great ringer, no longer with them, William Pye, to whose greatness he would never weary of paying testimony, he would and did go to any part of the country. During those trips he made many friends and had received many favours at the hands of the officers of local associations—he believed some thirty or more of them had extended to him their non-resident life membership. It, therefore, gave him tremendous pleasure, for the second year in succession, to propose the toast of kindred societies. The officers of kindred societies got, as they got in the College Youths, an occasional brickbat thrown at them on various subjects. Their old society received one or two favourite missiles, but something, he did not know whether it was 300 years' existence, gave them a fairly tough skin (laughter). One of the favourite missiles hurled at the society was that it did not choose to reopen its membership to the fair sex. He would like to ask those who made the complaint whether they would, for the sake of consistency, advocate the Ladies' Guild opening its membership to Youths, Youths of school age or even up to nonagenarianism? It would be just as reasonable as to ask the College Youths to open their membership to ladies. Then there were those

who would like to see the society brush aside the old rule preventing dual membership. Had they ever known a visitor who attended a College Youths' meeting or practice who was not received with every cordiality, whether or not a member of the Royal Cumberlands, or for that matter of the Ladies' Guild? (hear, hear). Their old society had never, as far as he knew, made any pretence at being a territorial society. They lived in the midst of territorial societies, and very live ones, and they were happy to welcome them that night in large numbers (applause). Their society had its job to do and it was a pretty considerable job—it provided the ringing at certain of the London churches. More than that, it provided also about 70 practices in the course of the year. That alone, he thought, justified the existence of the society, and they owed a tremendous debt to the officers for the work which they did in keeping those practices going. Reference had been made to the amazing progress of the Stepney ringers. These men would tell them that they owed a great deal to being able to get to the ten and twelve bell practices of the society, where experienced ringers gave them every opportunity of becoming proficient in striking on all numbers of bells. The society did something else which other societies could not very well do. It was situated at that great metropolis and did what it could to make itself a social centre of ringing, and its work on the social side, which was fostered in addition to practical ringing, was appreciated.

### A WISE CHOICE.

In coupling the name of Mr. G. H. Cross, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, with the toast, Mr. Duffield said it was a particular pleasure to him when Mr. Cross was elected to that office during his (Mr. Duffield's) mastership of the College Youths, for Mr. Cross was one of his oldest ringing acquaintances; they rang their first peal together nearly 25 years ago and they were natives of the same city. He regretted the absence of their old friend, Mr. Sidney Palmer, who was also to have responded to the toast, but he was very glad to welcome Mr. Albert Walker after his illness. They rejoiced to know he was again restored to health (applause).

Mr. Cross, who first responded, congratulated the society upon its 301st anniversary, and said he was pleased to see the dinner so well attended and to see so many of the old members present. Such gatherings did much for the welfare of ringing and he hoped they might long continue.

Mr. Albert Walker, who also replied, joined in the regret felt at the absence of Mr. Palmer, who was one of the most regular provincial attendants at that dinner. He congratulated the society upon having found in Mr. Peck such an excellent successor to Mr. Cockerill, for during the latter years of Mr. Cockerill's life there had, he knew, been a feeling of anxiety as to how the office of secretary could be worthily filled. In choosing Mr. Peck, the society had chosen well (applause). Mr. Walker said he first met the College Youths in 1896 and could speak from personal experience of the kindly treatment provincial ringers always received. Referring to a recent suggestion that a national association of ringers should be formed, Mr. Walker said he hoped the county and diocesan associations would continue to exist. If they had a national association he supposed they would have only one dinner a year—and that would never do (laughter and applause). Each association had its traditions and its work to do, and he was certain the best way of carrying on the art of ringing was through associations such as they had to-day. Without these associations ringing would lose its individuality.

Mr. G. Cecil proposed 'The Press.' He remarked that they were all pleased to see so much regarding the Exercise appearing in the daily papers from time to time, and it was gratifying to feel they had the support of the Press which the Exercise rightly deserved, but it was a pity that inaccurate reports sometimes appeared, which led to misunderstandings and reflected upon their activities. It was important, therefore, that ringers should take care that any information they gave should be absolutely accurate. Mr. Cecil went on to refer to the important place which 'The Ringing World' occupied in the Exercise. Without it, he said, they would be at a great loss. Its articles dealt with many of their problems, and, while they did not all necessarily agree with what was said, they knew they were written in good faith (applause).

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

During the evening an excellent course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. W. Williams, F. Pervin, A. Walker, F. J. Smallwood, J. Thomas and E. P. Duffield. Mrs. A. A. Hughes played handbell solos with all her customary art and charm, and was presented by the Master with a bouquet of pink roses and carnations, which she gracefully acknowledged.

### ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Which of the following statements am I to accept as truth?

Mr. F. E. Dawe, in 'The Ringing World,' page 718, 1938:—

'... and Sir Edmund, as chairman, caused the order to be given to Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, for the present ring of twelve with a three-ton *tenor in D flat*!' 'Clocks, Watches and Bells,' Sir Edmund Beckett, Bart., 1874, page 340:—

'There is a project for a large peal of 10 or 12 bells for St. Paul's Cathedral, and I have recommended a *B tenor* of three tons for that.'

H. WALKER.

Monkseaton, Northumberland.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****TONBRIDGE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tonbridge on October 29th, when over 70 members attended. The bells were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, under the direction of the Master, Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Frank Child), assisted by his curates (the Revs. P. Gillingham and W. H. Parsons). The collection, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, realised 25s. The Vicar presided at tea, at Carlton Cafe.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. E. H. Lewis was in the chair, and those present included Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Major F. A. Yorke (Durham), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, Mr. T. Saunders, Mr. E. Everest and Mr. E. J. Ladd.

In presenting his annual report, the secretary (Mr. A. E. Richardson) said that the thing uppermost in his mind was the great success of the quarterly meetings. The total attendance at the meetings had been 294. With regard to membership, in spite of 24 new members during the year, the figure was the lowest since 1920.

'I should like to stress the need for a great effort by ringers and clergy in the district to prevent a further decrease in the coming year,' said the secretary. This year, he stated, they had lost three friends in the departure from the district of the Rev. E. L. M. Allen, from Edenbridge, and the Rev. Langston from Sevenoaks, while the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, late Vicar of Shipbourne, had also retired from the active list owing to ill-health.

Mr. Richardson thanked the local secretaries who had helped him in various ways, and the clergy who had kindly allowed the use of the bells and who had conducted the ringers' services; also Mr. E. H. Lewis for his great help as chairman during the year, Mr. G. Edwards for his work at the Hever meeting, Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, Mr. Chapman, of Edenbridge, and Mr. E. J. Ladd for his work as Ringing Master. The report, together with the balance sheet, was adopted.

The Ringing Master's report, an innovation, it having been the first year the district has had a ringing master, was presented by Mr. E. J. Ladd, who said that at the meeting at Goudhurst, 15 touches in eight methods were brought round, and rounds for beginners; at Hever, 20 touches in various methods had been rung, and at Brasted standard methods up to London Surprise were brought round. Mr. Ladd pointed out that although, on the whole, the striking had not been too bad at the meetings, the need for putting the striking first could not be too strongly emphasised.

Two new honorary members were elected, the Rev. F. W. Argyle, Rector of Sevenoaks, and Mr. B. C. Flemons, a churchwarden.

Mr. A. E. Richardson was unanimously re-elected secretary, and, in acknowledging his election, said it gave him great pleasure to carry on the office, but he would like to see several things 'boosted' up a little more, including reports from tower secretaries, in regard to their activities at home, whether the towers were holding regular practices and maintaining a fair amount of service ringing.

Mr. T. Saunders and Mr. E. Everest were elected to the committee. Mr. E. J. Ladd was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master.

It was decided that the towers for next year's meetings should be Speldhurst (February), East Peckham (May), and Penshurst (July).

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Frank Child for the use of the bells and conducting the service.

In replying to the vote of thanks accorded to him, Mr. E. H. Lewis said he would always have the welfare of the association at heart, and particularly the Tonbridge District members.

Other votes of thanks were passed, and the meeting closed with change ringing on the handbells.

**A NEW TYPE OF 'SILENCER.'  
TRIAL ON A HEAVY SIX.**

The peal at Bray, Berkshire, on November 5th, provided a good test for a new type of silencer, the invention of Mr. Sharpe, of Launton, Oxon. Peal ringing on this fine ring of bells, the heaviest six in the county (the tenor is 25 cwt.), has always been very much curtailed owing to the excessive noise in the vicinity of the tower. On this occasion, however, several visitors, including Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham, were present in the churchyard during the ringing, and were able to testify to the fact that the sound was so much diminished that no objection could possibly have been made. Inside the tower the bells could be heard clearly, and striking could be judged as readily as under normal conditions.

This type of silencer marks a complete departure from all previously designed types, and requires no special fitting to individual bells. It will fit any weight of bell within wide limits, and is so simply adjusted that after the first application it can be put on and taken off literally with two turns of the hand. A further advantage is the fact that the silencer can be adjusted to give any desired strength of tone.

After the peal at Bray the silencers were carefully inspected and showed no sign of frictional wearing, so they are likely to prove very economical in use.

**We much regret that, owing to pressure on our space, many reports are unavoidably held over.**

**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, November 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports now ready.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Farnham District) & **LADIES' GUILD** (Southern Branch).—Combined meeting at Yorktown, Camberley, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meetings 5.15 in the Parish Hall.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merthyr Tydfil on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, 94, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Lea, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6, tenor 12½ cwt.) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Allesley, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Rainbow Inn at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Visitors cordially invited.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Cards for tea, please, to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, near Nuneaton. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**TAWSTOCK, N. DEVON.**—Service for the reopening of the bells at three o'clock to-morrow, Saturday, 19th inst., a ring of six restored and augmented to eight by John Taylor and Co.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The district annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Peter's bells (10) open from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Blacksmiths Arms 5.30 p.m. Election of officers and secretary's report, etc. All district ringers are asked to attend. Please notify me.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stoulton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The tower has recently been rebuilt, five old bells recast and one added by Mears and Stainbank. Bells available 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (6d.) and meeting.—J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham. Phone Evesham 6061.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 19th (please note date). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. All are welcome. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Seavington, St. Mary, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Ringers' service if arranged. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—Combined practice will take place from 7.30 to 9 p.m. at the following towers: All Saints', Hertford (10 bells), November 21st; Cheshunt (8), December 6th; Broxborne (8), December 14th. Please attend and help us with the young ones. Ringing for all. All are welcome. Please note the dates and come.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for Nov.: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 22nd; St. Magnus', Thames Street, 24th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 29th, all 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—City Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', High Street, on Saturday, November 26th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing 3.30, All Saints', and at other churches in the evening as announced. Ringers wishing to attend and requiring tea, please notify by November 22nd to E. J. B. Morton, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 11, Water Eaton Road, Oxford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea in the Welcome Hall at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells of Merton Parish Church will be available for ringing in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. W. Arthur Taylor, 25, Beverley Avenue, Wimbledon, S.W.20, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. Nominations for district officers may be made at this meeting. —F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd? — E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 18½ cwt.). Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to the undersigned not later than the 24th.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Munday, 92, High St., Old Woking.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. As this is the Silver Jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the Cathedral bells, it is hoped there will be a good attendance, and in order to assist in the catering arrangements it will be appreciated if those who require tea will let me know by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd. —A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea to follow. Names for tea Wednesday prior to meeting, please. All welcome. Note my new address.—O. Sippetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

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### **TOWER CLOCK MANUFACTURERS.**

**ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW CLOCKS, CHIME ADDITIONS, REPAIRS OR REPAINTING OF DIALS.**

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by November 22nd?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Come and make this meeting a Superlative success.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hyde on Saturday, November 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Dodford (6 bells) on Saturday, November 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Booking bells (8) will be available in the evening. Will all those intending to be present please notify H. G. Felton, 42, Panfield Lane, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 23rd?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 26th, at 4 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than November 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints' on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Our last meeting this year will be at Attleborough on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. Meeting follows. Cards from those requiring tea by 23rd, please.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, November 26. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to arrange for tea, so will all who intend being present please let me know by Wednesday, 23rd?—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Stapleford bells from 7 to 9 p.m. May I assure all who have supported our meetings so well that a hearty welcome awaits them at this, the last meeting of the year?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District) **AND ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The joint meeting arranged for November 26th, at Hampstead, Highgate and Gospel Oak is unavoidably postponed to December 3rd. Further particulars later. Names for tea, please, by December 1st to one of the following: James G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.; Norman Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**OVER PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—Ring of 8 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Re-opening service Sunday, Nov. 27th, at 10.30 a.m. Preacher, the Venble. R. H. V. Burne, Archdeacon of Chester.

**SOBERTON, HANTS.**—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the bells will be held on Sunday, November 27th, at 11 o'clock; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. All ringers welcome. Bells available from 10 a.m. and after the service. A ring of eight tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, free to all those who notify me by Dec. 1st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mill-field, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., also Hasketon (6). Tea at Howe's Cafe, 9d. each, 5 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by November 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Institute. Will bands and visitors attending kindly notify me not later than November 28th?—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Oak Cafe at 4.45. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing after service till 9 o'clock. Postcards for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. Subscriptions for year ending June, 1939, now due.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Phone, Ley 3850.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Laurence's (Ramsgate) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1s. per head. Please assist by sending your names to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, so as to arrive not later than Thursday, December 1st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. in the Walker Hall, The Green, at 5.30. Please advise me by November 30th. All ringers welcomed. Bus route 29 from Victoria, or Tube to Southgate.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Phone, Larkwood 1959.



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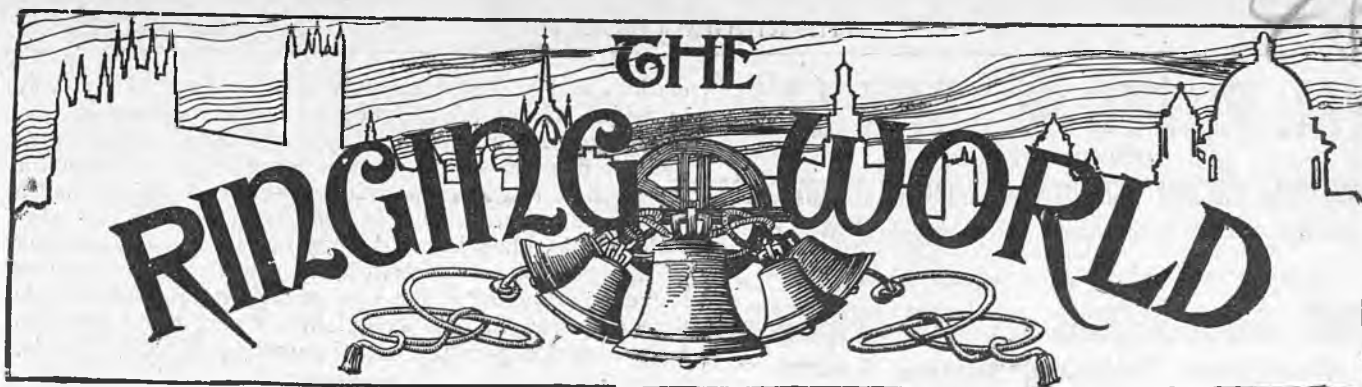
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The difficulties of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association in securing a successor to their secretary, who finds it necessary to give up the reins of office, is no new thing in ringing organisations, although in this case the 'disease' seems to have appeared in an aggravated form. Those who will readily accept honorary secretarial office are very rarely, if ever, to be found; rather is it necessary to bring heavy pressure to bear to fill these posts when occasion arises. To follow a man of exceptional ability and enthusiasm is, of course, always a difficult task, and it is probably the fear of comparative failure of achievement that, in such cases, influences many men in rejecting election. That may be the reason why the Worcestershire district referred to has not been able to find a member ready to step into the shoes of Mr. G. E. Large. And yet there is every inducement to a new secretary. He would have an excellent start; the branch is in an efficient and flourishing condition, and has gathered a momentum which should carry a new official with it if he is prepared to do the work. It might be different if the branch had fallen to low water mark and needed an extraordinary effort of initiative and energy to get it going. It does seem surprising that, even in face of a possibility of being left without a secretary, a branch of twenty-six towers with some 200 members cannot produce one member ready to shoulder the work and responsibility of such an office.

But the Worcestershire Association is not the only one in which there is, from time to time, difficulty in finding officers for the executive posts. Many secretaries, and other officers for that matter, carry on from year to year simply from loyalty to their association, and, because they are ready to do this, sometimes against their private inclinations, members find it easier to press them to continue than to persuade someone else to take up the office. But this is not to say that the best interests of an association would be served by pitchforking into the duties an individual without any sort of qualifications. There have been instances where this kind of action has had rather dire results. The things most needed in a secretary are intelligence, tact and a reasonable aptitude for conducting business affairs. There can be no association that has not, in every district, some few members qualified for such work, and they ought to consider it a duty, if not a privilege, to undertake it when necessity arises. Personal reluctance to assume responsibility ought not always to be allowed to stand in the way. The more ringers know about the methods of running their own ringing organisation, the better it must be for their asso-

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On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 54 cwt. 12 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 3
WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 3	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 10
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 7
EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 2	C. FREDERICK SAYER ... .. 8
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On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5074 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILKINSON ... .. Treble	EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. ... 6
*ALFRED RIDER ... .. 2	*GEORGE E. PLANT ... .. 7
†FRANK BILLING ... .. 3	JOHN RIDER ... .. 8
†JACK BALL ... .. 4	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... .. 9
EDWIN SHARRATT ... .. 5	EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. ... Tenor

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On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*JOHN SANDERS ... .. 1	*ALFRED HOWKINS ... .. 6
*ROWLAND TYSOE ... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
†LESLIE HANSELL ... .. 3	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 8
*ALBAN J. KENDALL ... .. 4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 9
†WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... .. 5	JOHN DRYDEN ... .. 10

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Denys,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 1	*ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 8
*ALBERT FORD ... .. 4	*RICHARD BENSON ... .. 9
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5	*FRANK YATES ... .. 10

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

*EDWIN AVERY ... .. 1	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... .. 2	GEORGE KING ... .. 6
LESLIE JARVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 7
FREDERICK MORGAN ... .. 4	†ALBERT SMITH ... .. 10

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Chiswick, W.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 1	*FRANK D. BISHOP ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANKS ... .. 6
JOHN G. NASH ... .. 3	†THOMAS H. MANNING ... .. 7
ROBERT G. HEAZEL ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 10

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 1	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 5
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2	HARRY W. SIMMONDS ... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
†MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 10

Composed by J. REEVES.

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KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ...Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
*MISS MARY WHITE ... .. 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. 7
KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

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Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... .. 1	RALPH MOORS ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	HAROLD HART ... .. 6
JOHN PAGETT ... .. 3	BERNARD A. HOFORD ... .. 7
JOSEPH SOUTHALL ... .. 4	PERCY RICHARDS ...Tenor

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At the Church of St. Mary,

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Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HAROLD BARSLEY ...Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	CYRIL WANDER ... .. 6
WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 3	ALAN RICHARDSON ... .. 7
*ALBERT H. FRITH ... .. 4	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

\* First peal 'inside.'

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Unitarian Church,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ...Treble	WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... 5
CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 7
*JOHN HASSELL ... .. 4	E. ROGER MARTIN ...Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal in the method at first attempt. Rung as a compliment to C. Ollier on his 75th birthday, and to F. Reynolds on his 19th birthday.

BELL SILENCERS.

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for lessening the sound of noisy church bells, supplied by the inventor,

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## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 2	HARRY PARKES ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
JOHN WHEADON ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

The conductor's first attempt to call a Surprise peal.

## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 5
JOHN HASSELL ... 2	JOSEPH WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES OLLIER ... 4	DAVID VINCENT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gabriel Lindoff and Master Alan N. Brown.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK ROOPE ... Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 5
WALTER ELSEY ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method for the association, on the bells and by all the band, except the ringer of the sixth.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	PETER CHARMAN ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	JOHN COOK ... 6
THOMAS ADAMS ... 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 4	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Parker, an old Sussex friend, and Mrs. Parker, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORTH ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*JOHN M. GAYFORD ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
†ARTHUR HUBBLE ... 4	FRED CHALK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. † First peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

OWEN NEWSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 4
ALFRED J. FORD ... 2	HENRY J. VINCE ... 5
ALDERMAN LING ... 3	ARTHUR E. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

## RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

F. LAWRENCE ... Treble	C. HAYTINGS ... 4
T. BENNETT ... 2	A. GRIFFIN ... 5
C. HALLING ... 3	J. HILL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

The quarterly peal for the branch.

## LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. REES ... Treble	C. H. HAWKINS ... 4
*MISS R. O. ROBERTS ... 2	E. PARMENTER ... 5
S. V. REES ... 3	W. ROBBINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by S. V. REES.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of Canon D. M. Jones as Archdeacon of Carmarthen and as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Parmenter.

## NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4
JACK BAILEY ... 2	*WM. JOHN DUMOLO ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal in five methods.

## ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM A. KITSON ... 4
ALFRED T. KITSON ... 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 5
*REV. C. G. LITTLEHALES ... 3	REGINALD W. DAVIES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal 'inside.'

## MARHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes;

## AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... 5
FRED MATTHEWS, SEN. ... 3	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

Rung in commemoration of the Armistice.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, viz.:-

1. Handley, Allendale, Milton and Wearmouth.
2. Stamford, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale.
3. Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick and Hexham.
4. London, Wells and Cuneceastre.
5. Munden, Chester, Alnwick and Newcastle.
6. Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre.
7. Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4
*CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 32 methods away from the treble. The greatest number of Surprise methods in seven extents for the Guild and in the County.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two extents each of Carter's, Stedman, St. Alphage, New Doubles, St. Vedast, St. Osmund, St. Bartholomew, Reading, Union, Place Bob, Antelope, Chase, St. Dunstan's, London Singles, Canterbury, April Day, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Grandsire, each extent called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

MAURICE BATTEN ... .. Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
HUBERT SMITH ... .. 2	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 5
HERBERT GROVES ... .. 3	WILLIAM RUTTLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

Rung in the above order and believed to be the greatest number of methods ever included in a peal of Doubles. Specially rung as a compliment to William Ruttley on the occasion of his completion of 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Evershot Church.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JACK MOORE ... .. Treble	*FRANK WHITING ... .. 4
LEONARD BOSKITT ... .. 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
ARTHUR SHORRY ... .. 3	*SIDNEY READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

\* First peal.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each a different composition, all 5-6's at back.  
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*PHILIP LOWE ... .. Treble	ERNEST TREAGUS ... .. 4
†EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 2	HENRY WEAVER ... .. 5
†CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILFRED C. BLAKE ... .. Treble	*GEORGE LILLY ... .. 4
*SIDNEY A. THOMAS ... .. 2	*E. F. GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 3	REGINALD A. DARE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

RAYMOND GRANT ... .. Treble	W. J. GEAR ... .. 4
HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2	J. G. WILLIAMS ... .. 5
WYNDHAM LEWIS ... .. 3	FRED SYMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. G. WILLIAMS.

The bells were half-muffled in commemoration of Armistice Day.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being eight six-scores each of New Bob, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and ten six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALEXANDER W. HUTLEY ... Treble	CECIL C. WRIGHT ... .. 4
†NORMAN A. ONER ... .. 2	CHARLES E. BASSETT ... .. 5
EDWIN S. SMITH ... .. 3	ALAN W. BETSWORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in five methods by all the band.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS VAUGHAN ... .. Treble	BERNARD H. DAVIES ... .. 4
*LEONARD H. HART ... .. 2	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 5
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 3	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* First peal 'inside.' Arranged and rung for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church and the back six bells, which took place on November 13th, 1838.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Court Bob and Hereward Bob; (2) Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob; (3) Plain and Double Bob; (4) Double Court and Oxford Bob; (5) Wavertree and College Single; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Childwall and St. Clement's.  
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal in more than seven methods. There were 108 changes of method.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM DENMAN ... .. Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE ... .. 4
EDGAR RAPLEY ... .. 2	CECIL LONGHURST ... .. 5
*FREDERICK ROBERTS ... .. 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

\* First peal in five methods.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

KENT RINGERS IN DEVON.

On Saturday, October 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church, Honiton Clist, Devon, by F. W. Budgen 1, A. C. Selley 2, D. M. Sharp (conductor) 3, E. H. Oxenham 4, A. Lovering 5, G. V. Murphy 6, H. Pook 7, V. N. Burrow 8. One half of the band were from Crayford and Brasted, Kent, and it was rung previous to a visit to Exeter Cathedral for practice.

## BELL DEDICATIONS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter from my friend, Mr. Williams, in your issue of the 11th inst., I am still on the surface, but certainly am of opinion that he is the one 'out of his depth.' Any criticism of the Winchester Guild or of himself was the very last of my thoughts, so I am sure he will read this in the same friendly spirit in which he has written. If he reads the last paragraph of my account of St. Paul's bells opening again, he will see that I purposely refrained from mentioning where the opening took place, and there appears no reflection in any shape or form upon the Guild, of which he is the able Master, or upon any of its officers, for what I was speaking about is not the fault of any guild or association, but depicts events in the 'up-to-date' age we are now in. There are plenty of chances afforded to the learners nowadays, but surely not on such a great and important occasion, when a large congregation would expect to hear good ringing.

Mr. Williams seems to hint that I am speaking disparagingly of the Guild. Nothing of the kind; also he infers that I am unmindful of the kindly manner in which I have always been received. I need hardly assure you that that is distinctly not the case. Surely any reasonable criticism is not a debatable matter in such a case. Some of the rising generation have, I know, openly declared their intention of 'showing the old 'uns how things should be done'!

For a long time past I have consulted some of the older and prominent members of the Exercise, and the general opinion is that, with a few splendid exceptions, the high standard of correct and accurate 'striking' has not been maintained in recent years. Surely there was no harm in making a comparison between what an 'opening' should be like and the reverse?

I have, for well over half a century, been delighted to number Mr. Williams amongst my very best and staunchest of friends, and surely he remembers that I am still an official in a large and well-known association. The magnificent service held at the opening of Winchester Cathedral bells, together with the stately procession of every branch concerned in the work, the Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, choir, Mayor, town councillors, representatives of ringing, the bell founders and all others, was certainly by far the most impressive, dignified and most stately I ever remember! With the exception of the ringing during the service by the Cathedral band, neither I nor anyone else could have said one word in praise of the remainder, for good ringing was conspicuous by its absence. Why spoil a grand occasion? Even Mr. Williams remains silent on this important point. My only object in mentioning it was simply an endeavour to avoid a repetition in the future, and any fair-minded person would surely think the same. Certainly by all means give every member a chance of ringing, but only when capable of doing so, then receive them all heartily. I was grateful to Mr. Williams for so kindly inviting me to take part, but I could not see the slightest chance of a successful touch, so respectfully declined. Was I right or wrong in doing so? If wrong, well then, 'let 'em all come'!

My account of St. Paul's opening was correct in every detail, and so becomes interesting ringing history.

F. E. DAWES.

## A BOURNEMOUTH CEREMONY,

## INTERESTING PEALS RECORDED.

The first anniversary of the rededication of the ring of eight bells at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, after their complete restoration in 1937 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was marked on Sunday, November 20th, by the dedication of two peal tablets during evensong.

The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (Canon Hedley Burrows), who afterwards addressed the congregation, taking for his text the inscription he placed on the 'Peace Bell'—No. 5—'Peace from Him, Which was, Which is and Which is to come.' Special prayers were offered prior to the dedication, which was concluded with the singing of one of the hymns used at the rededication of the peal a year ago.

The first tablet recorded the first peal rung in Bournemouth—5,040 Grandsire Triples—in three hours on December 26th, 1891. Of the band which rang this peal, Messrs. George Presten and James G. Bennett were present. The late Mr. John W. Whiting, of Fareham, conducted Holt's Ten-Part peal on that occasion. The second tablet recorded the first peal on the restored bells, rung by the local company on May 28th of this year. Ringing took place both before and after evensong in methods up to Double Norwich Major.

## ALDERSHOT LADY RINGER BEREAVED.

A popular lady member of the Aldershot company, Miss Betty Stewart has been bereaved by the death of her father, Mr. C. J. Stewart, who passed away on November 12th and was buried on November 16th.

At the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Yorktown on Saturday, a vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Stewart, Miss Stewart and the family, and on Sunday evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Aldershot Parish Church in memory of Mr. Stewart, who for many years had lived within sound of the bells. At the request of the family the bells were rung open: Miss B. Stewart 1, W. H. Viggers 2, Miss E. Southby 3, W. G. Challen 4, W. Denyer 5, E. J. Bragg 6, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 7, R. Whitford 8.

## PEAL NOTES.

## SUNDAY PEALS.

Sunday peal ringing is not a very general practice, and it is somewhat noteworthy that we record this week four six-bell peals rung on November 13th.

The North-Western District supplied half the band for the quarterly peal of the Southern District of the Surrey Association on November 5th at Redhill. Mrs. C. H. Kippin rang her first true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, her previous peals in this method having been the unfortunate variation of F. Robinson's composition, which, after it had been rung many times, turned out to be false.

The quarterly peal for the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association was an almost 'local' peal of Grandsire Doubles, at Ripple, only the treble man coming from outside the home tower. Ripple is an isolated spot, and it is encouraging to know that a band for change ringing, even if it is only Doubles, can be mustered here.

The heaviest ring of six in Sussex is at Goring-by-Sea, where the tenor is reputed to be 17½ cwt. They were cast in 1837. A peal of Minor was rung on them on November 12th, the only previous peal there having been rung in 1891.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. T. Whitehouse and Miss L. Pearsall, was rung on November 12th at Oldswinford, Worcestershire, where Mr. Whitehouse is a member of the local band.

Mr. William Wilkinson rang his fiftieth peal on November 12th when he took part in a peal of Bob Major at Pinchbeck, Lincs.

There were 108 changes of method in the seven extents in 14 methods rung at Stisted, Essex, on November 13th. That is quite enough to make it a busy job. It averages a switch over in less than every 50 changes.

## CELEBRATIONS.

The centenary of St. Peter's Church, Glasbury-on-Wye, has been celebrated. When the church was built in 1838 six bells were placed in the tower, and the 'one hundred years' was celebrated by a peal of Grandsire Doubles on these same bells, rung, at the request of the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Lockyer) before the centenary service on Sunday, November 13th.

Mr. Charles Ollier, aged 75, and Frank Reynolds, aged 19, jointly celebrated their birthdays on November 12th, when they took part in a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Gorton Unitarian Church.

The appointment of Canon D. M. Jones as Archdeacon of Carmarthen was celebrated at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, on November 10th, by a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Miss R. O. Roberts rang her first peal at the first attempt and is to be congratulated on her success. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Parmenter, who took part.

Mr. J. E. Bailey paid for his first Surprise peal as conductor with some sore hands. Ringing the 18½ cwt. tenor at Dartford on Nov. 14th to Cambridge, the tail of the rope became untucked after 20 minutes. Instead of stopping to put matters right, he went on, with dire results to his hands. He won't do it again, we think.

Mr. F. J. Cullum, calling a peal of Cambridge from the treble at Erith, Kent, on Saturday, finished the interesting feat of conducting a peal from every bell in the tower.

The first peal on the bells at Kewstoke, Somerset, was rung on November 12th. It consisted of 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and was the first peal in the method by four of the band.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles in commemoration of Armistice Day was rung at Neath, Glamorganshire, on November 12th. Raymond Grant and Fred Symons, who rang treble and tenor respectively, have been ringing for only nine months, and the former is not yet 17 years old. This was their first attempt for a peal.

After several unsuccessful previous attempts, Mr. Harry Boyce rang the second to a peal and thus completed the circle of the tower. Messrs. W. J. Gear and W. Lewis rang their first peal of Grandsire Doubles, and the conductor 'bagged' what has been, up to now, a very 'elusive' tower.

So, one way or another, all the band had records, and they are hoping that the day is not far distant when Triples will be the order, by the addition of two more bells.

At St. Albans Abbey, where four trebles were added to celebrate the jubilee of the Hertford County Association, the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung on Saturday by members of the Cathedral Society. With the great old beams fixed in the ringing chamber in all sorts of inconvenient places (for the ringers), the belfry is not an easy place to ring in, but two of the band rang their first peal and four their first of Stedman Caters.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. James Parker, of Enfield, was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, London. It was conducted by their daughter, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

On the same day other of Mr. Parker's old friends rang a peal of Bob Major at Warnham, Sussex, in honour of the auspicious event. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are both natives of Sussex and were married at the little village of Storrington on November 19th, 1888.

Painswick Surprise Major was added to the methods rung by the Norwich Diocesan Association on Saturday, when a peal was rung at Pulham. Only Mr. Nolan Golden, out of the band, had previously rung a peal in the method.

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**DORSET VILLAGERS' GOOD PERFORMANCE.**

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No fewer than 21 methods of Doubles, rung in complete extents, were put into a peal at Evershot, Dorset, on Nov. 12th. It is believed to be the greatest number ever included in a peal of Doubles, and it was rung, at the first attempt, by an entirely local band, as a compliment to one of their members, Mr. William Ruttley, on completion of 50 years' unbroken service as a ringer at Evershot Church.

Evershot has a population of less than 300, but there are ten ringers. Seven years ago only stoney was rung there, and the success which has since been achieved in change ringing is due to Mr. W. Shute, who acted as voluntary instructor and travelled many miles every week to do so.

This peal in 21 methods is a real achievement, and the band would once more like to thank Mr. Shute for what he did for them, and is still doing among other bands, for the promotion of the art and the betterment of the Exercise.

Mr. Andrew Thompson, hon. secretary of the North Staffordshire Association, took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, and has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Salehurst, Sussex, on November 5th, was rung for the ringing jubilee of Mr. Archibald Stevenson, who began ringing on November 5th, 1888, when he was given a lesson on the 2nd bell. He rang this same bell to his first peal and his first as conductor, and has now called his jubilee peal from it.

The Sunday service ringers at Leek, Staffordshire, rang a peal of Stedman Caters on November 10th.

Thirty-two Surprise Minor methods were spliced into seven extents at Folkingham, Lincs, on Nov. 12th, and conducted by Mr. Horace Day. It is the greatest number of Surprise methods in seven 720's rung in Lincolnshire and for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Arthur G. Bason, who rang the tenor to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Marham on Nov. 12th, has now rung peals in this method from Minor to Maximus.

Peals are in these days few and far between at Sheffield Cathedral, but we recorded a peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on Saturday week, conducted by Mr. John Thorpe, who has now twice completed the circle in this tower.

Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus are few and far between, but last Saturday members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang one at Great Yarmouth, the first by all the band and on the bells. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur G. King, his father and his daughter. The birthdays of all three were celebrated during the week-end.

The peal ran to 5,376 changes and was the longest on the bells. It was Mr. J. G. W. Harwood's fiftieth peal.

**LEICESTERSHIRE'S KING'S NORTON.****THE FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR ON THE BELLS.**

Leicestershire, like Worcestershire, has a King's Norton. Its bells, however, seem to have been sadly neglected, and although there has been at least eight there for the better part of two centuries, it was not until November 6th that, as recorded last week, a peal of Major was rung on them.

Previous to the attempt, the Whitehead party made a special journey to King's Norton to make the acquaintance of the new Rector, the Rev. W. R. Davis, who has come from Canada, and who was inducted the previous week; also to seek his permission to use the bells.

Mr. Davies said he would be delighted, but first of all he would have to seek information from an architect, living in the parish, to make certain that the bells were safe to ring. When the day arrived for the attempt, viewed by many as being a 'mad idea,' some hiked, some biked and the rest went by 'mobile.' It was not pleasant to hear from one of the local ringers that the whole frame housing the bells 'walked about' immediately ringing began. Undaunted by this, however, the bells were pulled up in peal, but this was not concluded without the treble rope 'casting wheel.'

A start was made one hour late, and Arthur Debenham (or 'stout-hearted Arthur' as he is known to his ringing friends) turned the tenor in beautifully, putting the whole of his 14 stone of muscle and brawn into the effort, which terminated with the bells coming into rounds at 1.45 p.m. Three cheers for Arthur, for it must have required a big heart to do it.

Lunch was very acceptable and was kindly provided by Mrs. Davis, to whom one of the party, on behalf of the whole band, expressed thanks.

The next move was to Gaulby, a stone's throw away, for a peal of Minor, which unfortunately was unsuccessful, owing to the poor condition of the ropes and the blisters from the Norton peal.

Tea was taken at the Old Manor House, now occupied by Mr. E. Norrish, to whom further thanks were recorded, and the day was finally wound up, after service ringing, by touches on handbells. All journeyed home in a happy mood, including the hikers, content with scoring the first peal of Major on Leicestershire's maiden peal of bells.

According to North, in his 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' King's Norton once had a peal of ten bells. William Fortrey rebuilt the church at Galby and erected a ring of six bells in 1741. He gave the ten bells to King's Norton some time later, but the ring had to be reduced to eight owing to the strain on the tower. The King's Norton peal contains one bell of the date 1641, the others, cast by the Eayres, of St. Neots, are dated between 1760 and 1764. Fortrey also gave two new bells to St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1738, and his name is mentioned in connection with other bells in the county.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Over 80 years of age, Mr. Dalton, one of the ringers at Chiswick Parish Church, has just retired after 60 years' service in that capacity. Good wishes will be extended to Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who was 75 last Saturday.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the great performances of the early days of ringing. On November 25th, 1737, the Eastern Scholars rang a 15,120 of Bob Major at West Ham, in 8 hours 40 minutes.

Ringers at Wye, Kent, have the opportunity of celebrating an interesting anniversary next Wednesday, for exactly 200 years ago that day a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples was rung in their tower 'by ye men of this town.'

It was not, however, the first peal that had been rung there. Two and a half years earlier a peal of Grandsire had been rung there by 'ye first set of men that ever rang it in the county without the assistance of Londoners or others.'

A band from St. Martin's, Birmingham, went to Manchester last Saturday and brought away a peal of Stedman Cinques from the Town Hall. Some of them got lost on the way home. But that is another story.

There will be a College Youths' practice at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on December 1st.

## HOBART ASSOCIATION.

### REHANGING OF BELLS DISCUSSED.

At the annual meeting of the Holy Trinity Association, Hobart, Tasmania, all the officers were re-elected except that Mr. P. Broughton replaces Mr. S. Taylor as hon. treasurer. The latter has, unfortunately, had to undergo an operation, and will be out of ringing for some weeks.

The active membership of the association in Hobart is 16, and in England, of course, there are nine life ringing members. The local members include several promising young ringers.

The officials of the association re-elected are: Patron, the Lord Bishop of Tasmania; president, Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood (who was in England last year); Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Quarmby; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. S. Smith; hon. secretary, Mr. A. R. Wilson.

At the meeting the question of providing a new bell frame, for the centenary of the bells in 1946, was discussed. Afterwards Mr. Wilson gave an address on 'Brotherhood among ringers.'

Archdeacon Blackwood presided, and the churchwardens were represented by Mr. M. Crawford. The bell in stand which the English tourists presented to the hon. secretary on the occasion of their visit four years ago, occupied a conspicuous place in the ringing chamber.

It will be remembered that on the occasion of their reunion on October 15th, at Surfleet, members of the Holy Trinity Association rang the first handbell peal for the society.

## BRAY BELLS AND THE NEW 'SILENCER.'

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue my name was mentioned in relation to the above. My chief reason for writing is regarding the weight of the tenor (shown last week as 25 cwt. in D). As I rang this bell to a peal of Minor (four 720's of Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain) on August 3rd, 1929, I ascertained the weight of this bell as given by the foundry. The bells went to the foundry in 1914, and the local ringers asked specially for the tenor weight and key. This information, which is still held by Bray captain (Mr. F. J. Russell), was returned by the foundry as 26½ cwt. in B. Her lip measurement does not give true weight, as she is rather long in the waist, similar to the tenor of the old eight that were in St. John's Parish Church, Croydon.

I might agree that the new type of silencer used on November 5th of this year would take more than 1½ cwt. off in the course of a peal, as far as exertion by the ringer is concerned. I can certainly testify to the effectiveness of these silencers, having used them at Launton, by permission of Mr. F. Sharpe (the inventor), some 18 months back, but as there is naturally secrecy about them until such time as they are patented, I can say but very little. In any case they could well be used in cases where there are objections to ringing, as volume can be brought down practically to 'nil.'

Whether the Central Council would recognise a peal rung with these adapted must remain to be seen, but for my own part (with all due respect to my friends who took part in the Bray peal), I should not attempt a peal in which they were to be used until I was sure it would be recognised. With Mr. F. Sharpe's permission, I should like to say more on this. The only thing that grieved me was that a noble bell like Bray tenor should have to be 'muzzled,' for I went over specially to Bray to listen to her beauty.

Maidenhead.

GEORGE GILBERT.

## PERFECT STRIKING.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A year ago there was some discussion in your columns as to what should be regarded as 'perfect' striking.

At the opening of Parliament recently I was close to the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and I heard a touch of Stedman Triples rung from start to finish with the most faultless rhythm imaginable. A record of it could well have served as a standard example of perfect striking.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—46.

### HORACE M. DAY.

Among the men who are leaders of six-bell ringing, Mr. Horace M. Day, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, can be reckoned in the forefront. In conducting peals of Minor he has shown himself eminently capable and he has been one of the pioneers of multi-method peals in Lincolnshire, where the practice has spread among a number of bands.

Born at Tallington, Lincolnshire, on September 4th, 1881, Mr. Day moved to Market Deeping in 1896 and there he learned his ringing. Ever since the war he has been captain of the tower. His first peal was in five Minor methods at Edenham in February, 1914. During the war he spent sixteen months at Bristol and rang with the band at St. Stephen's Church. His second peal was 5,019 Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, the first peal in that city after the Armistice in 1918.

Returning to his home in Lincolnshire, Mr. Day rang his first peal as conductor at Market Deeping on July 1st, 1920, when he called seven Minor methods. Since then he has conducted peals of Minor from each bell in each of the towers in the three Deepings—Market Deeping, Deeping St. James and Deeping St. Nicholas.

He conducted the only 10,080 of Minor that has been rung in Lincolnshire, took part in the only peal of Double Norwich Royal in the county, and the only peal of Primrose Surprise Major yet rung. His great forte, however, is Minor, and in this department he excels as a conductor. He has helped a goodly number of ringers through their first peal



MR. HORACE M. DAY.

and he has called a great number of peals in multi-methods, including 32 Surprise methods, which is the largest number that has been included in a peal. Mr. Day has not got a full record of all his peals, but, omitting a number of which he is not certain, rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, he has compiled a total of 241, of which he has conducted 176. His peals of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal number only about 30.

Mr. Day has been Ringing Master of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1925.

### KING AND QUEEN VISIT BELFRY.

#### HER MAJESTY INSPECTS COMMEMORATIVE BELL.

The King and Queen, who spent the week-end with the Queen's brother, the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, at St. Paul's, Walden Bury, attended morning service on Sunday at St. Paul's Church, where Her Majesty was christened.

Afterwards the King and Queen went up to the ringing chamber, and Her Majesty afterwards went on up into the belfry to see the new 'Elizabeth' bell.

Mr. Ernest East, one of the ringers, accompanied the Queen and explained how the bell is rung.

The new treble bell, installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., was added to the old five to make a ring of six to commemorate the Coronation of their Majesties. A Latin inscription round the shoulder records the purpose of the bell; and the royal ciphers GR and ER, in between which is an ornamental cross, appear on the waist. The bell was dedicated on Sunday, October 30th.

### MESSRS. TAYLOR & CO.'S CALENDAR.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. wish to remind those who have not yet returned their 'calendar cards' that calendars cannot be sent unless notification is received that one is desired.

The card is enclosed with the idea of ascertaining the number of calendars required to be printed, and Messrs. Taylor would be grateful for the co-operation of those wishing to receive a calendar for 1939 by sending a notification not later than December 1st next. This will save the disappointment which each year is caused in numerous instances to those who, whilst wishing to receive a calendar, yet by oversight omit to return their card.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### A SECRETARIAL DIFFICULTY.

#### Western Branch Unable to Find Successor to Mr. Large.

The insuperable difficulty of finding a successor to the retiring secretary was the only disturbing feature in an otherwise highly successful meeting at Upton-on-Severn on November 12th, when the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its annual meeting there. In spite of rain and wintry conditions, over 60 ringers attended, 18 towers of the branch being represented as well as members from the Northern and Southern Branches. Visitors included the Revs. I. J. Richards (Mon.) and H. Benson (Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon), Mr. William Dyer and friends (Cheltenham), Mr. A. Jones (hon. secretary of the Ledbury District, Hereford Guild). The bells of the Parish Church, which recently were rehung by Mears and Stainbank, found their tongues at 3 p.m. and were kept going until 4.15, when a short service (partly choral) was held in church (a modern building, little over half a century old), and an interesting address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. S. F. Lloyd, who is an hon. member of the association.

In his address the Rector referred to the words in St. Matthew: 'He sent his servants to call them,' and said he would like to adapt those words to ringers. When they rang the bells their voices went out to all houses in the parish, even more so than his voice did in church. He asked them to take as their personal motto, 'Doing it as His servant,' as they were just as much God's servants as others in the church.

Tea was ably served in the Working Men's Club at 5 o'clock by a band of ladies, who have an affinity with ringers and ringing, after which the business meeting was held, with the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary) in the chair. Supporting him were Messrs. S. T. Holt (Master), J. D. Johnson (general secretary), R. G. Knowles (vice-president), C. Camm (Branch Ringing Master) and G. E. Large (branch secretary). It was reported that the quarterly peal had been rung at Ripple the previous Saturday, a peal of Grandsire Doubles by the local band.

Mr. C. Camm was again re-elected Branch Ringing Master, he having held this position for many years.—Mr. Camm thanked the members for again electing him, and said he hoped to see more enthusiasm in the branch than of late.

The nomination of Mr. S. T. Holt as representative to the Central Council was unanimously approved, and Mr. W. Ranford was once again re-elected as branch representative to the Central Committee.

### NO SUCCESSOR FOR SECRETARY.

Mr. G. E. Large, who, at a previous meeting at Ripple, had intimated that he would not seek re-election at this meeting, said he regretted he had not found anyone to nominate as his successor, though he would be relinquishing the branch secretaryship at the end of the year. All those who had been approached had said they had not the necessary leisure time.

Mr. Holt and Mr. Johnson told the meeting that Mr. Large had very good reasons for giving up the secretaryship, and the former asked Mr. E. F. Cubberley (Kempsey), who was present, if he would reconsider his refusal to take the job on. Mr. Cubberley said he regretted he could not change his mind, as, though he had given the matter careful thought, his work presented him from accepting.

Many members were then called upon to ascertain their 'ayes' or 'noes,' but no one could see their way clear to say 'Yes.' Much time was spent on this vexed matter and many resolutions framed (some conflicting with the rules) until it looked as if the meeting would still be there at that time next year. The situation was saved by Mr. Johnson (general secretary), who advised them to re-elect Mr. Large, if he was agreeable, so that it would give them a respite in which to find a successor. He (Mr. Johnson) thought no one should be asked to take on the work haphazardly, as it required careful thought, and he would like to see someone take it on for a number of years, which did not necessarily mean for life.

Mr. Large said he did not wish to have the books again after the auditors had had them, but as no one could be found to take on the job he would continue in office until the next meeting (some time in February or March), when he would then definitely resign.

Mr. Johnson remarked that if by that time no successor had been found to Mr. Large, he himself would take over the books and arrange one meeting, but only one. Accordingly the retiring secretary was re-elected with thanks and for the time being the difficulty of a successor postponed.

Hallow was proposed as the place for the next meeting, subject to the consent of the Vicar there.—Thirteen new members were enrolled, nine of these from Shelsley Beauchamp, a tower which is now affiliated for the first time.

The secretary reported that he expected an increase by the end of the year of over 30 new members (applause). In the last four years their branch had each year showed an increase, approximately 66 new members having been accepted. This, he said, proved they were on the right side, and he hoped all in the room would do something to keep these members and to render any assistance required.

On the chairman's call 'Any other business,' the secretary said he had been asked to thank all those who had (independently of the association's grant) subscribed to the Hanbury Bell Restoration Fund. They were going to have a good job done at Hanbury by having

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## GUILDFORD AND LADIES GUILDS.

### SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT YORKTOWN.

It has become a frequent custom for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild to arrange a meeting jointly with the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and with happy results. Last Saturday a combined meeting was held at Yorktown and brought together a gathering of some 50 ringers, of which Aldershot, as usual, supplied a strong contingent. Yorktown has a comparatively modern but beautiful church, and the bells have recently been rehung. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and although the methods did not reach any flights of fancy, some good, solid practice was put in.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman) and the address given by the Rev. L. B. Towner (curate). Miss Maries, at the organ, and the choirboys led the singing.

Tea in the Church Room was a happy affair, in which the choirboys joined, and conversation, at any rate in one corner, touched politics as well as ringing. The Vicar presided over the gathering, and among those present, in addition to the representatives of the towers, and the members of the Ladies' Guild, all of whom, by the way, were members also of the Guildford Guild, were Miss Middleton (a life member), the Rev. Towner, the hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild (Mr. J. Corbett), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (vice-president), Mr. W. F. J. Cope (Guildford District secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (district secretary), Miss H. F. Mills (Southern District secretary of the Ladies' Guild) and Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh).

Mr. Goldsmith welcomed to their first meeting new members of the Hawley and Seale bands, and said how pleased they all were to have Miss Middleton among them again. Miss Middleton was a warm supporter of the old Winchester Guild, and on the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild became one of the first life members. Mr. Goldsmith went on to thank the Vicar, the curate, Miss Maries, the choir, Mr. Evens and the local ringers, and the ladies who had served tea, each for their part in making the meeting a success.—Mr. Evens and Mr. W. Gillians replied.

Mr. W. Gillians and his son and daughter, Mr. R. Gillians and Miss K. Gillians (Seale) and Mr. R. Wake (Bagshot) were elected ringing members of the Guild, and Mr. A. J. Harding (Yorktown) an honorary member.

The general hon. secretary reminded the members of the annual dinner of the Guild, to be held on January 14th, and pointed out the importance of the event receiving the support of every tower if it was to be made a success.

The retiring officers of the district were renominated, with Mr. Evens as an additional name for the committee, after Mr. F. Nye had urged that some of the younger men should take a share in the management of the Guild.

At the close of the meeting the Vicar replied to the vote of thanks to himself, and said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Yorktown again.

In the afternoon the Vicar dedicated in the belfry a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on April 20th.

Mrs. Cope presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held after that of the Guildford Guild and when the men had been 'cleared out.' Miss Middleton, of Camberley, was elected an honorary member and Miss K. Gillians, of Seale, a ringing member.

It was decided to hold a meeting in the Basingstoke District in February.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Steedman and Miss Stewart.

## CURATE AND CHURCHWARDEN'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

At St. Andrew's Church, Cobham, Surrey, on November 14th, on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. B. A. Whitehead (curate of the parish and priest in charge of St. John's Church) and Miss Margaret Spencer, daughter of Mr. A. C. Spencer (churchwarden) and Mrs. Spencer, of Fairview, Cobham, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by A. Winch (Leatherhead) 1, A. Roberts 2, A. H. Smith (Leatherhead) (conductor) 3, J. Mills 4, G. Shotton 5, E. Matthews 6.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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their bells recast and rehung, and further subscriptions would be welcome.

Before the collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund, which realised £1, a discussion took place on this fund, and it was decided that whatever the other two branches did, the Western Branch would stick to its original rule made at Hallow on November 7th, 1931, 'That all collections made at these meetings be given to the Belfry Repairs Fund.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector, to their chairman, the organist and choirboys, brought the meeting to a close, after which the bells were again made use of until a late hour. Hanley Castle (St. Mary) six bells had been kindly placed at members' disposal and several made the short journey there to wind up a successful outing.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE WELSH HILLS.

Merthyr Tydfil, situated well up in the Welsh hills, at the top end of the Taff Valley, was the scene on Saturday of a good muster of ringers who attended the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The bells, a lovely ring of eight, with a tenor a ton, erected 42 years ago by Taylor and Co., are, perhaps, one of very few installed under similar circumstances. The late Sir William Thomas Lewis influenced seven other old Merthyr boys to give a bell each, contributing the tenor bell himself. Those who had never visited Merthyr before were delighted with the fine tone and the easy running of the bells.

Service was taken by two of the assistant clergy in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (Canon Pugh), who was away in residence for a month at Llandaff Cathedral.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, which had been very kindly provided by the Church authorities and ladies.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the Rev. J. D. Llewellyn Jones (curate). Various reports were dealt with and several new members elected. The very best thanks, ably proposed by the Master, Mr. E. Stitch, were accorded to all who had contributed to make the meeting such a success. The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, including Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. It was pleasing to see such a number of young ringers present, among them several of the young band from Ebbw Vale, who took part in the ringing of Grandsire Triples. It was a most pleasant meeting and an enjoyable afternoon and evening.

The next meeting of the association is to be held at Ebbw Vale.

## RINGING IN FRONT OF CHANCEL STEPS.

### BARNESLEY SOCIETY AT CROFTON.

The November meeting of the Barnesley and District Society was held at Crofton, members being present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Burgwallis, Cawthorne, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath and the local company and one out-radius member from Ashford, Kent. The bells are a beautiful peal of six, with tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F. Three of the bells are old, the other three having been added in 1915, and the ropes fall in a good circle in front of the chancel steps, thus doing away with stair climbing. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the new Parochial Hall, 17 being present.

The business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Moxon, of Sandal (vice-president).

One new member, Mr. F. Vallance, of Burgwallis, was elected. Ecclesfield was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on December 10th.

After the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company for the arrangements made and to the ladies for providing such a good tea, further ringing followed in a great variety of Minor methods and also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bells were lowered in peal to bring to a close a very good meeting.

## HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

### NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT SHELLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Shelley on Saturday, November 5th. Four teams entered the contest, to ring 600 changes, with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: (1) Friesland; (2) Meltham; (3) New Mill; (4) Liversedge. Liversedge rang Plain Bob and the others rang Oxford.

Tea, to which about 30 sat down, was served in the Gardeners Arms. The meeting which followed the ringing was held in the Mothers' Union Room, the president (Mr. Earnshaw) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Shelley (the Rev. — Broadbent).

It was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next committee meeting be held at Kirkburton on March 11th.

The judge, Mr. A. Hoyle, of Shelley, gave his decision as follows: Friesland, 110 faults; Meltham, 80 faults; New Mill, 77 faults; Liversedge, 222 faults. New Mill were, therefore, declared winners, and the cup was presented to the conductor (Mr. H. Biltcliffe) by the Vicar of Shelley.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CREWE BRANCH TRY SANDBACH'S RESTORED BELLS.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on November 19th at Sandbach, where the peal of eight bells has recently been returned and put in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The cost of this work has been defrayed by a local lady, Mrs. Poole, of Sandbach, in memory of her husband.

Ringings during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

Tea was kindly given by Archdeacon Armitstead, Rector of Sandbach, and there were 42 members present, representing 17 towers.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Archdeacon for his hospitality and for the use of the bells.



## DONINGTON RINGER'S LONG RECORD.

### DEATH OF MR. HERBERT WOODS.

It is with great regret we record the death of Mr. Herbert Woods, of Donington, Lincolnshire, at the age of 73 years. He passed away at his residence on Tuesday, November 15th, after only a few months' illness.

The interment took place in Donington Cemetery on Saturday, the funeral service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Elson). As a last token of respect Mr. Rupert Richardson (Ringing Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. George Ladd (Pinchbeck) and Mr. Cyril Burrell (Gosberton) rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. Six of deceased's fellow-ringers acted as bearers and in the evening they rang the tower bells half-muffled.



THE LATE MR. WOODS AND HIS RINGING FAMILY.

In this picture, with the Vicar of Donington, is the late Mr. Herbert Woods, with his four ringing sons and grandson.

Mr. Woods had had a long association with Donington Church, having been a bellringer there for nearly 50 years, during most of which time he had been captain of the band. He was also a chorister in his early days, and in September of this year he completed 37 years as vergers and cemetery keeper. He was also one of the oldest members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

On November 21st, 1937, he created something of a record, as he, together with four of his sons and a grandson, rang a quarter-peal on the six bells.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ROCHESTER DISTRICT ON THE UP-GRADE.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Rochester. About 80 members attended and the meeting was in all respects a complete success.

Ringing on the Cathedral bells took place for an hour in the afternoon, and evensong was attended by most of the ringers. Tea was served at the City Cafe, the cost being borne by the association.

The business meeting was presided over by the Dean of Rochester, Bishop Blackie, who extended a very hearty welcome to the ringers to the city of Rochester, which, he felt, was the home of the District. He emphasised his admiration of the spirit of comradeship and good feeling which usually existed among the ringers, and he said it gave him very much pleasure to be with such a happy and genial gathering of churchworkers. He also expressed his great pleasure in seeing so many young ringers and ladies at the meeting, and made amusing references to his earlier association with the ringers when ringing by the ladies was regarded with a certain apprehension.

The district representatives, Messrs. W. Spice and E. A. G. Allen, were re-elected, as was also the district secretary, Mr. George H. Spice.

The secretary read his annual report of the activities of the District since the last annual meeting and other matters of interest to the members. It was gratifying to note that the district continued to flourish and that the membership was on the up-grade. Of the total of 182 members of the Rochester District, 26 were under 16 years of age and eight were non-paying members over the age of 65. It was noted that there was also an increase in the number of peals rung during the past twelve months, but it was emphasised that the time had arrived when the six-bell towers should contribute a bigger share to the total and that they should make a special effort in this direction during the coming year.

Gillingham was decided upon as the place for the first meeting of the new year, to be held in January.

Ringing on the Cathedral and St. Margaret's bells was afterwards resumed.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSOCIATION

### SUCCESSFUL FIRST DINNER.

The first dinner promoted by the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Saturday, November 5th, at Alfreton. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon and at 5 o'clock, a well-attended service was conducted by the Rev. L. H. de Cas, Vicar of Alfreton. The address was given by the Rev. T. H. Evans, Rector of South Normanton, and the lessons read by Mr. J. W. England, hon. secretary of the association.

A company, numbering 74 ringers and friends, gathered in the evening at the King Alfred Hotel for dinner. The vice-president (Mr. John Hobbs) occupied the chair, supported by the president (Mr. Wilson Dobb), the Revs. L. H. de Cas, T. H. Evans and H. W. Schofield (Selston), Mr. Tom Clarke (Ringing Master), Messrs. E. A. Ashman, A. Elliott, H. Doughty, T. Jennings (members of Executive) and Mr. J. W. England. There were also present Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association), Miss I. Thompson (hon. secretary of the District Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Walker (churchwarden, South Normanton) and Mr. W. Ainsworth (churchwarden, Tibshelf). Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Derby, Bishop Neville Talbot (St. Mary's, Nottingham), the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson, Canon Paget, the Rev. D. G. Smith, R.D., Messrs. W. F. Croft, C. Harrison, A. Brown, J. Swinfield, James Rawson, W. P. Deane, Sydney Palmer, R. Richardson and E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council).

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Tom Clarke proposed 'The Church and State,' and made reference to the great national figures who had made an indelible impression on this country.

In reply, the Rev. L. H. de Cas expressed his personal gratification and that of the town of Alfreton at the association's visit to that place. The association, he said, was engaged in valuable work, and he wished it continued activity and prosperity. It was a pleasing sign that ladies were taking a part in this work, and possibly their æsthetic tastes would have a chastening effect on the appearance of some ringing chambers (laughter). Bellringing should induce a tremendous feeling of loyalty to the Church and promote fellowship. As to the State, whatever mistakes democracy had made, and, possibly, one was that of 'muddling through,' they would never make the mistake of exchanging their own freedom for what other dictator powers considered a 'greater state of efficiency.'

Mr. E. A. Ashman, toasting 'The Association,' said he had been ringing for about 50 years, and in his early days it took about an hour to ring 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles, each change being called by the ringer who was leading and repeated several times. He attributed the progress made to the work of the associations. Better belfry conditions all round prevailed to-day.

At this juncture a splendid course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by Miss I. Thompson and Messrs. Clarke, Salter and Bradley.

### THE ASSOCIATION'S AIMS.

Mr. J. W. England replied to the toast and reminded the company that last year they celebrated the jubilee of the association. The hope was then expressed that they would have an annual dinner and convivial reunion. The success or otherwise of that evening's gathering would determine the future policy. Such gatherings would undoubtedly increase the bond of fellowship in the association. Although over 50 years old, the association was very young in comparison with some. He reminded the company that bellringing in its early days was indulged in more as a pastime for the sons of the wealthy than an act of service. While a small minority still practised the art merely as a hobby, the object of the majority, and the object of ringing associations, was to produce the best in their power to the glory of God. The aims of the association were efficiency and loyalty to the Church. That evening, he reminded the gathering, they had with them Mr. H. Draycott, of Tibshelf, who the following day, November 6th, would complete 50 years' service as ringer in one church; also Mr. J. Swain, who had rung for 49 years. If the association could retain the interest of such members for so long and in conscientious service, then its work was worth while (applause). He appealed for 100 per cent. membership and pointed out that where ringing was regular and efficient, the ringers were invariably members of an association. They must, he said, do their utmost to prevent the substitution of mechanical means for beautiful bells. He had heard of ringers being described as a nuisance. Ringers could be a nuisance, but so could some clergy (laughter). He concluded by appealing for closer co-operation between clergy and ringers.

Mr. Wilson Dobb submitted 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies,' and particularly welcomed Miss Thompson and Mr. W. E. White, the genial treasurer of the Midland Counties Association.—Mr. R. Walker responded.

The musical programme was well sustained by Mr. J. Wright (bass), Mr. W. Haig (tenor) and Mr. A. E. Coupe (humorist), while Mr. A. Lane was the accompanist.

The Chairman, in his concluding remarks, stressed the importance of striking, and said 'every ringer is a soloist.' He asked every ringer at all times to remember this.

The singing of the National Anthem concluded the enjoyable proceedings.

## NOTICES.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, instead of All Saints', to-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea in the Welcome Hall at 5.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. The bells of Merton Parish Church will be available for ringing in the evening. Nominations for district officers may be made at this meeting.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 18½ cwt.). Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at St. Mary's Hall 5 p.m. Ringing after.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. D. Munday, 92, High St., Old Woking.—W. F. J. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern District.—The annual general meeting of this district will be held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting after. As this is the Silver Jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the Cathedral bells, it is hoped there will be a good attendance.—A. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, November 26th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea to follow. All welcome. Note my new address.—O. Sipetts, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next monthly practice has been arranged at Monks Risborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 26th, at 4 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bocking bells (8) will be available in the evening.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—To-morrow (Saturday), Nov. 26th, a meeting will be held at Stagsden, where the handy little ring of 6 bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tilney All Saints' on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Our last meeting this year will be at Attleborough on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. Meeting follows.—A. G. Harrison, 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster to-morrow (Nov. 26th). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church House 5.15, followed by usual business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The Vicar has kindly offered to arrange for tea.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Shelford on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Stapleford bells from 7 to 9 p.m. May I assure all who have supported our meetings so well that a hearty welcome awaits them at this, the last meeting of the year? —C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**OVER PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—Ring of 8 bells rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Re-opening service Sunday, Nov. 27th, at 10.30 a.m. Preacher, the Venble. R. H. V. Burne, Archdeacon of Chester.

**SOBERTON, HANTS.**—Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the bells will be held on Sunday, November 27th, at 11 o'clock; preacher, the Bishop of Portsmouth. All ringers welcome. Bells available from 10 a.m. and after the service. A ring of eight tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, Nov. 29th, 7.30 p.m. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote of matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

—A practice meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 7.45 p.m. Nearest stations: Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., also Hasketon (6). Tea at Howe's Cafe, 9d. each, 5 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Cadoston, near Neath, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by November 29th certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Institute. Will bands and visitors attending kindly notify me not later than November 28th?—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Oak Cafe at 4.45. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing after service till 9 o'clock. Postcards for tea to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. Subscriptions for year ending June, 1939, now due.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Phone, Ley 3850.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Laurence's (Ramsgate) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1s. per head. Please assist by sending your names to Mr. L. A. Porritt, 18, Picton Road, Ramsgate, so as to arrive not later than Thursday, December 1st.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in School, 6d. each, to all who notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the newly reconditioned ring of bells of Christ Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tea will be served at 1s. 6d. per head, and requirements should reach the undermentioned address not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Districts will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8. Members of the Warwickshire Guild are invited to attend. This meeting is specially arranged to revive local interest. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention of being present. Cards should be posted not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.—H. W. Perkins, W. A. Wood, Dis. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. St. Ann's, West Hill, Highgate, will be available from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Hampstead and Gospel Oak will be available after tea. Names, etc., for tea, please, by Dec. 1st, to one of the following: J. G. A. Prior, 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1; N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. in the Walker Hall, The Green, at 5.30. Please advise me by November 30th. All ringers welcomed. Bus route 29 from Victoria, or Tube to Southgate.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Phone, Larkswood 1959.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Priory Church, Cartmel, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsbury and Burton (6). Numbers for tea by Monday, Nov. 28th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1938 will be held at Kegworth on Dec. 3rd, and a good finish to a good year is requested. Please send p.c. for tea to Mr. F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, by Dec. 1st.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. S. Churton, 1, Birks Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome.—A. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please make a special effort to attend. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please send in good time numbers for tea. Visitors will be made welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Water-moor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Viner's 5 p.m. Service at Parish Church 6 p.m. Parish Church bells (12) open after service. Please advise for tea by Nov. 29th. — W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsdon on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ilchester bells will probably be available.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Guildsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Wives and friends cordially invited. Business meeting afterwards. Please let us have a record meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, 17, Grange Road, Dudley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea. — W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, in conjunction with the Ashford District, Kent County Association.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me not later than Dec. 1st if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Mulberry Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. per head, to all who notify Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, by Dec. 8th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Thompson, 72, Woodall Road, Calverley, by Thursday, Dec. 8th. A hearty welcome extended to all. — Frank Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, of the number for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Last meeting of the year. Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bus service from Britannia Hotel, Shrewsbury. Please notify for tea, as catering is difficult here without due notice.—W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at the Memorial Hall. Will those desiring tea please let me know by Dec. 5th? — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.** — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Address by the Rector of Clyst St. George (Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse). Tea 4.45 p.m., free. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Dec. 5th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**MEETING AT WATFORD,** Saturday, Dec. 17th. Tower open from 3.30. Service at 5.10. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting, after ringing till 8.30. Herts Association.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. John Worth is now 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. G. H. Williams is 105, Earlsbury Gardens, Birchfields, Birmingham, 20.

#### ANOTHER FINE OCTAVE FOR DEVON.

##### TWELVE TEAMS OF RINGERS AT TAWSTOCK OPENING.

Due to the enterprise of the Vicar of Tawstock, the Rev. Sir A. Bouchier Wrey, Bt., the old six bells in the Parish Church have been returned, quarter-turned and rehung with new iron headstocks and ball bearings. Two new treble bells to complete the octave have been added and the complete peal has been hung in a new iron frame. The tenor turns the scale at 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

The dedication of the bells took place on Saturday, November 19th, the ceremony being performed by the Rural Dean of Barnstaple (the Rev. H. P. T. Scott).

In view of heavy rain and the remote position of the church, the number who attended the service was surprising. Some twelve complete teams of ringers were present, and each team was allowed 20 minutes' ringing, including rising and falling in peal. The turns for ringing were decided by ballot.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, have been responsible for the complete work and they have provided a delightful peal. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented them at the service of dedication.

#### ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION.

With the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen, a quarter-peal of Doubles (four extents of Plain Bob and six and a half of Grandsire) was rung for evensong on November 13th at Pytchley, Northants: S. Sargent 1, G. Brown 2, C. Brown 3, R. Coleman 4, S. Munton (conductor) 5.

The Sunday service band at Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for the special service of remembrance on November 13th: A. G. Hazelden 1, W. T. Poston (conductor) 2, K. C. Bridges 3, A. H. Wheelwright 4, J. D. Morris 5, H. H. Winney 6, J. J. Webb 7, R. Taylor 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 3.

For the Armistice service at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on November 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by E. Worsdell 1, M. Smither 2, G. Arrowsmith 3, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 4, R. Carpenter 5, A. Brown 6, R. Hagley 7, G. Johnson 8. First attempt for ringers of 1 and 6.

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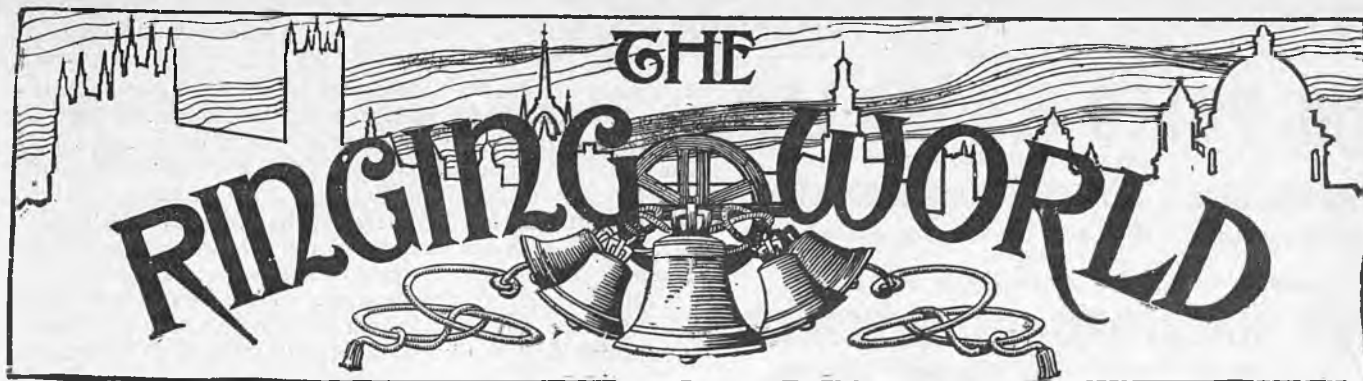
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On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 7
THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 8
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3	JOHN S. MASON ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 5	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 11
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 12 <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN W. WARD ... .. 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	*CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 6	*FREDERICK R. J. SMITH ... .. 12 <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First attempt for a peal in this method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Hobart E. Smith.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 8
ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3	*GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 12 <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Cinques.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	*EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. 6
NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 2	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 7
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8
*HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 4	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 9
†STEDMAN STEEL ... .. 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. 10 <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. GEORGE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON

\* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. The first peal of Plain Bob on the bells.



WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

*MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	*JOHN HASSELL ... 6
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 2	*WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	CECIL RADDON ... 8
*ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. SMITH ... Treble	ROBERT WALMSLEY ... 5
*JOHN ASHCROFT ... 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 6
*HARRY D. SHACKLETON ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt, 20 lb.

*ERNEST TREAGUS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
*EDGAR RAPLEY ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	JOHN ROTHWELL ... 5
*WILLIAM DANIELS ... 2	*JAMES E. WILSON ... 6
JAMES TAYLOR ... 3	JOHN BROWN ... 7
JOHN LUNHAM ... 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD CHANT ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
WILLIE GREEN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 6
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	T. COLIN RYDER ... 7
*FOORD P. NEWTON ... 4	ALBERT NASH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 201). Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S, LEICESTER, CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

HARRY WAYNE ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 5
*W. ERNEST RAWSON ... 2	HAROLD G. JENNY ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 3	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY G. RIDGWAY ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
A. NUNNELEY WOOD ... 2	WALTER SEAR ... 6
HARRY SEAR ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
*REGINALD H. HOWSON ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN

\* First peal on eight bells. Composition No. 168 in the Central Council's Collection.

WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK DUFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
FRANK TAYLOR ... 2	THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
WILLIAM BROADBENT ... 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 7
GEORGE HISLOP ... 4	THOMAS LEE ... Tenor

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

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Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method for the Oxford Guild and by all the band.

EASTWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*HOWARD SCOTT ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
*LIONEL T. PARKIN ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
*CHARLES E. POULTNEY ... 4	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in 1 hr 30 min and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Treble	BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 5
TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	HAROLD KENT ... .. 6
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

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BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Treble	H. JAMES CHAPMAN ... .. 5
MARTIN WALKER ... .. 2	JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 6
GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 3	STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... .. 7
*MISS ALISON M. GODDARD ... .. 4	WALTER M. GODDARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.  
\* First peal on eight bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt, 9 lb.

MISS I. B. THOMPSON ... .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 2	JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. 7
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN ... .. Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 5
MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 6
LESLIE BAINHAM ... .. 3	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	SIDNEY BAMFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

DISS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID WHITING ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. LOCK ... .. 5
CHARLES ORVES ... .. 2	WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 6
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... .. 3	CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 7
*LEONARD H. LOCK ... .. 4	NOLAN F. GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.  
\* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Albert G. Harrison.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
COLIN HARRISON ... .. 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 6
HARRY WAYNE ... .. 3	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 7
W. ERNEST RAWSON ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

EVERTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOE READER ... .. Treble	HARRY MORGAN ... .. 4
HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 2	RICHARD REECE ... .. 5
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Rung for the twelfth wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fifth.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents in 30 methods: (1) Cumberland, Ennerdale, Horsmonden and Killarney; (2) Frodsham and Windermere; (3) London Bob, Lytham Pleasure, Thelwall, Double Oxford, College Single, Wavertree, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (5) Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Hereward and Double Court; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.  
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HARRY CARTER ... .. Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

First peal in 30 methods by all and for the association. One hundred and fifty-six changes of method.

HALBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*VICTOR M. RUSSELL ... .. Treble	†JOHN PENNELL ... .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 3	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble	MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... .. 4
GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 2	GEORGE SAYER ... .. 5
DAVID WARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. SMALLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BRADFELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, London, St. Simon's and Grandsire.

*ARTHUR GAYTON ... .. Treble	†CYRIL LONGLAND ... .. 3
WILFRED JOYCE ... .. 2	ROLAND JONES ... .. 4
PHILIP JONES ... .. 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Little Houghton and Bradfield.

## MILTON REGIS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung with the bells open, in thankful remembrance of Canon Helmore.

## CROFTON, NEAR WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, November 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

JOHN WILLIAM MOXON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... .. 4
*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	ERNEST CUTT ... .. 5
ROLAND HILL ... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by D. SMITH.

\* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

## KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT MCKINNEL ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED FROST ... .. 4
NORMAN HOUGH ... .. 2	JOHN HASSELL ... .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... .. 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. J. BROWN.

## BARDWELL, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

EDWARD A. MURRELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE LILLEY ... .. 4
ALBERT G. BALAM ... .. 2	ARTHUR E. BALAM ... .. 5
GEORGE W. ABLETT ... .. 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

The first peal on the bells.

## LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

*ARTHUR DEACON ... <i>Treble</i>	PHILIP JONES ... .. 3
FRED ROBINSON ... .. 2	EDWARD HASTINGS ... .. 4
*ARTHUR HENNAN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nugee).

## ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE BARNARD ... <i>Treble</i>	J. W. L. SLACK ... .. 4
†MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 2	†C. W. LAWTON ... .. 5
T. TAYLOR ... .. 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. WHITTAKER and T. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble.

## WADHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES A. BASSETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

## TARRINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM E. HINSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4
*WILLIAM HOWELLS ... .. 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	GEORGE H. BROWN ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Doubles.

## MISTLEY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDITH M. CATON ... <i>Treble</i>	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

First peal in seven methods by Miss Caton and Miss Andrews.

## FLITTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SAMUEL DANIELS ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

## CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1938 in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR ABRAMS ... .. 4
STANLEY MURPHY ... .. 2	DUDLEY PAUL ... .. 5
RUSSELL PAUL ... .. 3	WILFRED YOUNG ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRED YOUNG.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Hawthorne, and his wife.

## SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM DAWSON ... <i>Treble</i>	GIRLING RIGBY ... .. 4
CHARLES HUTCHINSON ... 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 5
WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

IRONBRIDGE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sunday, November 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,*

At 3, Hill Side,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor, size 15 in C.

\*E. DENNIS POOLE ... 1-2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 3-4

JOHN W. HUMPHRIES ... 5-6

Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Witness—Mrs. Humphries.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Poole.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,*

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING 1-2 | MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ... 5-6

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*

In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Witness—Harold Brown.

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NEWBURY BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

But Elected Ringing Master.

After having served the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 13 years in the capacity of hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Curtis retired from that office at the annual meeting of the branch, held at Newbury on November 19th. He took this decision much to the regret of the members, for he has been a most efficient officer, and during the past 24 years has missed only one meeting of the branch. The services of Mr. Curtis are not, however, to be entirely lost, for the post of Ringing Master was created and he was elected to fill it.

The meeting was preceded by a service in the Newbury Parish Church, conducted by the Rector, Canon W. L. Cooper, an address being given by the Master of the Guild, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne. Afterwards tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, chairman of the branch, presided, supported by the Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Canon W. L. Cooper, Mr. Curtis and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary of the Guild).

In his report, Mr. Curtis said five meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 44. The membership of the branch was 188, consisting of 20 honorary members, 160 ringing members and eight life subscribers.

Mr. Curtis went on to say that having served the branch for 13 years as secretary, he felt the time had come when he should make room for a younger man. The reasons for this decision were illness and having to do many jobs which filled his spare time.

Presenting the balance sheet, he said the total receipts were £34 0s. 10d., which included a balance from last year of £17 5s. 1d. and subscriptions amounting to £16 11s. The expenses were £16 19s. 8d., a balance in hand remaining of £17 1s. 2d.

The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman, and, after acknowledging his appointment, paid a tribute to the work Mr. Curtis had put in on behalf of the branch.

Mr. T. J. Fisher, of Thatcham tower, was then appointed hon. secretary, and Mr. Curtis elected Ringing Master. The following were re-elected as representatives on the general committee of the Guild: Messrs. T. Curtis, S. Quinton, H. Smith and F. J. Owen.

The Master urged towers to make use of the facilities offered by the Guild with regard to instructors, while a suggestion, put forward by Mr. G. E. Hedges (Brightwalton), that towers should arrange combined practices, was well received.

The next meeting of the branch was fixed for Shaw-cum-Donnington in February, and the spring meeting for Shefford.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Kefford, to the Master for his address, the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held in Newbury and Mrs. Curtis and helpers for arranging the tea.

The address of the new hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch is Arniston, Manor Lane, Newbury.

**PEAL NOTES.****TWO BIG JOBS COMPLETED.**

Members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, made amends for their previous loss at Manchester Town Hall by scoring an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques on this new Taylor ring on November 19th. A few months ago they visited Manchester and rang over three hours, but the tenorman had to give up.

The journey home after the successful visit was more trouble than the peal itself. At Stoke the vice-president left the train in search of 'provender.' Just before the train was due to restart, as he had not returned, two others of the party went in search of him. When they got back, the vice-president, the provender and the train had all gone.

Three others of the party, who had stayed until a later hour in Manchester to hear the end of a peal of Stedman Caters at the Cathedral and attend a Lancashire meeting at Salford, reached Birmingham about 2.30 a.m., and were surprised to see two of their friends, whom they thought to be safely home and asleep, rushing for a late bus outside Snow Hill Station, where they should have been four hours before.

The peal itself was particularly interesting, in that it was the 300th peal of Stedman Cinques rung by St. Martin's Guild since the amalgamation of Birmingham societies about 50 years ago.

Before that time St. Martin's Society had rung 17 and the Holt Society two, so that the total is 319, which is, of course, many more than any other society has rung.

The 300 peals for the Guild have been rung in 17 towers, and 170 have been rung in St. Martin's belfry. The others have been as follows: West Bromwich and Wolverhampton, 8 each; Aston, 3; Painswick, Walsall, Worcester, 2 each; Bristol, Canterbury, Cheltenham, Cirencester, Exeter, Leicester, Manchester, Sheffield, Shrewsbury and Southwark, 1 each: on handbells, 95.

Beverley Minster tenor was turned in to a peal of Bob Royal on November 19th by Mr. Pat Cannon, who called a composition by Mr. James George as a birthday compliment to the Birmingham veteran. This is only the third occasion on which Beverley Minster tenor has been turned in.

Both these performances are a tribute to the excellence of the work done by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in the hanging of these heavy peals.

At Hughenden on November 19th the first peal of Cranbourne Surprise Major for the Oxford Guild was rung. It was the first peal in the method by all the band and was rung without practice. Only one previous peal had been rung in the method. This was at Egham, Surrey, last June for the Middlesex Association.

The new Vicar of Flitton, Beds, was welcomed with a peal in seven Minor methods on November 21st.

The first peal on the bells at Woolton, Liverpool, was rung on November 19th, 1888, and the jubilee was suitably commemorated with a peal of Grandsire Triples last Saturday week.

Two ladies took part in a handbell peal of Bob Major at Pudsey on November 22nd, when a composition by Mr. George Lewis, of Sheffield, was rung for the first time. It contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 in thirty-six, the minimum number of courses.

Another composition by Mr. Lewis was rung for the first time at Eastwood, Yorkshire, on November 19th. It is a peal of Treble Bob with the sixth the extent in 5-6 in thirteen courses and was rung to Oxford. Mr. Sid Briggs, who took part, finished the 'circle' of the tower, where he has now rung every bell to a peal.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs rang his fiftieth peal when he took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Ilkeston on November 21st.

A peal of Double Norwich Major at Diss on November 22nd was a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Harrison, hon. secretary of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

**A DIAMOND WEDDING.**

A diamond wedding was celebrated on Saturday week, when at Creswell, Derbyshire, a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Ipswich.

The diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. I. Moss was also celebrated by a peal in seven Minor methods at Mistley, Essex, on Nov. 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Moss are the parents of Mr. G. W. Moss, who is steeple-keeper at Mistley. It was the first peal in seven methods that Mr. George Waterman had rung for 33 years.

The bells at Aughton, Lancashire, were recently restored by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the first peal on them since the reopening was rung on Nov. 16th. Messrs. W. Daniels and J. E. Wilson rang their first peal, appropriately a birthday compliment to the latter.

Another 'birthday' peal was that rung at Horsham St. Faith, Norfolk, on Nov. 14th, as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Smalls.

Mr. T. Cullingworth learned to ring at Crofton, Yorks. He is now serving in the R.A.F., but while home on leave scored his first peal in seven Treble Bob methods. The peal, rung on November 18th, was specially arranged for him.

The peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at Leicester on November 23rd was arranged for Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham. The general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association rang his fiftieth peal on handbells. Over a decade has passed since Messrs. W. and E. R. Whitehead rang a peal 'in hand.'

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**LEICESTER CATHEDRAL'S BELLS.**

(Continued from previous page.)

The ringers at Leicester Cathedral very kindly placed the bells at St. Martin's on Saturday at the disposal of visitors who, coming from nearly a dozen different places, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. The ringers were from Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Romford, Walthamstow, Woking, Loughborough, Bath, Earl Shilton, Lewisham and Swindon.

Those who had not been to the tower since the days before the 'reformation' were struck by the change in the conditions. Instead of a rough going ring of ten in an uncomfortable tower, they found a new peal of twelve going so perfectly that they 'ring themselves,' and a chamber floored and panelled in oak, with oak furnishings, and a soft but effective lighting.

The story of how these bells were obtained for the Coronation sounds almost fantastic. Provost McNutt went out one morning with a list of names in his pocket. He came back at lunch time with the promise of eight bells from the first eight people he approached. Afterwards folk almost fell over each other to give the other five (there is an additional half-tone for a light eight). Mr. Fred Dexter says they could have got 24 bells instead of 12 if they could have done with them.

The peal that was rung on Saturday was specially interesting in view of the fact that, as recorded elsewhere, it made the fiftieth twelve-bell tower in which Messrs. C. T. Coles and G. R. Pye had rung a twelve-bell peal. George Newton, of Earl Shilton, rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at the first attempt without having rung a touch of it before, and J. S. Goldsmith made his peal towers up to 150. There was a large gathering of Leicester ringers afterwards to meet the visitors, and things went very merrily under the watchful eyes of a couple of police inspectors.

In a peal of Bob Minor at Alderley, Cheshire, the conducting was shared by two of the ringers. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. Fethers, whose sister took part; the peal was rung on Nov. 19th.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Llanfrechfa, Mon., on November 12th, on the occasion of a visit of Mr. George John, who was formerly a ringer at this church.

The first peal on the six bells at Bardwell, Suffolk, was rung on Saturday week.

Mr. Sidney Hough rang the 3rd at Knutsford, Cheshire, on Nov. 19th to a peal of Minor, and thus completed the circle of the tower.

Composed by Mr. Arthur Knights in September, 1882, a composition of 5,184 Treble Bob Major was rung for the first time on Nov. 19th at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire. Mr. Knights seems to have an inexhaustible supply of peals in this method. Mr. Harold Chant, who rang the treble, has now rung all the bells at Wath to a peal.

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**PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS AT IPSWICH.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on Saturday, is the fourth in the method on twelve bells. The other three were rung at Ipswich on September 13th, October 11th and November 22nd, 1930, so eight years have elapsed since the previous peal of Pudsey Maximus. There were five 'first peals' in this performance.

It was the 80th peal in which G. E. Symonds has rung the eleventh, 74 of them being Maximus. Mr. W. P. Garrett joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society just over 50 years ago, and has taken part in all the first peals rung in Surprise Maximus methods.

The peal of Minor at Milton Regis, Kent, although rung with the bells open, was rung in thankful remembrance of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was for 38 years the hon. secretary of the County Association. It was F. J. Cheal's 25th peal and the first peal in three methods by Miss Joan Naylor. It was also the first time a peal in three Minor methods had been rung on the bells. It was rung on November 16th.

What is believed to be the first peal on the five bells at Brafield, Northamptonshire, was rung on November 15th as a farewell to the Vicar, who held the joint living of Little Houghton and Brafield.

Two of the bells at Brafield are by Henry Bagley in 1699, the second was cast by 'Thomas Russell, of Wootton, in the County of Bedford,' in 1732. The two largest bells were cast in 1676 and the tenor bears the inscription, 'When I do ring or tole my voyce is spent that men may com to here Gods word adn so repent.' A short time ago the bells were tuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Another peal of farewell to the departing Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nugee) was rung at Little Houghton on Nov. 19th. He is going to Eckington, Derbyshire, where he will find eight bells. At the two five-bell towers in his Northamptonshire parishes he has been fortunate in having a strong band of ringers, and the farewell peals were rung by companies from both.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, rang his 275th peal for the Kent County Association on Saturday week, when he took part in a peal of Double Norwich Major at Staplehurst, which was a birthday compliment to his fourteen-year-old son, C. T. G. Sone.

**LEICESTER VICAR'S INDUCTION.**

On Tuesday, November 8th, at St. Margaret's, for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. E. N. Ducker, M.A., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by R. W. Swann 1, T. Bent 2, J. Morris 3, A. Debenham 4, W. H. Clarke 5, A. Cattell 6, G. S. Morris (conductor) 7, C. R. Hill 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next Monday, Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, will celebrate his 73rd birthday. He has rung nearly five hundred peals and thinks of giving up! But he's only a youngster yet, compared with some, and everyone will wish him still many happy returns of the day and many more years of peal ringing.

Three correspondents have written to point out that the peal of Doubles at Evershot, Dorset, recorded last week, was not the first in 21 methods. Three peals, in which this number of methods was used, have been rung at Cretingham, Suffolk.

The first was in 1883, conducted by D. G. Wightman. Mr. James Betts informs us that in this peal only seven of the methods rung at Evershot were employed.

The second peal was on March 10th, 1887, and was rung, Mr. E. F. Poppy tells us, by Stephen Wightman and his four sons, conducted by Alfred Wightman. Mr. Ronald Steward, however, sends the information that this peal was called by D. G. Wightman, and adds the date of the third peal, April 30th, 1887, conducted by A. S. Wightman. All the peals were rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. D. Hollos, a member of the Lancashire Association, delivered a lecture on campanology to a number of boys of Bury School recently. He traced the development of bells from the Bronze Age and illustrated his talk by excellent sketches which he rapidly drew on the blackboard. The lecture was both interesting and instructive.

## ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### LORD GRIMTHORPE'S DESIGN DISREGARDED.

Mr. F. E. Dawe informs us that correspondence with Mr. E. Denison Taylor confirms his statement, in the article recalling the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells 60 years ago, that Lord Grimthorpe intended the tenor of the peal to be a bell which would give a note of D flat, but that, in view of all the circumstances, the founder took it upon his own responsibility to cast it as a B flat bell.

Lord Grimthorpe's design was for a tenor having a thickness at the soundbow of one-thirteenth of the diameter, and a note by the late Mr. John Taylor, among the memoranda made at the time, makes manifest the founder's strong disapproval of this enormous thickness. He points out that a bell of the size of St. Paul's tenor, viz., 5ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., having a thickness at soundbow equal to one-thirteenth of diameter, would have the note D flat.

The one-thirteenth scale was not adhered to, and it is quite probable that the fact of this diminishment was not broken to Lord Grimthorpe until very much too late for anything to be done about it, but when he was informed he told the founder he had run a great risk of having the whole peal thrown back on his hands.

However, the matter was amicably settled, although Lord Grimthorpe apparently never surrendered his views, for in the eighth edition of 'Clocks, Watches and Bells' (1903) he wrote: 'All the five largest bells at St. Paul's are only on the 14 scale of thickness, and they would have been better on the 13 scale, but the tenor inconveniently heavy to ring.'

Mr. Dawe adds: 'I hope this will finally set at rest any doubts existing in the minds of some of the 'doubting Thomases,' and that they will see 'which to believe as truth,' and that all I have stated is strictly correct.'

## A 'NUISANCE' THAT WASN'T.

### AN OBJECTOR CAUGHT OUT.

With how little real cause some people complain of bells is illustrated by the following paragraph taken from 'The Star' of Saturday last, headed 'Baker Street Chimes.'

'The tower of Abbey House has a clock whose bells ring the Guildford Chimes hourly.'

'A musician living in the locality wrote to Sir Harold Bellman protesting that the bells kept him awake all night. Sir Harold promptly replied that they could not because the Chimes stopped at 10 p.m. and did not start again until 8 a.m.'

'It seems that the people of Baker Street and district like the Chimes, for whenever they are silenced for readjustment, shoals of letters are sent asking why. And the tower itself is so impressive at night that the young ladies of Bedford College in Regent's Park nearby sometimes write sonnets to its nocturnal beauty.'

## A DIAMOND WEDDING.

We have recorded two peals rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, of Ipswich. In addition the auspicious event was celebrated at Yaxley, Suffolk, where they formerly lived, by touches in various methods rung on the bells of the Parish Church. Mr. and Mrs. Moss have three sons who are ringers, Mr. G. Moss, of Mistley, Essex, Mr. Jesse J. Moss, of Bolsover, Derbyshire, and Mr. Harry Moss, of Braisworth, Suffolk, who took part in the diamond wedding ringing with three members of the Lock family, of Yaxley, and two Poppys from Stoke Ash. It is noteworthy that quite recently these ringers rang for the golden wedding of the parents of the brothers Lock.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—47.

### JAMES E. DAVIS.

Among the few men who have rung over a thousand peals is Mr. James E. Davis, whose whole ringing career has been spent in London. Mr. Davis has been associated with various towers, but for some years now he has been Bell Warden at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.

He was born in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, on May 1st, 1867, and learnt to handle a bell at St. George's, Camberwell. Going shortly afterwards to live in Deptford, he joined the band at St. John's Church, and there learnt the rudiments of change ringing. There, too, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on April 19th, 1891. His first peal as conductor was rung at Putney on January 5th, 1893, when he called Holt's Original.

Later Mr. Davis served as secretary of the old Waterloo Society, of which he was also the last elected Master. But although the society itself expired, Mr. Davis did not let the practices at St. John's, Waterloo Road, lapse. A band that met there regularly made rapid progress in the higher methods and rang many peals until the war put an end to church bellringing in London. One memorable peal was, however, rung there at a much earlier date. On June 4th, 1898, Mr. Davis took part at this tower in Holt's Original non-conducted, a performance that can still rank high in peal ringing annals.

Mr. Davis had a long connection with ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, where for a time he was steeplekeeper. At the Coronation of King George V. he was one of the band selected to ring at Westminster Abbey, and he holds the medal given to all, from the late Archbishop of Canterbury downwards, who took part in the historic ceremony.

After the restoration of Bishopsgate bells Mr. Davis was appointed bell warden, and a great many peals have been rung there during his tenure of office. The tower is in the heart of London and it was in his endeavour to minimise annoyance to the public that Mr. Davis produced the 'silencer,' which is now being used with advantage at many noisy towers and which was first applied to the bells at Bishopsgate.

Mr. Davis has now rung 1,122 peals, in 217 towers, of which he has conducted 265. Of this number 152 have been rung at Bishopsgate, 117 at St. John's, Waterloo Road, and 71 at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He took part in the record length of 10,400 of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow on December 26th, 1923, and that great performance, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on December 19th, 1925.

Many ringers, of course, served in His Majesty's Forces during the Great War, but few have served in two campaigns. Mr. Davis, however, did so. In the South African War he served with the East Surrey Regiment, mostly under General Sir Redvers Buller, and in the Great War he served with the Royal Engineers.

## THE KING AND QUEEN IN WALDEN BELFRY.

### THEIR MAJESTIES CHAT WITH RINGERS.

When their Majesties the King and Queen visited St. Paul's Walden belfry on Sunday week, as recorded in our last issue, they chatted for some time with the ringers.

Mr. Ernest East, captain of the local band, was presented to the King and Queen, and he afterwards presented to Her Majesty a photograph of the new 'Elizabeth' bell, which commemorates the Coronation of their Majesties.

After staying for about five minutes watching the ringers at work, their Majesties ascended the narrow staircase to the bell chamber, the bells, meantime, for the sake of safety, having been lowered.

The new 'Elizabeth' bell was then raised, in order that the royal party could observe the normal working of a bell. The Queen remarked, on descending the stairs, that she considered the new bell was of exceptionally sweet tone.

The bell was then raised again, and several touches of Grandsire Doubles rung as the royal party left the church.



MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

## BELLS BEFORE BROADCAST SERVICES

### B.B.C.'s FURTHER EXPLANATION.

The action of the B.B.C. in several recent instances of curtailing very considerably the actual time allotted to the broadcasting of bells before the Sunday evening services has led to further correspondence.

Writing to Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who had called attention to the cutting down of the time by the introduction of a description of the church, and had suggested that this description should begin about three minutes earlier, the Controller of Public Relations said:—

We fully understand your regret that occasionally it has been found desirable to devote part of the time hitherto allowed (in some churches) for the ringing of bells to a short descriptive notice of the church's history and/or surroundings. But in reply I would ask you to consider that—

(1) A very much larger number of listeners prefer to hear something of the history of the church than the ringing of the bells; and we are in duty bound to take this preference into account.

(2) The number of churches about which these short descriptive notices are broadcast is comparatively small. Thus, in the three months July, August and September, out of a total of 37 services, only nine were preceded by such notices.

(3) We must face the fact that bells do not make a very effective broadcast. Please believe that we realise the fascination of the art, and the interest which it has for a number of its devotees; but to the ordinary listener, who knows nothing of its intricacies, and, therefore, is without this interest, it tends to become monotonous after a very short time.

We would not, however, have you think that we disregard your appeal; and there are two ways in which we may possibly be able to meet—in part at least—your request.

We will endeavour to keep such notices as we broadcast as short as possible, so as to allow a little longer time for the bells, and we will also make sure that we broadcast a notice about a church only when it has some features of historic or architectural interest. But we fear we cannot undertake to omit such notices altogether from our programmes.

### A LOSS TO THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

#### DEATH OF MR. C. JOHN TROTMAN.

By the death of Mr. C. John Trotman, the Suffolk Guild has lost a very keen and devoted member. His untimely end, at the early age of 48, was the result of an accident, sustained whilst engaged in his duties in connection with water and sewerage.

A native of Swinbrook, Gloucester, the deceased went to Woodbridge some ten years ago, and straightway endeavoured to foster the art of campanology among a band of youths in the town. It was mainly through his enthusiasm and endless efforts that the lovely old peal of St. Mary's were rehung in January, 1934. He rang his first peal with five of his pupils on Jubilee Day, this being the only peal rung in the county of Suffolk that day. Although his duties did not permit much time for peal ringing, he attended regularly for service ringing and practices, and, as leader of the company, made many friends.

Apart from his ringing services, he was also a member of the Parochial Church Council and the choir.

On his removal to Ipswich in August, 1937, Mr. Trotman continued his ringing activities at St. Margaret's and frequently he revisited Woodbridge, where he was held in high esteem, for Sunday service ringing.

The funeral took place at Woodbridge on Friday last, the Suffolk Guild being represented at the service by the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. Charles E. Fisher. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the deceased's favourite method) was rung with the bells half-muffled by Miss Janet Grayston (first quarter-peal) 1, George W. Warner 2, William A. Woods 3, James W. Woodruffe 4, A. Stanley Woodard 5, Frank L. Fisher (conductor) 6, Charles E. Fisher 7, James Sawyer 8.

This band included five of the deceased's own pupils, the remainder being those who had spent many hours ringing in his company.

### CAMBRIDGE CHORISTERS LEARNING TO RING.

#### BOYS FROM GREAT ST. MARY'S AT LITTLE SHELFORD.

There was a very good attendance at the Ely Branch meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Little Shelford on Saturday, an encouraging feature being the number of young ringers present.

At the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. B. H. Berwick), the singing was much helped by the choirboys from Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, who are being taught ringing by Mr. J. Quinney. It is to be hoped they will stick to bellringing when their choirboy days are over; anyway Mr. Quinney is doing the right thing in getting them interested while they are still actively connected with the church.

After service the ringers found a bountiful tea provided by the Rector and the Little Shelford ringers in the Village Hall, with Mrs. Berwick and other ladies to wait upon them. There being no business to transact, no official meeting was held, but the thanks of the visitors to the Little Shelford people were expressed by the Vicar of Harston (the Rev. P. G. Ward), who also invited any of the ringers to visit his tower to ring before going on to the other six-bell tower of Stapleford.

While perhaps some of the older ringers did not get very much in the way of interesting ringing, it is felt they will be amply repaid in the knowledge that they put in some good work on behalf of the younger generation.

C. W. C.

## A VILLAGE BELL RESTORATION.

### SOBERTON BELLS RETUNED AND REHUNG.

The little village of Soberton, in Hampshire, has just had its church bells put in order and the tower and clock restored. The bells have been done partly by a substantial grant from the Barron Bell Trust, but, even so, the parish has raised something like £400 for the work. It was a great and praiseworthy effort, and on Sunday morning the Bishop of Portsmouth attended a thanksgiving service. There was a large congregation, including the local and a few visiting ringers. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefroy), and in the course of which the verses from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' 'Ring out, wild bells,' were sung.

The Bishop, going to the west end of the church, offered special prayers and afterwards preached from the words, 'The multitudes that went before and that followed, burst into a shout, saying, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord' (Matt. xxi., 9). Having spoken on the importance of Advent, the Bishop congratulated the parish upon the completion of the restoration of the tower and bells. Men of Soberton had through the centuries, he said, delighted in their church. As he looked upon pillar and memorial, the arched of the roof, as he looked upon hatchment and tomb and ancient doorway, he said to himself, all down the centuries the men of Soberton had loved and cherished that place. Their sons to-day were doing precisely the same thing. It was the most ancient building in the place and the most thrilling; the stones inside and out told their own story. The Church was the embodiment of England and the English spirit, and they were rejoicing that day because they had done their part in that twentieth century in keeping the building, which enshrined everything that was best in their Christian character, in a worthy condition.

The Bishop went on to remind the congregation of the uses of bells and laid special emphasis on the marriage bell and the passing bell. The homes of England created by marriage were, he said, the foundation of our society. When they heard the bells let them ask themselves how things were going in their own homes, and if they were not going right they should get them put right by kindness, gentleness and courtesy to one another. The passing bell was a reminder that death must come to all. Let them see to it that they were making their own path so clear of evil and wickedness that when the call came to them they could go with joyful heart.

After the service a 504 Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. George Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), who rang his first peal in this tower when the bells were increased to eight in 1883. Other touches followed in which visiting ringers took part.

The restoration of the bells, which has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., has consisted of retuning and rehanging in a new iron frame all on one level; the trebles in the old wooden frame were mounted above the rest. The bells are now a pleasant ring with a tenor of 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb., and vastly improved in tone.

The sixth and seventh are pre-Reformation bells, the tenor was cast in 1623 and the 5th in 1649. The 4th was cast in 1878 and the 3rd in 1881.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### ENERGETIC AT IDLE.

The Leeds and District Society's November meeting was held at Idle on Saturday. Travellers to this tower can see the church standing on the top of the hill, but, when one approaches nearer, the tower is lost to view and none of the roads seem to lead direct to the church, and various ringers seem to have been in difficulty as to the correct turning that they should have taken in order to arrive at the church and inside the tower away from the wretched weather which always seems to be reserved for the society when they visit Idle.

The business meeting was held in the tower, when owing to the president (the Rev. Andrews) having to take a service at home and being, therefore, unable to stay until the business meeting, Mr. W. H. Senior (vice-president) occupied the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson. The Rev. Bennett replied for the clergy, and Mr. T. Hill (churchwarden and ringer) spoke for the local company. Mr. Bennett is hoping to learn to ring in company with three or four others.

Further details of the society's jubilee in March, 1939, were announced. It was also stated that the next meeting would be in January at Pudsey.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Shipley and the local company, and much energy was put into the ringing.

## DEATH OF MASTER OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

### IN OFFICE ONLY SEVENTEEN DAYS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Lawrence B. Porter, who was installed as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths only on November 8th. Mr. Porter was found ill in the street on Monday of last week and taken to Middlesex Hospital, where he died on Friday. Mr. Porter had recently gone to live at Wembley Park; formerly he resided in Putney.

For many years Mr. Porter was out of ringing, after having been associated with it at Islington and Hackney. But about five years ago he came back to it and attended the meetings of the College Youths, in whose proceedings he took great interest. In 1935 he was elected Junior Steward of the society, served as Senior Steward for two years under Mr. E. H. Lewis' Mastership, and came to the chair at the beginning of this month.

Of late he had been in rather indifferent health and at the last minute was somewhat reluctant to take office, but consented when his nomination was unanimously approved.

Mr. Porter leaves a widow in bereavement. His only child, a daughter, had predeceased him. The funeral took place at Willesden on Wednesday.

Mr. Porter is the first Master of the College Youths to die in office within living memory. The only record of two Masters serving in one year is in 1738.

### RESTORATION OF A CHESHIRE PEAL.

#### OVER BELLS IN A NEW FRAME.

During the early part of this year trouble was being experienced in the handling of the famous bells of St. Chad's Church, Over, Cheshire, where in July, 1923, the record length of 'Treble Bob' (17,280 of Kent Major) was rung. Expert opinion was obtained, and it transpired that the death-watch beetle had played havoc with the main timbers to such an extent that the bell frame was on the verge of collapse. The Vicar, wardens and Church Council, although faced with a big task, did not wring their hands, but lost no time in getting matters put right. The work to the bells was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who have replaced the old oak frame with a new one of massive proportions and constructed of teak. The old plain bearings have been replaced with new ones of ball-bearing type, and the bells are now not only in a safe condition for many years to come, but in excellent ringing order.

In conjunction with the rehanging of the bells, a new floor to the bell chamber has been put in, a new sound-deadening ceiling has been fixed in the ringing room, and the windows of the bell chamber have been completely covered with strong copper-wire guards to keep out the birds.

At morning service on Sunday, the completed work was hallowed by the Archdeacon of Chester, the Ven. R. H. V. Burne. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Spencer, Vicar of Over, and the Archdeacon gave the address.

In spite of the awkward hour, a number of ringers turned up after ringing at their own churches, and Davenham, Crewe, Great Budworth, Northwich and several other neighbouring towers were represented. There was not a lot of time allowed for ringing, but all who visited Over managed to get a pull and everybody was delighted with the complete installation. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on their work. They were represented at the service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

### RUARDEAN RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we record the unexpected death of Mr. Howard Reid, of Ruardean, Glos., who passed away on Friday, November 18th, at the age of 55 years. He was a member of the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association up to the time of his death. For several years he was also a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He was an extremely useful member of the Ruardean band and acted as their treasurer for over 30 years.

Being a keen ringer, he readily advanced the necessary money to have the 6th bell recast when the bells of the Parish Church were rehung in 1929. He rang in the first peal on the octave on the occasion of the funeral of King Edward VII., the peal being conducted by Mr. W. Short.

Mr. Reid was also treasurer of the Ruardean handbell ringers and often assisted at Christmas time to raise funds for the old people.

A very representative band of ringers attended the funeral, which took place at the Ruardean Parish Church on Wednesday, November 23rd, and a muffled peal was rung by the local ringers.

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## TWELVE-BELL TOWER RECORD. RINGERS' UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT.

An interesting record has been set up by Messrs. G. R. Pye and C. T. Coles. On Saturday they rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester—the fiftieth tower in which each of them had rung a twelve-bell peal. It is a remarkable achievement, especially when it is remembered that there are only 57 twelve-bell towers in the British Isles. There is one other, in Melbourne, Australia.

It is a unique thing, too, that these two ringers should reach this total together and that it should be the same 50 towers, because their visits have not always been made jointly, although it now happens that they have rung a peal together in every one of the towers.

The interesting list is given below in county classification:—

Berkshire: St. Laurence's, Reading.  
Buckinghamshire: All Saints', High Wycombe.  
Cambridgeshire: St. Mary the Great, Cambridge.  
Cheshire: St. Michael's, Macclesfield.  
Devonshire: Buckfast Abbey; Exeter Cathedral.  
Essex: Chelmsford Cathedral; St. Mary's, Saffron Walden; St. Lawrence's, Waltham Abbey.  
Gloucestershire: St. Mary's, Cheltenham; St. John the Baptist's, Cirencester; St. Mary's, Painswick; Tewkesbury Abbey.  
Hampshire: Christchurch Priory; Winchester Cathedral.  
Hertfordshire: St. Albans Abbey.  
Kent: Canterbury Cathedral; Waterloo Tower (Quex Park).  
Lancashire: St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne; St. Nicholas', Liverpool; St. Mary's, Oldham.  
Leicestershire: St. Margaret's, Leicester; St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester.  
Lincolnshire: Lincoln Cathedral; St. Laurence's, Surfleet.  
Middlesex: St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London.  
Norfolk: St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth; St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.  
Northumberland: Newcastle Cathedral.  
Oxfordshire: Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.  
Somerset: St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol; St. Mary Magdalen, Taunton.  
Staffordshire: St. Matthew's, Walsall; Christ Church, West Bromwich; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.  
Suffolk: St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.  
Surrey: Southwark Cathedral.  
Warwickshire: SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston; St. Martin's, Birmingham.  
Wiltshire: St. James', Trowbridge.  
Worcestershire: St. Mary's, Kidderminster; St. Mary's Cathedral, Worcester.  
Yorkshire: St. John's, Halifax; St. Peter's, Leeds; Sheffield Cathedral; Wakefield Cathedral.  
Ireland: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.  
The only twelve-bell towers in which they have not rung peals are St. Paul's Cathedral; St. Bride's, Fleet Street; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London; York, Shrewsbury, Croydon, Manchester Town Hall, and, of course, Melbourne.

The peals which Messrs. Pye and Coles have rung in the 50 towers are interesting. Mr. Pye's list on tower bells comprises the following: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 76 (conducted 2), including the 7,392 at Bow, Cheapside, and the record 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne; Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 8 (conducted 2); Stedman Cinques, 139 (conducted 11), including the 11,111 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, the longest true peal of Stedman Cinques; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Erin Cinques, 1; total 233.

Mr. Coles' total is 190, made up of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 74 (conducted 4), including the 7,392 and 15,312; Superlative Surprise Maximus, 5; Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3 (conducted 1); Stedman Cinques, 104 (conducted 38); Erin Cinques, 1.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Alderton on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and at 3.30 a service, conducted by the Rev. E. V. Fenn, hon. secretary of the branch, was held in the 14th century church. The Rural Dean (the Rev. Canon Martin) addressed the ringers and spoke of the good work being done by guilds such as theirs.

Tea was provided at the farmhouse of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fountaine, no other place being available, and thanks were given to Mrs. Fountaine for kindly arranging tea and also to her willing helpers and to the local ringers.

Handbells were then brought into use, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung by mixed bands, and selections of old tunes by members of a well-known Kentish family of ringers. Further ringing afterwards took place on the five bells in the old tower, which dates from the 13th century.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION. NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMING RETIREMENT.

A happy gathering of ringers took place at Wimbledon Parish Church on Saturday, when the North-Western District of the Surrey Association held their last meeting of the year. Towers represented were Banstead, Beddington, Buckland, Camberwell, Chertsey, Croydon (Parish Church and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham (Parish Church and Christ Church), Putney and the local ringers. Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, was a welcome visitor. There was a total attendance of 40.

Ringings commenced at 3 o'clock, and later a shortened form of even-song was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps), assisted by the curate (the Rev. W. R. Flex), who also read the lesson and gave the address. Taking his text from Zechariah, xiv., 20, 'In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses "Holiness unto the Lord,"' the Rev. W. R. Flex described the use of bells through the ages.

The ringers then went to the Parish Hall, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar and churchwardens, at which the curate and Mr. A. J. Castle (churchwarden) were present. After tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Phelps for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the Rev. W. R. Flex for his address, to the Vicar and churchwardens for providing the tea, and to Mr. W. Arthur Taylor (captain of the local band) for making all arrangements for the meeting.

The Rev. W. R. Flex, in replying, apologised for the absence of the Vicar at tea, saying that he (the Vicar) would have liked very much to have been able to join them, but parochial duties prevented his attendance. He thanked the association for coming to Wimbledon, and said they could be assured of a hearty welcome on future occasions.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Master, Mr. Daniel Cooper. Mr. T. A. Blow, of Sanderstead, was elected a ringing member, and the elections of the following members, made in the belfry previous to a peal at Beddington, were ratified: Messrs. C. Hazelden (Guildford), ringing member; E. H. Lewis (Brasted), and R. Reed (Eastleigh), compounding members.

Mr. W. H. Hewett, of Camberwell, having expressed his regret at being unable to serve on the District Committee for a further period, the following members were nominated for election as district officers for 1939: Mr. D. D. Cooper (Master), Mr. H. W. Simmons (treasurer), Mr. F. G. Woodiss (secretary), Mr. R. A. Simmons (auditor), Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Messrs. C. Potheary and H. V. Young (committee).

The district secretary announced his decision to retire at the end of next year, explaining that by informing them now it would give members ample time in which to find a successor for election in 1940.

Mr. Castle (churchwarden), after a few words of welcome, thanked the association for coming to Wimbledon, and expressed, on behalf of his colleague as well as for himself, their pleasure at entertaining them.

Members were then conducted by Mr. A. J. Cook (local captain at Merton) to Merton Parish Church, where the bells (a peal of five, which require a good deal of handling) were available for ringing in the evening. There the party were met by the Vicar of Merton, who showed them round the church, explaining the various items of architectural and historical interest, with which this church abounds; also matters relating to the former Abbey.

After eight, ten and twelve bell ringers had had some much needed practice on five bells, the meeting dispersed.

## RINGERS WEDDED AT SHEFFIELD.

MR. LESLIE HAYWOOD AND MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Nov. 19th, of Mr. Leslie Haywood and Miss Noel Cawthorne. Both the bride and bridegroom are well known in ringing circles in the North, being members of the Handsworth Guild. The bride was formerly hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild for a number of years and she has also excelled herself in peal ringing, having rung 98 peals.

The Vicar of Woodhouse (the Rev. E. Snell) officiated in the absence of the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who was unavoidably unable to be present. Miss Lucy Kelly, also of the Handsworth Guild, was the bride's only attendant, and Mr. Reginald Payne, another well-known ringer, from Rotherham, was best man.

The bride was dressed in a petrel-blue three-piece costume with hat and shoes to match. The bridesmaid wore a dress of navy blue silk, trimmed with velvet, with hat and shoes to match. Both wore sprays of pink carnations. The bride's grandfather, Mr. J. Bate, gave her away. Mr. Bate, although he is not a ringer, has rung the curfew at Handsworth at 8 o'clock every night without fail for more years than many people live.

The bells were rung for about ten minutes as the bride and bridegroom left the church, and after a short halt a start was made for a peal of Little Bob Major, which unfortunately came to grief after about half an hour's ringing. The ringers were: F. Watkinson 1, J. G. Brothwell 2, R. Birch 3, Mrs. J. E. Turley 4, J. Garth 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, E. Thorpe 7, J. E. Turley 8. The members of the Handsworth Ringers' Guild presented the bride and bridegroom with an electric chiming clock. The future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood is Maple Grove, Aston, near Sheffield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****SPADE WORK IN MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

The Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a ringing meeting at Chelford on Saturday, November 12th. Although sparsely attended, it provided an opportunity for some good spade work to be put in, and the 'learners' had a very good time. The early arrivals were met at the church by Mr. C. H. Taylor, who has been a ringer at Chelford for 48 years, and the bells were soon going to rounds, Doubles and Minor. A course of Treble Bob Minor provided Mr. Taylor with his first touch in the method, which surely has been long waited for.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Parkes. It was regretted that the Vicar could not be present at tea owing to a prior engagement. He, however, took the opportunity of having a word with the ringers and proved to have a knowledge of ringing, so much so that a prominent conductor was caught napping on the number of changes that could be rung on eight bells.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Vicar was elected an honorary member of the branch. It was agreed that the date of the branch general meeting be January 14th, 1939, subject to confirmation.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells, and to Mr. Taylor for so kindly making all the arrangements.

A wish was expressed that the young band at present at Chelford will shortly be ringing changes and that any ringer in this area on Thursday evening of any week will call and give a hand in the tutoring of the pupils.

Further use was made of this grand little peal of six by Mears and Stainbank until 8 p.m., when the homeward journey commenced.

**WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS OPENING.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—We are indebted to our Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams, for his spirited reply to Mr. F. E. Dawe's remarks concerning the ringing at the rededication of Winchester Cathedral bells last year. I was one of those who caused some had striking on that occasion, until I had got the 'feel' of my bell, but, if I remember rightly, it was a ringer who should have been accustomed to the larger compass who first got himself 'embrangled' (as we read in 'The Nine Tailors') to bring the subsequent course of Cinques to grief.

The belfry was crowded with ringers and it took some little courage to stand in for a ring, whilst the very determination to do well seemed to encompass one's destruction. I do not believe the novice takes a rope on such occasions, unless persuaded to under the guidance of a competent ringer.

When St. Peter's bells, Bournemouth, were rededicated a year ago I insisted on the old ropes being fitted for the occasion, and I am convinced that this went far to ensure the good ringing we enjoyed. A new rope can be troublesome to the best of ringers, even if well stretched beforehand, and especially on new bells.

Mr. Williams' letter shows his characteristic understanding of the feelings and difficulties of our young ringers and, after a long and meritorious ringing career, a realisation that the future of the Exercise depends upon the amount of help, encouragement and sympathy they receive.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, Tower Captain, St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

**LATE NOTICES.**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Mere on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting for election of officers, etc., to follow. Will members please make special efforts to attend?—Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Lytton Arms 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newport Pagnall Deanery.—Meeting at Lavendon on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements.—J. S. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage.

**SINCE THE ROMAN ASSOCIATION** with Watford there have been many changes; some new changes can still be rung with the Herts Association on Saturday, December 17th. Tower available from 3.30 till 8.15. Service at 5.15. Tea at Old School at 5.40 p.m. Usual business meeting after. Excellent train and coach service.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

**NOTICES.**

**LADIES' GUILD.**—London District.—A meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 4.30. Tea and meeting in Oak Cafe at 4.45 p.m. Service 6 o'clock. Ringing after service until 9 o'clock. Subscriptions for year ending June, 1939, now due.—I. R. Housden, 20, Fairwood Court, Fairlop Road, E.11. Phone, Ley 3850.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at St. Laurence's (Ramsgate) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at 1s. per head.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea in School, 6d. each.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A special meeting will be held at North Shields on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, when the newly reconditioned ring of bells of Christ Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tea will be served at 1s. 6d. per head.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the Leicester and Hinckley Districts will be held at Claybrooke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Ringing from 3 to 4.30 and 6 to 8. Members of the Warwickshire Guild are invited to attend. This meeting is specially arranged to revive local interest.—H. W. Perkins, W. A. Wood, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. in the Walker Hall, The Green, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Bus route 29 from Victoria, or Tube to Southgate.—C. T. Coles, for Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Phone, Larkwood 1929.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's Priory Church, Cartmel, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec., Furness and Lake Dis., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsdon on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ilchester bells will probably be available.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Symondsburry and Burton (6).—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1938 will be held at Kegworth on Dec. 3rd, and a good finish to a good year is requested.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Please send in good time numbers for tea. Visitors will be made welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please make a special effort to attend. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, for tea. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.** —Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (12) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 Tea 5.30. All welcome.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**MARIANSLEIGH**, near South Moulton, Devon.—The new ring of six bells installed by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) AND SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A joint meeting will be held to-morrow, Dec. 3rd. Ringing, St. Ann's, West Hill, Highgate, 3.15 to 4.30, followed by service. Tea at White Horse Hotel, Trolley-bus terminus, Hampstead. Evening ringing: St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 6.30 to 7.45 p.m., St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 8 to 9 p.m. Tea will be reserved for those who inform Mr. T. Bevan, 184, Malden Road, Kentish Town, N.W.5, by first post on December 3rd.—James G. A. Prior, Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing at St. Clement Danes', Strand, December 4th, at 10 a.m. Practices at St. Clement Danes' on Dec. 5th and 19th at 7.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).**—Meetings for December at 7.30 p.m. \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 6th; St. Magnus the-Martyr, 8th and 22nd; Southwark Cathedral, 13th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 27th; St. Andrew's, Holborn (8 p.m.) 29th. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Wednesday next, December 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Liss. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be

held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Thompson, 72, Woodall Road, Calverley, by Thursday, Dec. 8th. A hearty welcome extended to all.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Goring on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the Mulberry Hotel, 1s. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, Fylde.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. for all who send word before Thursday, Dec. 8th, to Mr. H. V. Hughes, 21, Raglan Street, Garston, Liverpool, 19. Please help to make this a successful meeting.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amptill Rd., Liverpool, 17.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10th, at St. Hilary's, Wallasey (6 bells). Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tewkesbury Deanery.—Annual meeting at The Leigh (6 bells) on Dec. 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Intending visitors notify Secretary by Dec. 6th.—H. Wakeford, Hon. Sec., 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3 Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., to be followed by business meeting. All are welcome.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand; subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Oldham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1s. per head, to all who notify Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, by Dec. 8th. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) from 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Please make a special effort to attend. Visitors will be made welcome. Names for tea not later than Dec. 8th please.—W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Last minute tea arrangements are rather difficult here, so please notify in good time. Those who wish to be included in the 1938 annual report as paid up members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid by Dec. 31st.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. Will all who intend to be present notify me on or before Dec. 6th?—R. A. Tufin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Croft on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing and service at usual times. Tea at 5 p.m., arranged for those who notify Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft, not later than Friday, December 9th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 76, Church St., Ecclesfield, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 7th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, nr. Barnsley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome; please come and try this very light peal.—E. C. Gobey, District Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Address by the Rector of Clyst St. George (Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse). Tea 4.45 p.m., free. Business meeting to follow. Election of officers. Those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Dec. 5th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Last meeting of the year. Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bus service from Britannia Hotel, Shrewsbury. Please notify for tea, as catering is difficult here without due notice.—W. A. Farmer, Hon. Sec., 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stapleton, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at the Memorial Hall. Will those desiring tea please let me know by Dec. 5th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6) on Saturday, December 10th. Please send me a card if you will require tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ewell on December 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. E. Read, 58, High Street, Ewell, before Dec. 8th.—A. H. Smith, District Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Padbury on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.45. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good train and bus service.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m. Please notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, of the number for tea.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 14th.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., Church Room. Business meeting to follow. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wed., Dec. 15th.—O. Thomas, Branch Sec.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster. All are welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge) for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, December 14th, to Mr. E. Parkinson, Back Lane House, Newchurch, Rossendale.—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The new address of Mr. G. H. Williams is 173, Balden Road, Harborne, Birmingham, and not that printed in our last issue.

**ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on January 28th next. Further details later.—G. H. Cross, Master.

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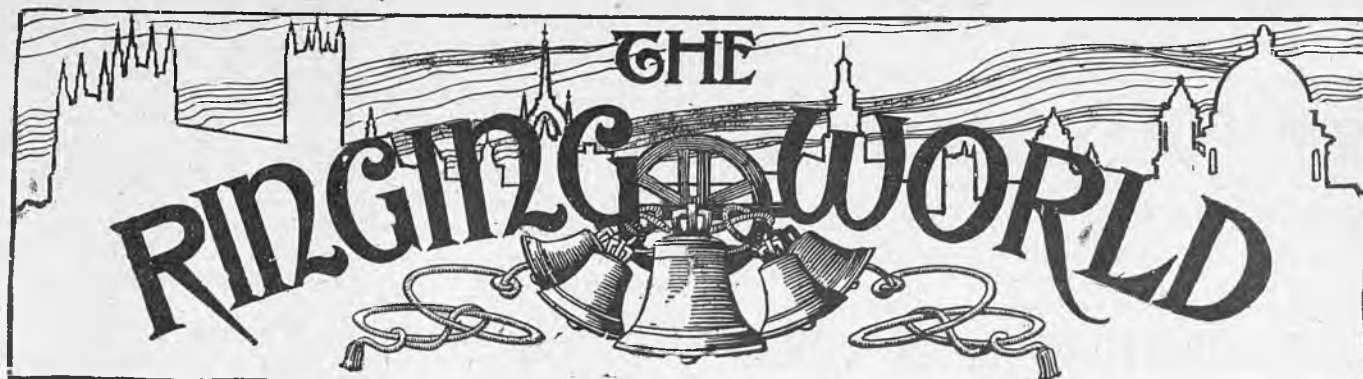
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## TECHNICAL TERMS.

There may be, at first sight, a certain amount of sympathy with the views of the writer of a letter, printed elsewhere, who asks for the omission of technical words in the instruction of beginners and the substitution of 'words in ordinary everyday use' as being more conducive to the progress of the learner, who has, at the outset, the double difficulty, as our correspondent puts it, of learning both to ring and to understand. But is this use of technical words so great an obstacle to the progress of a beginner, after all? Is it not more apparent than real? There has always been a kind of mystery made of the 'jargon of the belfry,' which renders conversation among ringers unintelligible to the uninitiated, but in ringing, as in any other study, the use of technical terms is unavoidable.

The technical words are used in ringing because there are no words 'in ordinary everyday use' which concisely express their meaning. These technical words were not invented by the writers of books, but grew up naturally among ringers in the towers and we cannot do without them. The fault really lies with the instructor, whether he be the writer of a book or a man in the tower, if he does not perform the elementary duty to his pupil of explaining at the outset what these technical terms mean. When, for instance, ringing is in progress, the employment of words 'in ordinary use' to put the beginner right when he makes a mistake would be impossible and, if it had to be done, would probably only make confusion worse confounded. Moreover, every instructor would develop his only vocabulary and new sets of terms would grow up. The technical words which we use are by this time pretty well standardised and, although we agree it is useless to hurl them at beginners without any previous explanation, in elementary matters at any rate they are not difficult to grasp. It is quite true that some instructors, not realising the importance of making the language of ringing clear to their pupils, fail to give adequate explanations and leave the beginner to find out for himself exactly what is meant by certain terms; equally true it is that some so-called instructors are incapable of lucidly explaining by 'words in ordinary use' exactly what they mean by technical terms they employ. But that is not the defect of the terms themselves. Anyone who begins the study of a science or an art will find himself at once faced with technical terms which he will have to understand before he can make progress, and ringing is no exception. These terms in ringing cannot be done without and beginners must put themselves to

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the trouble of understanding them. The learner who finds himself confronted with unfamiliar expressions would, we should have thought, have had his interest quickened rather than find discouragement in the fact. If he does not understand a term when he hears it for the first time, he can always ask its meaning. Up till recently the Central Council published a 'Glossary' of technical terms used in connection with bells and ringing. They have just given away all the hundreds of copies they had on hand because nobody seemed to want them. Actually the Glossary was one of the first things which a person who intended seriously to take up ringing might have studied with advantage.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES L. WATSON ... .. 6
*ARTHUR DAY ... .. 2	†ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 7
THOMAS J. HALL ... .. 3	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... .. 8
†A. ROWLAND TYSOE ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 9
†ERNEST J. GALE ... .. 5	HAROLD V. FROST ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 141). Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First attempt for a peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM F. J. COPE ... .. 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	*GEORGE L. GROVER ... .. 7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 8
SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 4	CHARLES HAZLEDEN ... .. 9
SIDNEY BREEZE ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. RADFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. Treble	NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... .. 3	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 7
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

\* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
*NORMAN H. GRINHAM ... .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 6
ARTHUR EVERITT ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
†CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. E. BULWER.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method.



## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES MARSHALL ... 6
*RONALD W. SWANN ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major and first attempt.

## SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	WALTER H. POOLE ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	† GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 6
* REGINALD BEALE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... 4	† WILLIAM G. HARWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal on eight. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

## TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
* GEORGE JACKSON ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 500th peal.

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Treble	WALTER A. PECK ... 5
DENNIS T. BROCK ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. F. W. Coombe, recently inducted Vicar of Wraybury. It was also a birthday peal for D. T. Brock.

## WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* HARRY HARGREAVES ... Treble	ALBERT YATES ... 5
† THOMAS HILLMAN ... 2	† HERBERT C. RAWCLIFFE ... 6
WILLIAM PROCTOR ... 3	FRED READ ... 7
† WALTER BRIGGS ... 4	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by FRED READ.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. † First peal. Rung with bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. J. Preston.

## SALISBURY.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

H. JIM RALPH, Past Secretary, North Dorset Branch ... Treble	
WILLIAM C. SHUTE, Ringing Master, North Dorset Branch ... 2	
REV. F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS, General Secretary ... 3	
LEONARD HARRIS, Ringing Master, Salisbury Branch ... 4	
FRANK W. ROMAINE, Secretary, Salisbury Branch ... 5	
SYDNEY HILLIER, Ringing Master, Devizes Branch ... 6	
WILLIAM C. WEST, Secretary, Devizes Branch ... 7	
FRANK GREEN, Assistant Secretary ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

Rung by officers of the Guild to mark the completion by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards of 50 years' service as a ringer. William C. West's 100th peal.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK (No. 1).

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

## ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfleda,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

LESLIE TREMEER ... Treble	* ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5
* FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 2	HAROLD P. REED ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	REGINALD A. REED ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

## EYNSFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
HARRY HOVERD ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
* DENNIS G. BROWN ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First attempt for a Surprise peal.

## EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 5
* CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 6
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	† HARRY GIBBARD ... 7
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by H. NICHOLS. Conducted by ARTHUR J. HOLMES.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Major.

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## MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE ... .. Treble	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 5
GEORGE BEENY ... .. 2	WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 7
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

## NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLIFFORD ELLISON ... .. Treble	HARRY WILD ... .. 5
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 2	ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 6
ARTHUR SKELTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7
HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

## SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 28, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*THOMAS E. WHITE ... .. Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... .. 5
CYRIL DOBNEY ... .. 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	NORMAN T. KING ... .. 7
ERNEST T. KING ... .. 4	JOHN W. CARTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

\* First peal.

## SAFFRON WALDEN.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

VIOLET SHORTER ... .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5
FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 2	FRANCIS E. GLEAVES ... .. 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 3	REGINALD LATHBURY ... .. 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

## GLOUCESTER.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY NEWMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 5
SYDNEY E. ROMANS ... .. 2	THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 7
EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 4	THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ex-Sgt. J. Williams and J. Austin.

## HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 5
JAMES HAYWOOD ... .. 2	TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 6
*JACK BROTHWELL ... .. 3	FRED CARDWELL ... .. 7
FRED WATKINSON ... .. 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Noel Cawthorne to Leslie Haywood.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE &amp; BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*EDWARD P. ASHBY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 6
*ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* First peal of Spliced Surprise. The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 115 changes of method.

## CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON ... .. Treble	*HARRY NEWTON ... .. 5
HERBERT WALKER ... .. 2	*THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 6
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 3	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 7
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 4	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

\* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Walker.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 2	*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 6
*PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Double Bob.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE,  
CAMBRIDGE & PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3	WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. Treble	WALTER LEE ... .. 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 2	HARRY C. JONES ... .. 6
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT H. WALKER ... .. Treble	*BENJAMIN T. HOLT ... .. 5
JAMES HUNT ... .. 2	JACK ROY ... .. 6
RONALD W. HAYWARD ... .. 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 7
ALEC A. WALKER ... .. 4	WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

\* First peal.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*ERIC J. COR... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
*ELLEN E. DAVIS ... .. 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 4	JOHN G. NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal of Bristol.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS ... .. Treble	REGINALD H. NEWTON ... .. 5
*MRS. A. EVANS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 3	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. RÆVES. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Evans.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

F. R. DEACON ... .. Treble	N. STATHAM ... .. 4
G. A. CHARLTON ... .. 2	G. WRIGHT, SEN. ... .. 5
G. WRIGHT, JUN. ... .. 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 14, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*WILLIAM G. KING ... .. Treble	REGINALD A. DARE ... .. 4
†E. ERNEST FISHER ... .. 2	GEORGE GILLING ... .. 5
EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 3	*KENNETH W. GATEHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Liller, on her 100th birthday.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM STRONG ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HOWARD ... .. 4
†LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	HARRY ROGERS ... .. 5
FRANK VARTY ... .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 25, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

MRS. L. WRIGHT ... .. Treble	A. R. WOODARD ... .. 4
LESLIE FOSTER ... .. 2	LESLIE WRIGHT ... .. 5
MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... .. 3	FRANK ROPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROPER.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes;

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 49 methods:—

1. Chalfont, Cromer, Stevenston, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lammas, Olney Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
2. Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck Alliance and Kent Little Court.
3. Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham.
4. Hereward, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Court Bob.
5. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
6. Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
7. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 49 methods by all. There were 132 changes of method.

BROUGHTON, PRESTON.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED PATCHELL ... .. Treble	JOHN JACKSON ... .. 4
*KENNETH MARTIN ... .. 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... .. 5
KENNETH HALL ... .. 3	E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

\* First peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERIC LEWIS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR GARLEY ... .. 4
WILLIAM SHELFORD ... .. 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5
MISS MARY GARLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS GARLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GARLEY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, this being his first peal. First peal as conductor.

EXTON, RUTLAND.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wavertree, Childwall, Single Court, College Single, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

*JOSEPH NORTON ... .. Treble	*P. D. BALDOCK ... .. 4
*J. R. NICHOLS ... .. 2	*R. H. KNIGHT ... .. 5
J. G. GEARY ... .. 3	J. H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal in seven methods.

LIVERPOOL.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

FRED WOODWARD ... .. Treble	*THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... .. 4
JAMES MARTIN ... .. 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... .. 5
*HARRY HANCOCK ... .. 3	JOHN MCKEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Harry Hancock and as a compliment to Mr. Ernest F. Bennett, upon becoming a grandfather of twin boys.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD H. TREASURE ... .. Treble	*LEONARD S. COLES ... .. 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 2	LESLIE B. COLES ... .. 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... .. 3	EDWARD GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment for the wedding of the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Leslie Mills Coombes) to Miss Wynefryd Mary Allinson Radford, of Dellview, Shooters Hill, London, which took place on Saturday, November 26th, at Publow.

ASHWELL, HERTS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. COLLINS ... .. Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFFE ... .. 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFERIES ... .. 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

\* First peal in seven methods.

MAXEY, NORTHANTS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Norfolk, Durham, Primrose, London, Ipswich, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOOD ... .. 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 4
RICHARD WILSON ... .. 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS ... .. 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

First peal in five methods as conductor. First peal on the bells since 1899.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5-6
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. BRAY.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. J. Bray's 150th peal as conductor.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
*HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3-4	HARRY ASHTON ... .. 7-8

PETER LAFLIN ... .. 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—John E. Rootes.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band and by the association.



**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION'S PROGRESS.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Braintree on November 26th, when 44 ringers attended from 18 parishes: Halstead, Earls Colne, Braintree, Feering, Bocking, Witham, Kelvedon, Wickham St. Paul's, Sible Hedingham, Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Coggeshall, Sawbridgeworth, Colne Engaine, Great Tey, Stebbing, Ufford and Holborn. A service was held in the Parish Church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Brook). A collection on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) presiding. Before the business the District Master referred to the death of Mr. H. Coote (Braintree), an old ringer and former member of the association.

A message of good wishes was received from the Dean of Bocking (the Very Rev. E. Rogers), who also invited the ringers to the tower at Bocking that evening if they so desired.

A report of the year's activities was presented by the district secretary (Miss H. G. Snowden), and showed that meetings had been held at Earls Colne, Halstead, Stebbing, Dunmow and Braintree, there having been an average attendance of 42. Six ringing members and one non-resident life member had been elected and two had passed away. Thirty-eight peals had been rung, compared with 30 last year. All these had been rung on tower bells, and were conducted by R. Bird 17, L. W. Wiffen 9, W. Arnold and R. Suckling 3 each, Miss H. G. Snowden 2, A. Wiffen, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, J. W. Ward and J. Jennings one each. It was very gratifying to see the number of young ringers taking part, some in a first peal and others who had conducted for the first time. Thirty-six of the 38 peals had been conducted by members of that division. Miss Snowden expressed thanks to all who had attended the meetings, and specially the correspondents of each company, whose assistance in collecting the subscriptions had been a great help.

The report was adopted, and the District Master (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and district secretary (Miss Snowden) were re-elected for the ensuing year. Ten new ringing members and one probationer were elected, and Coggeshall was chosen as the next place of meeting, the date being left for the secretary to fix.

The District Master thanked the Vicar for his helpful address and the use of the bells, the organist, Mr. Davidson (churchwarden), and also the sub-dean of Bocking.—The Vicar briefly replied.

During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Bob Minor to London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on the bells.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Despite the counter-attraction of a F.A. Cup-tie between Guildford and Aldershot, the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a successful meeting at Old Woking on Saturday week. Over 40 members and visitors attended. They included the Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover), Mr. A. Harman (Leatherhead District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham District secretary) and Mr. P. Cannon (Bexhill-on-Sea).

Mr. O. E. Smith (District Ringing Master) was in charge of the ringing, and saw to it that everyone was catered for. Rounds and touches in various methods up to London Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Woking (Canon G. Askwith) conducted the Guild's form of service, and at the commencement of his address extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He expressed his regret that an unexpected call would prevent him from sharing in the remainder of the programme.

An enjoyable tea was followed by the usual business meeting, at which the Ringing Master presided.

It was reported that as a result of the recent circular appeal to clergy in the district, the Rev. A. L. Brown, of Womersley, had joined the Guild as a life member.

Mr. C. A. B. Girdler, of Shalford, was also elected as a ringing member.

Retiring district officers were, on the proposition of Mr. A. H. Pulling, renominated en bloc.

The Guild secretary took the opportunity of reminding those present that the annual dinner of the Guild (to be held on January 14th) needed their support if it was to continue as a successful event.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. A. C. Hazelden expressed the thanks of all present to the Vicar, organist, verger, and to Mr. D. Munday, of the local band, for kindly making arrangements for tea.

**EGHAM STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEATH.**

It is with much regret we record the loss to Egham tower, Surrey, of Mr. William S. Perry, who had been ringer and steeplekeeper there for over 20 years. 'Old Bill,' as he was affectionately known, passed away suddenly on Sunday, November 27th, at the age of 68. The interment took place on Friday, when a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening by A. Clark 1, E. Armstrong 2, W. Parker 3, W. Peck 4, L. Scammell 5, E. Burley 6, J. Hessey (conductor) 7, J. Greenough 8.

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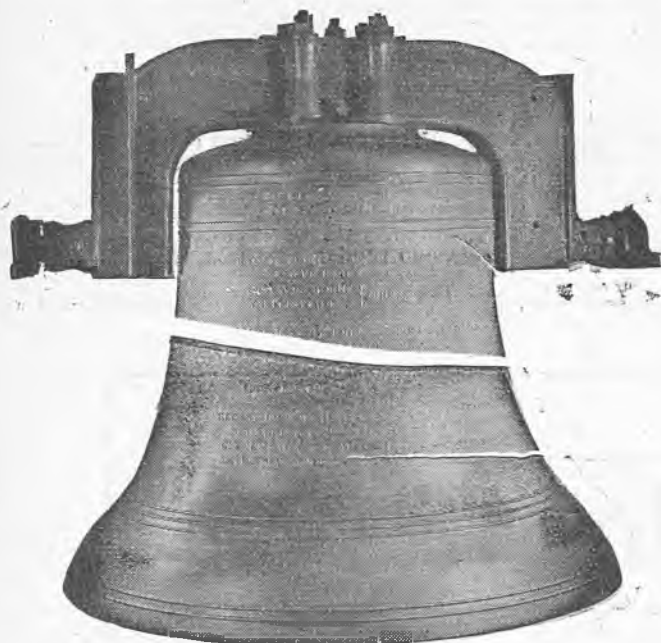
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ten bells of Wisbech Parish Church were broadcast on Sunday evening before the service in the Regional programme. They were heard for just 1 minute 15 seconds. The rest of the allotted five minutes was taken up with the reading of a description of the church and an organ voluntary.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association, which was to have been held at Hitchin to-morrow, has been transferred to Knebworth, as, owing to the condition of the bells, prolonged ringing at Hitchin is not permitted.

Mr. William Boughton, of Clent, Worcestershire, who has just celebrated his 82nd birthday, has sung in the choir at his Parish Church for 72 years and been a bellringer for over 50 years. He is still happy when working at his trade with bricks and mortar, and in his leisure hours is fond of gardening.

His son, Mr. Frank Boughton, who also learned to ring at Clent, is living in Melbourne, and took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral during the visit of the English ringers to Australia in 1934.

We are sorry to say that Mr. James George, who has been incapacitated for some months, has had to return to Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, for further treatment. He is a patient in Ward 7A. His many friends will hope for a speedy improvement in his condition.

Mr. Bill Barber, of Newcastle, after having been for some weeks in hospital, is now in a convalescent home at West Wylam, Co. Durham, recovering from the effects of a burn on the knee, received during his work, and anaemia. Happily he is making excellent progress.

'By ringing a peal of call changes on eight bells for 3 hours 36 minutes on Saturday (November 19th), the Iver (Bucks) bellringers created a record for the parish. The previous record stood at 3 hours 21 minutes.' Thus the local newspaper.

It is said that over 4,000 changes were rung, although there is no information as to who counted them. But the reporter recording the achievement waxed eloquent to the extent of nearly a full column.

'Every few moments,' we are told, 'the captain called the changes and faultlessly the tune of the bells changed without any noticeable alteration in the rhythm of the ringers' arms.'

'The peal was executed with only one hitch during 4,000 or so changes,' the captain, pulling treble, and one of the team nearly coincided with their pulls. Had their respective bells sounded together the rest of the team would have been thrown out of order and the record would never have been achieved.'

We wonder whether the Iver giants will now permit some common or garden band to attempt a modest performance of real change ringing on the bells?

## BEGINNERS HAMPERED BY TECHNICAL TERMS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It would, I think, be a help to those who are beginning to learn bellringing if a short booklet could be written explaining, say, Grandsire Doubles, omitting, as far as possible, the technical words used in bellringing, and employing instead words in ordinary everyday use. Such a book would, I am sure, be more widely used than are the books at present in use.

To begin with technical words, as both books and instructors do, raise an unnecessary barrier for the learner. The same remark applies to the use of technical phrases. It is not easy for the average person to assimilate the words and phrases which are used in the early stages of learning, and many learners are discouraged by the double difficulty of learning (1) to ring and (2) to understand technical words and phrases at the same time.

The technicalities can, of course, be explained, but it would make bellringing easier to learn if, in teaching, ordinary words and phrases were used for beginners. The writer of books for beginners and also the instructors have, of course, become familiar with all the technical words and phrases, and they hurl them at the beginner—often without any explanation at all. This does not make the learning easy. On the contrary, it actually has a discouraging effect, and learners drop out in consequence.

W. W. LUCAS.

Drayton Parslow Rectory.

## HAMPSHIRE OCTOGENARIANS.

**MR. W. LINTER CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY.**

Two octogenarians took part in a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Swanmore, Hants, on Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, Mr. W. Linter, sen., and Mr. G. Williams. The ringing was in honour of the birthday of Mr. Linter, who was 81 on the Monday. He has been a ringer at Swanmore for more than 50 years and is one of the oldest members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. The 720 was rung by W. Linter, sen. 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, W. Linter, jun. 3, Walter Linter 4, F. S. Bayley 5, E. J. Harding 6. Touches in other methods were rung, in which Mrs. J. Hall, Col. Clutterbuck, Major Bickford and Messrs. R. Linter, E. Whiteman, H. Beckett, W. Ryves, L. Page, W. Hayhoe and A. Millard took part. Mrs. Bayley kindly provided an iced birthday cake for tea.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—48.

## CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Although he does not figure so often among the conductors in these days as he once did, Mr. Charles W. Clarke, of Bedford, is a ringer whom many will remember for his consistent peal ringing and his ability as a conductor. For many years he was the leading figure in ringing in Bedfordshire, doing a great deal in the six-bell towers, as well as ringing peals on the higher numbers. Born at Oundle, Northants, on May 8th, 1864, Mr. Clarke rang his first peal before he was 20 years old, and his first peal as conductor was the first peal by the Bedfordshire Association. It was seven different 720's at Biddenham. In those days Mr. Clarke gave much attention to Minor ringing, and his peals in seven methods alone number 361, of which he has called 252, in addition to which he has rung and conducted peals consisting of all London (2) and Cambridge (4), as well as sixteen peals in less than seven methods. One of his earlier peals of Minor was rung in fourteen 360's, and he has also rung peals consisting of fourteen and ten extents of Minor.

His ringing on higher numbers extends from Triples to Cinques and includes one peal of 10.176 of Treble Bob Major, as well as 66 peals of Surprise Major and Royal. Altogether Mr. Clarke has rung 718 peals and conducted 432, in 131 towers for nine associations.

He has served on the committee of the Bedfordshire Association and was one of their instructors.



MR. CHARLES W. CLARKE.

## BELL WEIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As reporter of the peal at Bray on November 5th, I should like to explain to my friends, Messrs. George Gilbert and Fred Russell, why I published the weight of the tenor as 25 cwt. First it is definitely a D bell, and obviously not a B bell, 50 cwt. being required for B bells (examples, Southwark and Bow). I have measured tenors for years now and collected weights and key notes, and have not found that my estimates are far out.

Roughly, this is how a bell weight is estimated: The sound-bow is a thick ring of metal giving out the main note of the bell, the waist being very much thinner, and acting, in bells like Miles Graye's, as not much more than a means of suspension from the crown. A sound-bow of given thickness and diameter will vibrate at a certain speed, and, therefore, gives out a certain note. If the diameter is increased, but not the thickness, it will vibrate slower and give a lower note. If the diameter remains the same and the thickness is reduced, it will also vibrate slower and give a lower note. Obviously to reverse these processes a decrease in diameter or an increase in the thickness will result in a quicker speed of vibration and give a higher note. It will thus be seen that, if a bell has a moderate diameter for the note given, it cannot vary much as regards the amount of metal in the sound-bow, which is the bulk of the weight.

Bray tenor is 52½ inches in diameter and the note D, and, while it is fairly long in the waist, it is also fairly narrow, and with the cannons cut off, I cannot bring myself to believe that there is any more than 25 cwt. in this bell. If the note were B, as Mr. Gilbert says the foundry informed him, then the weight would be about 16 cwt. However, no such bell exists in this country.

I was very interested in Mr. Gilbert's misgiving as to whether the Central Council would recognise a peal rung with these silencers, but as it is a step in the right direction, and no rule at present exists by which it could be turned down, I think it would be a great mistake to refuse to recognise peals so rung. We certainly had no complaints about excessive noise, though I certainly do agree that a fine tenor and a good peal were just wasted.

TONY PRICE.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS' MASTERSHIP.

## MR. E. G. FENN APPOINTED ACTING MASTER

The vacancy in the Mastership of the College Youths caused by the regretted death of Mr. Lawrence B. Porter was considered by the society at their meeting on Tuesday night.

There was a large attendance of members, presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was voted to the chair. At the outset he referred to the tragedy of Mr. Porter's death, and expressed sympathy with the bereaved. The members then stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Master.

The Chairman pointed out that the situation as far as could be ascertained was without precedent in the history of the society, and that it was a traditional custom in the City, not only in the Corporation in connection with the post of Lord Mayor, but also in the City Companies in similar circumstances, to appoint an acting Lord Mayor or Master for the remainder of the year. The usual procedure was to appoint someone who had previously held office.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer) endorsed the chairman's remarks as to the custom which existed in London and elsewhere, and suggested that the society should take this course. He hoped they would have a unanimous vote, as it would be undignified under the circumstances to make it the occasion of a competitive election.

The Chairman asked for a proposition for an Acting Master, and the name of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn was proposed. Mr. Fenn, it was pointed out, had in the past served more than once in the office of junior and senior steward, but had never passed through the chair.

Mr. Fenn was unanimously appointed, and, having been invested by Mr. Lewis, took the chair and expressed his thanks for the honour conferred upon him, although he regretted the circumstances which made it necessary.

As a mark of respect of respect to the late Master, the remainder of the official business was adjourned until the next meeting.

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. L. B. PORTER.

## 'WHOLE PULL AND STAND' RUNG AT CRIPPLEGATE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Lawrence Beardsley Porter, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose death we recorded last week, took place at Willesden on Wednesday, November 30th. The first part of the service was held in St. Mary's Church, and among those present, representing the society, were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), E. A. Young, H. Miles, H. Langdon, W. Judd, T. H. Taffender, H. Hoskins, J. E. L. Cockey, J. E. Davis and R. Deal.

The interment took place at Willesden Cemetery, where, after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, in slow time, by Messrs. H. Langdon 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, W. Judd 5-6, A. A. Hughes 7-8.

On the previous evening the bells of St. Giles', Cripplegate, were rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Master. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung by E. G. Fenn, E. H. Lewis, H. Hoskins, T. G. Fowler, H. G. Miles, G. W. Cecil, R. W. Green, R. Fenn, A. A. Hughes, W. H. Pasmore, A. B. Peck and J. G. A. Prior. Touches of Stedman Cinques were afterwards rung, in which S. H. Green, L. Fox, T. Fox, J. E. Lewis Cockey, E. A. Young, E. F. Pike, F. M. Butler, H. Warboys, R. G. Cousins, A. P. Cannon, J. A. Waugh and R. F. Deal took part.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT TWICKENHAM.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday week, about 30 members and friends being present from Bishopsgate, Brentford, Ealing (Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Heston, Hillingdon (St. John's), Isleworth, Leighton Buzzard, North Mimms, Prittlewell, Ruislip, Twickenham and Westminster (St. Margaret's). The bells were kept going in various standard methods during the afternoon, and again after the meeting, under the supervision of Mr. J. Herbert, Ringing Master. A short service was conducted by the Rev. S. C. T. Hoyal (curate), in the absence of the Vicar and president, Preb. Cole Sheane.

A substantial tea, arranged by the local ringers, and a short business meeting followed. One new member, Mr. F. W. Garner, a promising learner at Ealing, was elected.

The secretary gave notice that the annual supper had been arranged at Heston on January 14th, and appealed to all towers for their support.

It was also announced that the annual meeting of the district had been fixed for Isleworth on February 4th.

The secretary also appealed to members to take up the new edition of 'Stedman,' written by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and an appeal was also made to all tower secretaries to clear off outstanding subscriptions for 1938; to send in as soon as possible information relating to peals and quarter-peals rung during the year, and information relating to lapses, removals or deaths of members for inclusion in the next report.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, to the Rev. S. C. T. Hoyal, the organist, the local company and to the lady helpers at tea was proposed by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. T. Lock and carried with acclamation.

## AN OXFORD PROPOSAL.

## SUGGESTED THANKSGIVING DAY.

The City and District Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday, November 26th, at All Saints' Church. The service, which was well attended, was conducted by the City Rector, who gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting after tea, Mr. W. Collett was re-elected chairman, and Mr. E. J. Morton hon. secretary and treasurer.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the proposition of Alderman Brown that this branch should set an example to the Exercise by a special observance of September 29th each year as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the preservation of peace.

The proposer expressed the hope that the whole Exercise would follow such a lead, and that this important event in history should be for ever commemorated.

Although most of the members were in sympathy with the idea, opinion was sharply divided as to whether it was practicable or advisable. Political motives might be suspected; and it was pointed out that the anniversary was bound to be remembered by peal ringers in any case.

Eventually it was decided to reconsider the question at the next general meeting, and the chairman was asked to send a report to 'The Ringing World' to see if any general interest was aroused.

## DEVON GUILD.

## BRANCH MEETING AT STOKE GABRIEL.

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a meeting at Stoke Gabriel, near Totnes, on Monday evening (November 21st), when ringers were present from Paignton, Collaton St. Mary, Totnes and Buckfastleigh. The bells were well utilised during the early evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

The chairman (the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton) presided at the business meeting which followed, and the company stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Browning, of Cockington, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) reported that the meeting arranged to take place at Cockington in October had to be cancelled.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Amos, of Northampton, asking for help towards a fund for the provision of a peal of bells at St. Andrew's, Northampton, and it was resolved to devote the collection which will be taken at the annual meeting to this object.

The election of Messrs. E. H. Nash and K. Moon, of Frome, as non-resident members, prior to starting for a peal, was confirmed, and the Rev. O. L. Willmott, of Totnes, was elected a performing member.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch on Saturday, February 11th, and Totnes was chosen, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The secretary reported that the Cockington band had been disbanded, and he was instructed to make inquiries regarding their future membership with the branch. The chairman also promised to make inquiries regarding another band.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Stoke Gabriel for the use of his bells and the Church Hall, and some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## STOCKPORT BRANCH FIX NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport Branch was held on Saturday week at Hyde, when, in spite of the inclement weather, some 50 members and friends were present. The bells, a handy peal of eight by Taylors, were made full use of during the afternoon. The usual Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Victor Dawson), who also gave a very inspiring address. He took no particular text as basis for his remarks, but simply gave a few thoughts based on bells and their uses, which he hoped would be helpful.

Following the service, tea was served in the nearby Parish Hall under the direction of local ringers' wives, and all partook of an excellent repast.

The subsequent business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, supported by the Rev. F. Bonner, branch vice-chairman.

The Chairman assured the members that they were very welcome at Hyde. An apology was received from Mr. Wolstencroft, the branch chairman, who was unfortunately not able to be present owing to indisposition.

Three new members were elected, Benjamin Clarkson (Stockport St. George's), Frederick A. Adams and Albert Ford (non-resident). The meetings for 1939 were arranged as follows, subject to the permission of the respective authorities: Annual meeting, January 28th, Stockport St. George; April 22nd, New Mills; July 1st, Northenden; September 23rd, Bowdon; November 25th, Stalybridge Holy Trinity. The Bowdon meeting is, if possible, to be made a joint meeting with the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association. After instructing the secretary to write to Mr. Wolstencroft expressing the regret of the meeting at his absence and their best wishes for his speedy recovery, the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their assistance, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea and all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

## HUDDERSFIELD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

## FUTURE MEETINGS.

The Huddersfield and District Association held a record meeting at Brighouse on Saturday, November 26th. There was a very good attendance, and members came from the following towers: Lindley, Longwood, Huddersfield, Meltham, Elland, Rippenden, Sowerby, Northowram, All Souls, Halifax, Halifax Parish Church, Heptonstall and Brighouse. The Vicar of Brighouse conducted a short service and gave an inspiring address. Afterwards he accompanied the ringers to the Co-operative Cafe, where an excellent tea was enjoyed.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the Rev. A. L. Minns presiding.

It was arranged that the next meeting should be held in the Halifax district on January 7th, and Mytholmroyd was decided upon as a suitable tower. This date was originally fixed for the Longwood meeting, but the latter has been thrown back till the first week in February, and Mr. A. Rothery, of the Longwood band, informed the meeting that they were arranging a free tea for all who attend.

It will not be out of place here to say that all who wish to take advantage of this generosity should notify the local band at least a week before the meeting, so that they can make proper arrangements.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local ringers was proposed by Mr. N. Smith, of Sowerby, and seconded by Mr. R. Squires, of Halifax.

Since the meeting it has been discovered that it is not possible to visit Mytholmroyd on January 7th, and steps are, therefore, being made to obtain the use of the bells at Northowram.

## WANTAGE BELLS RESTORED.

After nearly four months' silence, the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Wantage, rang out again on Saturday, November 19th. Messrs. John Taylor and Son have carried out the rehanging of the peal with their usual efficiency.

The rededication was performed by the Rt. Rev. Roscoe Shedden, Vicar of Wantage, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A large congregation was present, including ringers from some 33 towers. The festival service commenced with the choir singing Cesar Franck's setting of the 150th Psalm, and ended with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest.' The collection amounted to £5 10s. and was devoted to the Repair Fund.

About 120 sat down to an excellent tea, served by the wives of the local ringers. The Bishop presided and welcomed the visitors. He said it was a matter of great regret that the tower foreman (Mr. F. Gregory) was prevented from being with them that day owing to illness.

After tea some excellent touches were brought round, one of Bristol being very favourably commented on. Other methods rung were London, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a touch of Spliced London, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise. Mr. A. E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch, was in charge of the ringing. Handbell ringing, both in changes and tunes, was afterwards enjoyed at the Swan Hotel, with Mr. W. J. Avery, the organist, at the piano, and brought a memorable day to a close.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S REPORT.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to point out two errors which appear under the heading of 'Compositions' on page 69 of the above report, which has just been published?

The peal of Double Norwich by Edwin Timbrell is a 5,152 and not a 5,162 as printed; and the peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,080 (No. 275), by Arthur Knights, in the last course should read 2 M. 2 H. and not 2 H. as printed.

Perhaps ringers in whose possession this report now is will make the necessary corrections.

THOMAS WILSON, Ringing Secretary.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Attleborough on Saturday, November 26th. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening to various methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Smith), who also gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by the Rev. M. Mills (curate).

The tea and meeting took place at the Angel Hotel. Mr. W. L. Duffield (Saxlingham) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. H. Smith and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Bergh Apton (honorary members), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Mr. E. G. Bennett (committee), and ringers from Attleborough, Bergh Apton, Caston, Diss, Garboldisham, Gressenhall, Norwich, Saxlingham, Shelfanger, Winfarthing and Wymondham.

Five new members were elected, and it was decided to visit Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, February 4th, for the annual general meeting of the branch.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and the Rev. Mills, and also to the organist.



## PEAL NOTES.

### SOME NOTABLE PERFORMANCES.

There has been a spate of peal ringing in the last two months, and it has abnormally congested our peal columns. December 3rd produced an equally high proportion, and we regret that we are compelled to hold over many of the reports. As far as we know, October produced 169 peals and November 168.

In this connection may we once more urge those responsible for sending in reports to forward them immediately the peals are rung. When, as not infrequently happens, they are held up for a week or ten days, and sometimes more, it means either that they have to be held over for yet another week, or those who ring later peals and send their reports in promptly have to be disappointed by delay in their appearance.

Our post bag on Monday evening provided an extraordinary contribution in the way of peals—the sort of thing which 40 years ago would not have been dreamed of, even in a nightmare. This is what the peals consisted of: Bristol Surprise on handbells; two peals of Spliced Surprise Major, one in four and the other in six methods; Cambridge Surprise Royal, Cambridge Surprise Major, London Surprise Major, seven Surprise Minor methods, three Minor methods on handbells, Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods at Harnston, on Dec. 3rd, was rung by members of the Lincoln Cathedral band and is a performance of which they may well be proud. Spliced Surprise ringing is widespread in these days, but there are few towers that can provide the whole of a band for a peal in six Major methods. The composition which they rang was an adaptation by Mr. G. R. Pye of the late Rev. H. Law James' peal in four methods.

Although they have included Bristol Surprise in their handbell peals of Spliced Surprise Major, it was not until last Friday that the talented Hertfordshire band rang a handbell peal entirely in this method.

The peal was rung at Oxhey, and on the previous day in the neighbouring tower at Bushey a peal of Spliced Surprise was rung in four methods. Both peals were conducted by Mr. Harold Cashmore.

### LIVERPOOL RINGER'S 500 PEALS.

Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, on Saturday rang his 500th peal. He is only the second member of the Lancashire Association to reach this total, the first having been Mr. Harry Chapman, who is now living at Keyston, Huntingdonshire. Mr. Chapman, unfortunately, has had to give up peal ringing, as his 'legs won't stand it.'

Mr. Newton's 500th peal was rung at Tarleton, where he called a peal of Stedman Triples, and afterwards Mr. William Dickenson extended generous hospitality to the band, which was greatly appreciated.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. James', Taunton, on December 3rd, was the ringers' contribution to an interesting ceremony, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop de Salis (himself a ringer) was presented with his portrait in oils by the Taunton Deanery in recognition of his work for the church.

### SALISBURY GUILD SECRETARY'S RINGING JUBILEE.

The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards recently completed his fiftieth year of active service as a ringer, and to mark the event the officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on November 26th. Mr. Edwards' services to the Exercise, generally in connection with broadcasting and the Press, are well known to our readers, who will add their congratulations. It was William C. West's hundredth peal.

On his retirement from the L.M. and S. Railway, two or three years ago, Mr. Ernest Gale went to live at St. Albans and joined the St. Peter's band. He had been out of ringing for a number of years and had had little or no experience of ten bells, but he quickly picked it up and has now rung his first peal on that number. If his memory has not deceived him, his last peal was one of Kent Treble Bob Major at Market Harborough on Boxing Day, 1903.

The peal of Cambridge Major rung at Romsey Abbey on Saturday was the first in the method by Frederick A. Munday, of Basingstoke, and Arthur V. Davis, of Bournemouth. It was also Harold P. Reed's 50th peal.

To commemorate the consecration of the new Church of SS. Mary and George, at Sands, in the parish of West Wycombe, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence. West Wycombe Church stands at the top of a high hill, and its tower, surmounted by a large and curious ball, is a conspicuous feature of the neighbourhood. It is said to have been built by Sir Francis Dashwood, a notorious 18th century rake and a member of the 'Hell Fire' Club, as an expiation of the irregularities of his early life. The peal was rung on December 3rd.

The first peal on the bells at South Petherton, Somerset, since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, to the satisfaction of all, was rung on Saturday, November 26th, when three ringers from Taunton, three from Yeovil and two of the local band, one of whom rang his first peal and the other his first on eight bells, scored a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. A. Beale kindly dispensed hospitality to the band after the peal.

The one hundredth birthday of Mrs. Liller, of Churchill, Somerset, was fittingly celebrated on November 14th by a peal of Doubles on the bells of her Parish Church. It was the first peal on the bells since the tenor was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

### A NEW 720 IN TEN METHODS.

The North Lincolnshire band, who are putting so much energy into their Spliced Minor ringing, now that the opportunities of the South Lincolnshire men seem to have very largely disappeared, owing to the dispersal of the band, have gone a stage further and rung a peal in 49 methods.

The peal was rung at Elsham on Saturday and was Jack L. Millhouse's one hundredth peal.

A new 720, in ten methods, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, was included:

23456	Walsingham	S 62453	Cromer
56342		25634	
S 46235	Little Bob	S 53426	Little Bob
S 53246	Chalfont*	64253	
34562		32564	
46325		45632	
S 62543	Crayford L. Ct.	S 23645	Fulmer†
43256		45362	
56324		62534	
24635			
35462		34256	

Twice repeated, substituting Stevenston and Tibenham at \* and Lammass and Olney at † in the 2nd and 3rd parts respectively.

Two new Vicars were welcomed by peals last week, the Rev. J. C. Hawthorne, to Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, and the Rev. T. W. Coombe, to Wraybury, Bucks.

In these days of prolific peal ringing many ringers score one or more peals in every month throughout a year, so that the performance is not exceptional. But it is, perhaps, not uninteresting that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has accomplished it this year, repeating the achievement for the first time, after a lapse of 39 years; the last year in which he did it being 1899.

December's peal was rung at S. Nicolas', Guildford, on Saturday, and was a birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guildford Guild. It also enabled the general secretary of the Guild to ring his first peal on ten bells and the Guildford district secretary his first peal, except one in which he rang the tenor behind.

To celebrate the sixtieth birthday on the preceding Wednesday of Mr. Harry Hancock, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at West Derby, Liverpool, on November 26th. It was also a compliment to Mr. Ernest F. Bennett, who has just become a proud grandfather of twin boys.

The William peal at Debenham was the first of the kind in Suffolk. Four of the band belonged to that county and four to Norfolk. The latter had not taken part in a name peal before.

The peal of Bob Major at Mayfield, Sussex, on November 26th, was the twenty-fifth peal which Messrs. L. W. Jarvis and W. A. Kitchen-side have rung together.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S G.O.M.

As the birthdays of three or four Gloucester ringers come close together in October and November, it was decided to attempt a peal at Barnwood to commemorate them. Illness caused it to be postponed, and it was on November 29th at St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, that it was completed. The ringers were Sydney E. Romans, who rang the second; John Austin, who rang the third and called the bobs; Thos. H. Harris, seventh, and ex-Sergt. J. Williams, who was at the fourth. The sergeant, who is in his 87th year, is still going strong. He went to Cheltenham the other day and rang the tenor to some Caters. He is Gloucestershire's Grand Old Man of ringing.

The peal of Minor at Maxey, Northants, rung on December 3rd by the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild, was the first Surprise peal on the bells.

The first peal on the bells at Northowram, Yorkshire, since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was rung on November 26th, when in a peal of Double Norwich the band found the go of the bells to be excellent.

The death has recently taken place of Mr. J. Preston, who was a ringer at St. Mary's, Whalley, Lancashire, for 45 years. In his memory, a fully muffled peal of Bob Major was rung at Whalley on November 26th.

The peal of Bob Major rung by the Sheffield District Society at Handsworth on November 30th was to celebrate the wedding of two of the local ringers, Miss Noel Cawthorne and Leslie Hayward, which took place on November 19th. The ringers of the treble and tenor, Messrs. Norman Chaddock and John E. Turley, have now circled the tower.

The 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal on handbells at Stockport was the one hundredth peal that Allen F. Bailey and Harold Jackson had rung together. It was a birthday compliment to two others of the band—Alfred Barnes and Peter Laffin.

In the 18th century, Double Bob was one of the most popular methods among advanced bands, but nowadays very few peals of it are rung. However, we record two performances this week, one on handbells and the other at Crayford in Kent. Double Bob is one of the most suitable of all methods for handbell ringing.

The peal of Doubles at Brightwell, Berks, on October 29th, was claimed to be the first on the bells. Information has now been received that a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them on February 20th, 1909, conducted by Mr. Gordon Caudwell. The peal in October, however, was the first in four methods on the bells.

## THE BETTERMENT OF THE EXERCISE.

S. MENDAX MAKES A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Some time ago a correspondent stated that the art of ringing was slowly but surely dying. I would not go so far as that, but I think that everyone will agree that there are many things connected with the Exercise which are not as they should be. Finance, for instance. I doubt if you could find a single association secretary or treasurer who, if he is honest, would admit that he can pick up enough for himself to make it worth while. I myself was for long the treasurer of an important society, and throughout the time of my office there was not one year when I could make enough to justify me in altering my income tax returns.

A friend says something about balance sheets. Of course, there are balance sheets; but, as any accountant will tell you, there is a right way of preparing a balance sheet and a wrong. You would not show an item like, 'Whisky and soda for the secretary, 5s.,' or 'Bottled Bass for the ringing master, 7s. 6d.' These things would appear under the heading of 'postages.' The secretary's holiday would show as 'incidental expenses,' and his wife's doctor's bill as 'transferred to Belle Restoration Fund.'

But as we have all found out to our cost, it is useless to put your fingers into an empty till; and it is useless to talk about these things so long as there are no funds. The first thing we want is financial improvement; and, having given the matter no small amount of careful consideration, I think the best plan would be to have a system of transfer fees something like that used by professional football clubs.

If we look round the Exercise we shall come to the conclusion that there is no shortage of ringers. Forty thousand men, if they put their minds to it, can make as much noise and be quite as big a nuisance as will satisfy the most exacting conditions. The trouble is that these men are not just where they are wanted. There are too many square pegs in round holes. Some bands have many conductors and not enough ringers to man all the ropes. Some bands have many ringers and no conductors. The obvious remedy is for associations to sell the men they do not want and buy the men they do want. Concomitantly there would have to be a free transfer list, and societies would sometimes find it to their interest to offer a bonus with some of their members. An advertisement might read as follows: 'The association, having no further use for Mr. Pistol, will give him to any band offering him a good home; and on completion of the transaction a packet of Woodbines will be given to each of the captain and secretary of the band.'

But there are many ringers who would prove to have great financial value. Men like Albert Walker, Gabriel Lindoff and C. T. Coles would fetch high prices in the open market, not to mention others younger and not quite so well known. For example, I am sure that the College Youths would jump at the chance of securing Mr. Coles and would not boggle at having to pay a transfer fee of five and twenty pounds or so.

I do not suggest that £25 would be the standard price for a really first-class ringer. That would be decided by the laws of barter and supply and demand. The vendors naturally would ask as much as they could—£30 or even £35. The buyers would offer as little as they dared—£15 or £20. And the conclusion would be a compromise, with, perhaps, one or two ordinary ringers thrown in as a make-weight.

This plan would give the College Youths an opportunity of disposing of some of their crooked stars, and, provided the matter was handled properly and with business acumen, quite good prices could be realised; from say 5s. up to as much as £5 apiece. It would need a business man and one who understands advertising to carry it out; and no one will suggest that the College Youths lack such.

It would be useless, of course, to circularise the incumbents of the London city churches with a proposal to sell them a band of College Youths; but there must be many places in the remoter districts of the country—Cornwall, for instance, the wilder parts of Wales, and my own county—where the reputation of the society still stands extremely high and where people would be willing to make real financial sacrifices for the sake of having a band of genuine College Youths.

But the most promising part of the scheme would be a plan by which an association could employ an agent to go about and find promising youngsters. These would be secured at a nominal figure. They would then be sent up to headquarters, given instructions and practice with skilled bands, and, after careful training, should fetch high prices in the open market. A proposal to breed ringers cannot be considered until the Eugenic Society has reported on the matter, but the other is so hopeful a scheme that I wonder no one has thought of it before. It would take a little care and thought, some business skill, and a certain (though not excessive) outlay of capital. But it would pay. Believe me, there is money in it.

S. MENDAX.

P.S.—It seems that the idea is not so original as I thought it was. I understand that the Birmingham men are in treaty with another band to sell them one of their leading members. The others have agreed willingly and are doing their best to raise the sum required, but although they have sold their vicar, one churchwarden and a couple of sidesmen, they are still a long way below the amount.

## ISLEWORTH BOB ROYAL.

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We have been asked for further information about the method Isleworth Bob Royal, the first peal of which was rung on November 12th.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Wilfred's, Calverley, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) in Schools at 5 o'clock. followed by business meeting.—F. Rayment, Dis. Sec., Bramley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poulton Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting in the belfry 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, Fylde.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Secretary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. Please help to make this a successful meeting.—G. R. Newton, Branch Sec., 57, Amphyll Rd., Liverpool, 17.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (12) available from 2.30. Service 4. Tea at 5 p.m. at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., to be followed by business meeting. All are welcome.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 3. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Nominations for district officers at this meeting.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington (8 bells), Dec. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Last minute tea arrangements are rather difficult here, so please notify in good time. Those who wish to be included in the 1938 annual report as paid up members are reminded that subscriptions must be paid by Dec. 31st.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will take place at Wivenhoe on Dec. 10th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Service will be taken by the Rev. R. B. Bertin, Rector of St. Peter's, Colchester. All those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible. Only those who send notification will be provided for.—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Croft on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing and service at usual times. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. All ringers welcome. Reports to hand; subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec., 35, Thackeray Road, Oldham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Nuttall on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) ready from 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome; please come and try this very light peal.—E. C. Gobey, District Sec., Trowell, Notts.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks (6) on Saturday, December 10th. Please send me a card if you will require tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Ewell on December 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea and business meeting afterwards.—A. H. Smith, District Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Swavesey on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Good train and bus service.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Appleby Magna, on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 4.45 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Combined practice will be held at Arksey on Saturday, December 10th. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Ringing 7 till 9 p.m. Business: reorganisation of Cup Competition and nominations for vice-presidency.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at Lytton Arms 5.15 p.m. Business: election of officers, balance sheet for the year, election of committee, etc. Please pay all outstanding subscriptions before this date; I wish to finish with a 'clean slate,' as I am not seeking re-election.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. Visitors will be very welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Hon. Sec., Raunds, Northants.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, December 11th, commencing at 5.30, also at St. Olave's, Hart Street on Sunday, December 18th, commencing at 5.30.—Norman Summerhayes, Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.



**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for Dec. at 7.30 p.m., Southwark Cathedral, 13th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 22nd; St. Giles', Cripplegate, 27th; St. Andrew's, Holborn 8 p.m. 29th. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LADIES GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Streatham on Wednesday, December 14th. Bells of St. Leonard's Church available from 3 to 5.15 p.m., and those of Immanuel Church from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 47, Stanford Way, Streatham, S.W.16, by the 12th inst.—I. R. Housden, and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Wednesday, December 14th, from 7 till 9 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, December 14th.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster. All are welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge) for those who send their names not later than Wednesday, December 14th, to Mr. E. Parkinson, Back Lane House, Newchurch, Rossendale.—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, December 17th. Ringers please meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and please advise Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland. A good attendance specially asked for, and all are welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Will members please note that the list of meetings for 1939 will be compiled here. All those who intend to be present please let me have a card by December 14th.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Badby (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunstone Road, Daventry, Northants.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, December 17th. All Saints' bells (10) open at 3 to 5 p.m., and after tea until 7.45 p.m. St. Andrew's (8) afternoon and evening, except between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at The Regal Cafe 5.30 p.m. Please come and support us.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. England, Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upper Cam, near Dursley, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please help to make the last meeting of the year a real success!—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) open at 3 o'clock. Usual procedure. Kindly notify me for tea not later than 15th inst.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Chippenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), on Saturday, December 17th, at 3 o'clock. Usual business. St. Paul's (8) will be open. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than December 12th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, a good company is requested. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th. The bells of St. George's, Camberwell, will be available in the afternoon, and St. John's, Vessall Road, Brixton, in the evening. Further details next week.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD**.—The next meeting will be at Shilton (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (St. Clements) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/- per head). All Saints' bells available from 6 o'clock. Will all members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th, WATFORD.**—Bells open from 3.30 Service 5.10. Tea 5.40. Business meeting after. Ringing till 8.15. Numbers for tea *must* be in by the 14th. Send to the Sec. Excellent coach and train service. Car park close to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Rd., Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Liverpool, the Ven. C. F. Twitchett, on Saturday, December 17th. Service to commence at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be free, and it would help greatly with the catering arrangements if all ringers intending to be present would notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan by Wednesday, 14th inst.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Sat., December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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Last Friday a privileged few saw the birth of what is to be the tenor of the largest ringing peal in the world. The casting of such a bell is not only an historic occasion, but one of some importance to ringers, for it marks a new departure in weights which they will be called upon to handle. Hitherto the heaviest peals have been at Exeter, St. Paul's Cathedral and York Minster, with tenors of 72, 62, and 60 cwt. respectively. The bell just cast for Liverpool Cathedral will turn the scale at 80 cwt. With the modern improvements in bell hanging it is confidently expected that it will be possible to ring it single handed, but even so, to ring this peal of bells properly is going to be a giant's task. The trebles are going to be heavier than a good many present day tenors, and both the tenth and the eleventh will be over two tons; the eleventh in fact being nearly three tons in weight. It will need all the skill of the bell-hanger and the cream of the ringers of England to make a peal on these bells ever possible.

Of the completeness and the efficiency of the job that is being done there can be no doubt. Apart from the question of the weight of the bells, the scheme involves two new departures in bell hanging of exceptional interest to ringers. The first is the radial 'frame,' a series of pillars arranged in a circle to carry the bells, and the second the fact that it is to be built of reinforced concrete, both wood and metal having been discarded for good and sufficient reasons. Radial bell frames are, of course, unlikely ever to be in general use. They require a tower of considerable dimensions to accommodate them, but Liverpool Cathedral is to have the largest tower in this country—internally it will be over seventy feet square—so that no question of space entered there into the calculation of the designers. The use of reinforced concrete frames, however, may well be developed in course of time. In certain areas, particularly by the sea, metal is subject to rapid corrosion unless constantly painted, while suitable well-seasoned timber is, we believe, becoming more and more difficult to obtain. The modern adaptability of concrete would seem to offer a new material for the purpose, which may well find its way into the towers of the future. At any rate, Liverpool is showing the way in this direction, and from the engineering aspect the experiment, we are told, is certain of success. The conditions at the Cathedral are unique and unique means are being adopted to meet them. The opening of these bells will be one of the greatest events in ringing history and the occasion, which it is hoped will take place in 1940 but may be delayed until the following year, will be looked forward to with ever growing interest.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 2	FRED PRICE ... .. 8
JOHN S. MASON ... .. 3	A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 9
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... .. 5	THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 11
PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... .. 6	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A birthday compliment to Mr. James George, who was 85 on November 27th.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble	MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2	JOHN WALDEN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 10
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 11
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 6	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's 200th peal together and Mr. Richardson's 700th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 2	*ROWLAND TYSOE ... .. 8
HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 3	*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... .. 9
WALTER AYRE ... .. 4	CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 10
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 5	*ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 11
HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 6	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Maximus on tower bells in the county and of Bob Maximus by the association. First peal of Maximus by all except the conductor. First peal of Maximus on tower bells as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. Treble	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 8
FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 9
HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

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## NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 6
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... .. 7
HAROLD SMITH ... .. 3	ALBERT FORD ... .. 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5	ERNEST G. KETTLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Rung in honour of Alderman George A. Heywood and Mrs. Heywood, the new Mayor and Mayoress of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Treble	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... .. 2	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 8
CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. 9
*MRS. I. W. HOUSDEN ... .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

## CROYDON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	ROY A. SIMMONS ... .. 6
HARRY E. WILLS ... .. 2	ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 7
*ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 3	HORACE BELCHER ... .. 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
THOMAS A. BLOW ... .. 5	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... .. Treble	EDMUND ATKINSON ... .. 5
HAROLD ROSE ... .. 2	EDWARD STEELE ... .. 6
HARRY HALL ... .. 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... .. 4	ALAN D. STEEL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. D. STEEL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Basil Holland, brother of the ringer of the 4th.

## OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALBERT GRICE ... .. Treble	HARRY WOOD ... .. 5
GERALD SWALLOW ... .. 2	PERCY HINDMARSH ... .. 6
GEORGE FLETCHER ... .. 3	BEN GRICE ... .. 7
ARTHUR LOWE ... .. 4	ERIC FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. SWALLOW.

First peal as conductor. First peal by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

## CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 28, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... .. 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*CLIFFORD JONES ... .. Treble	THOMAS MATHER ... .. 5
GEORGE SPERRING ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 3	THOMAS GUEST ... .. 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

\* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. Noel David Oakley.

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY G. DORKING ... .. Treble	NORMAN F. GRINHAM ... .. 5
*DENNIS F. GRINHAM ... .. 2	†PATRICK J. SPENCER-PHILIPS ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER JAGGARD ... .. 7
WALTER H. DORKING ... .. 4	PERCY GREEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON ... .. Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5
†LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
*JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... .. 4	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... .. Treble	*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... .. 6
CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3	CECIL RADDON ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	THOMAS SMITH ... .. 5
*JOHN PERRY ... .. 2	HARRY GRIFFITHS ... .. 6
ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 4	BENJAMIN DALTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

\* 200th peal for the society. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, the valued and respected secretary of the society.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

STANLEY W. COPLING ... Treble	* WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 2	* FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6
* NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	ERNEST WHITING ... 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD:

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

* JOHN FAITHFULL, JUN. ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
† LESLIE TREMEER ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' Rung in connection with the festival of St. Nicolas, patron saint of this church.

## CHADDESLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CASSION,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 23 lb.	
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	JOHN BASS ... 6
BERNARD LAWTON ... 3	BERNARD ASHFORD ... 7
JOHN PAGETT ... 4	JOHN LLOYD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Edwin Gilbert, of the local band, on his 79th birthday.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* LESLIE N. CATTERWELL ... Treble	† SIMON P. DACE ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	NORMAN GRINHAM ... 6
BERNARD PETTIT ... 3	ARTHUR H. EVERITT ... 7
VICTOR MORLEY ... 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Bernard Pettit.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF FRAMSDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in this method (Lindoff's No. 3).

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	* FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 3	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ERIC B. HARTLEY ... 6
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	ALICK CUTLER ... 7
FRANCES BOTHAM ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Arranged and rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor.

## BEXLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.	
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Audsley, parents of the conductor, at the church at which they were married.

## HOLME-LACEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.	
* WILLIAM HOWELLS ... Treble	H. ERNEST COX ... 5
ALFRED H. WHEELRIGHT ... 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 6
JOHN J. WEBB ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 7
GEORGE T. COUSINS ... 4	* GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

\* First peal on eight bells. All the ringers are bachelors.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
WILLIAM ATTERBURY ... Treble	WILLIAM PARKER ... 5
FRANK RALLINGS ... 2	GEORGE VALENTINE ... 6
THOMAS LAW ... 3	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... 7
TOM TEBBUTT ... 4	WILLIAM FAREY, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. FREDERICK SAYER ... Treble	WILLIAM C. BUNN ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	ARTHUR W. BIRD ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN LEWIS ... 3	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 7
* RICHARD S. PAYNE ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal.

**BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**  
**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, RUTLAND, BRISTOL, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE & PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

**Tenor 14½ cwt.**

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7
THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

First peal of Spliced Surprise in six methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association. This peal contains 1,408 London, 1,664 Rutland, 576 Bristol, 640 Superlative, 640 Cambridge and 256 Pudsey, with 114 changes of method.

**LONDON.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

**PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

**Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.**

*DAVID J. BOWEN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
*RUSSELL G. SPEARS ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... 7
GEORGE A. PARSONS ... .. 4	HENRY S. T. WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Triples.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**PURLEIGH, ESSEX.**

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. **Tenor 12 cwt.**

MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... Treble	*ARTHUR HUBBLE ... .. 4
ALFRED SOUTH ... .. 2	FRED CHALK ... .. 5
WALTER H. CHALK ... .. 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. C. Mansfield (son of the conductor) and Miss B. A. Thorogood, which took place at the above church.

**REDBOURN, HERTS.**

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One extent each of Northumberland, Newcastle, Munden, Sandiacre, Cuneastre, Rossendale and Annable's London. **Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOE HOBBS ... .. Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal and first in seven methods on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding (Hemel Hempstead).

**BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, with different callings. **Tenor 10 cwt.**

HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. Treble	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 4
RALPH HARRIS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. KING ... .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. J. HEMMING.

Quarterly peal for the Southern Branch and a compliment to Mr. H. Middleton for his 72nd birthday.

**TREDUNNOCK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, with 12 callings. **Tenor 9 cwt.**

REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... Treble	WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 4
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 5
SIDNEY BAMFORD ... .. 3	*GRAHAM WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

**ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-BAPTIST,**

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. **Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.**

*WILLIAM E. FLEITCHER ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 2	*PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 5
FRANK VARTY ... .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

**CRIMPLESHAM, NORFOLK.**

**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob. **Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.)**

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. Treble	WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3
ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WALLACE COUSINS.

First peal on the bells and of Doubles by all the band. A birthday peal for Mrs. W. Buckenham.

**HORTON, STAFFS.**

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. **Tenor 11½ cwt.**

*A. E. CHEERS ... .. Treble	MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... 4
E. HAGUE ... .. 2	C. W. LAWTON ... .. 5
T. TAYLOR ... .. 3	J. W. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. TAYLOR.

\* First peal and first attempt.

**SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. **Tenor 7 cwt.**

*FREDERICK STONE ... .. Treble	*F. NORMAN MASKELL ... 4
ERNEST STONE ... .. 2	PERCY STONE ... .. 5
JOHN H. BAILLIS ... .. 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PERCY STONE.

\* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 12 years of age.

**WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.**

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,*

**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,**

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. **Tenor 17 cwt.**

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... .. Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4
ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. COUSINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 3	GEORGE H. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled (except the back-stroke of the tenor) as a mark of esteem to the late Mr. W. Gwilliam for his work in connection with the above church, also in memory of Mrs. C. E. Edwards, wife of the Master of the Guild, who passed away on November 26th.

### HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD G. BCGG ... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... .. 2	GEORGE WATERMAN ... .. 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

A birthday peal for Mr. R. W. Steward.

### MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL DANIELS... .. Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... .. 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... .. 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARP... .. 3	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

A birthday compliment to Charles W. Sinfield, churchwarden.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty-Five Minutes,

In THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

#### A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HAROLD BROWN ... .. 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 3-4
*RALPH HARDY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

Witness: H. Bell. \* First peal.

WEST BRIDGEMORE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 2, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At 9, PATRICK ROAD,

#### A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD BROWN ... .. 1-2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 3-4
*ERIC WOOD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

Witness: Ralph Hardy. \* First peal.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 4, 1938, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

HORACE L. WAITE ... .. 1-2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4
WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and Miss Richardson (Surfleet).

(Many other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## PEAL NOTES.

Numerous reports of peals reach us deficient in one or more of the customary particulars. Ringers who send in peal reports are requested to do so in the form in which they are printed in 'The Ringing World.' It will save omissions, delay in publication, and labour in our own office.

### PEALS IN FORTY-SIX METHODS AT HELMINGHAM.

A peal of Framdsen Surprise Major has been rung for the first time. It is Gabriel Lindoff's method No. 3 and was rung at Helmingham on December 5th. It is the forty-sixth method of which a peal has been rung in this Suffolk tower.

Until November 26th no peal had been rung at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, for ten years, and no peal by the local Sunday service ringers there for 32 years. Now the Old Hill men have rung a peal of Grandsire Triples, the more meritorious for the fact that it was the first peal by all except the conductor and the tenor ringer.

Seven 720's of Bob Minor were rung in a peal at Horton, Staffs, on December 3rd. What makes it interesting is that we are told that the first of the seven different callings used was first rung in 1741, and the fourth was published in 'Clavis Campanologia' in 1788. Good compositions are never out of date.

On December 3rd, Mr. Horace J. Mansfield had the gratification of calling a peal of Minor in three methods at Purleigh in Essex to celebrate the wedding of his son, Mr. W. C. Mansfield, to Miss B. A. Thorogood, which took place at the same church. One of the band, Arthur Hubble, scored his first five thousand of Minor.

### BIRTHDAY PEALS.

The first peal of Stedman Doubles for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was rung at Tredunnoch on December 3rd. It was a birthday compliment to the genial hon. secretary of the association, Mr. J. W. Jones, who celebrated his 73rd birthday two days later. It was his 497th peal, but his first of Stedman Doubles, as it also was of all the rest of the band.

Ringling at Tredunnoch is done from the ground floor, and the persistency of one of the enthusiastic young local band, by his continuous hammering on the door, might have cost the ringers the peal had they not ignored the demands for entry. When the peal had been successfully concluded, however, and the door opened, instead of the young man being rebuked, he was congratulated upon being such an enthusiast, but was warned never to do it again when he found the door locked. We wonder if he would have had a similar kindly reception had the peal been lost.

Another association secretary who had his birthday honoured on the same day was Mr. Herbert Knight, who has served the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford so long and so enthusiastically. He rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Tettenhall, conducted by Mr. John Perry, whose 200th peal it was for the society.

Although unable to take part himself in any birthday peal, Mr. James George's achievement in reaching 85 years has been celebrated in various places. At Walsall on December 3rd his friends of St. Martin's Guild rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, while a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung on December 1st at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The latter was also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mavis Riddington, sister of the ringer of the same name, who took part. Although it required three attempts, this peal was well struck and fully bears out the old legend, 'Try, try, try again.' The third time it was successful. In parts, this method was very musical on this light peal.

The birthday of another veteran ringer was celebrated on December 3rd, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chaddeley, Worcestershire, in honour of Mr. Edwin Gilbert, of the local band, who reached his 79th anniversary that day. Afterwards he extended hospitality to the ringers and received their congratulations and good wishes.

A handbell peal of Minor at Leverstock Green, Herts, on December 4th, arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Walter Ayre, and Miss Enid Richardson, of Surfleet, was to have been in seven methods, but owing to lack of practice the band contented themselves with ringing three only. It was W. J. Randall's fiftieth peal.

At Frdsham, Cheshire, on December 2nd, Mr. Chris. Gudgeon conducted his own birthday peal of Double Norwich Major; and the first peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells at Redbourn, Herts, rung on December 3rd, was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding, of Hemel Hempstead.

A mixed band rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Peter's, Brighton, on December 3rd, on the fourth birthday of Bryan Darby, of Croydon, son of the conductor.

Other birthday peals have been rung at Sible Hedingham, Essex, on December 3rd, for Mr. Bernard Pettit, who took part in the peal of Bob Major; at Hintlesham, Suffolk, on December 5th, for Mr. R. W. Steward, who unfortunately was unable to stand in the peal in seven Minor methods; at Maulden, Beds, where seven Minor methods were rung on December 5th as a birthday compliment to Mr. Churchwarden C. W. Swinfield, and at Crimplesham, Norfolk, on December 3rd, when a peal of Doubles was rung in celebration of the birthday of Mrs. W. Buckenham. This peal was the first on the bells and the first of Doubles by all the band.



**WARWICKSHIRE'S YOUNGEST PEAL RINGER.**

(Continued from previous column.)

Frederick Stone, of Nuneaton, who is only 12 years of age, rang his first peal, the treble to Grandsire Doubles, on December 3rd, at Shilton. He is now the youngest member of the Warwickshire Guild to ring a peal, and great credit is due to him for the way he rang. His father and brother both took part in the peal.

John Faithfull, jun., of Southampton, whose father is secretary of the ringers at St. Mary's, rang his first peal on December 3rd at the age of only 13 years. It was the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major at North Stoneham.

After the peal at Longton, Staffs, rung half-muffled on November 26th in memory of the late Basil Holland, the ringers were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Holland, the parents of the deceased, whose brother, Neville, took part in the peal.

The peal at Crayford, Kent, on December 7th, was E. A. Barnett's fiftieth of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Bill Hewett rang his fiftieth peal of Stedman Caters on Saturday, when he called a peal in this method at St. Peter's Church, Croydon.

Two peals of Bob Doubles on handbells have been rung at Nottingham, in which three of the four ringers who shared in them rang their first peal.

Another band has rung a six-method Surprise Major peal. This was at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on December 3rd, for the Worcestershire Association, and was the first by all the ringers. Mr. William Short, the association Master, rang the treble, and, by a coincidence, the peal was rung on the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal.

Mr. Harry Middleton, of Norton, celebrated his 72nd birthday by taking part in a peal of Minor at Bishampton on Dec. 3rd, which was rung as the quarterly peal of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association. Among Mr. Middleton's claims to distinction is the fact that he rang in what is still the record peal of Stedman Cinques, the 11,111 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Boxing Day, 1911, in 8 hours 2 minutes. Others of that band are still actively engaged in peal ringing, and two of them, Messrs. W. Short and G. R. Pye, rang peals on Saturday.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Giles' Church, Newcastle, Staffordshire, was rung on Saturday in honour of the new Mayor and Mayoress of the borough, Ald. and Mrs. G. A. Heywood.

Eight bachelors rang a peal of Bob Major at Boreham, Essex, on St. Andrew's Day, December 1st. St. Andrew is the patron saint of the church.

The first 'bachelors' peal recorded for the Hereford Diocesan Guild was rung on December 8th at Holme Lacey. We are not quite sure whether these two bands ought to be commiserated with or are to be congratulated. It probably depends upon the point of view.

**DEVON GUILD.****THE BAR AGAINST COMPETITIVE RINGING.****President To Propose Removal.**

The annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild was held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday. The Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen) conducted the usual Guild service, and in course of his address made sympathetic reference to the loss sustained by one of the local ringers in the death of his wife.

After a tea in St. Sidwell's Institute, at which were present the Bishop of Crediton, the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Guild), the Rev. H. Lanyon-Owen and about 60 members and visitors, the business meeting was held, with Mr. C. R. Lilley in the chair.

For the office of chairman two members were nominated, Mr. E. J. Ryal and Mr. A. W. Searle, and Mr. Ryal was elected by the narrow majority of one vote. Mr. W. H. Howe was re-elected secretary and Mr. W. Richardson as Ringing Master. Messrs. E. W. Biffin, H. J. Rowe and T. H. Pook were elected representatives on the General Committee.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Exminster on February 18th, visiting also Powderham and Kenton.

The President mentioned that at the next General Committee meeting he would move the elimination of Guild Rule 12, which debar members from being associated with any competitive ringing, as, in his opinion, that rule had now served its purpose.

The President moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. R. Lilley for his services as past chairman.—Mr. Lilley, in reply, thanked the members for the support they had given him and hoped the branch would continue to make good.

Ringing was carried on during the evening at St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas' and Heavitree.

**ANSTEY RINGER'S WEDDING.**

The wedding took place at St. Mary's, Anstey, Leicestershire, on Saturday, December 10th, of Mr. R. S. William Smith and Miss Frances Mary Langstaff. The bridegroom had been a keen and regular ringer at St. Mary's since he learnt to ring there eight years ago.

In honour of the event, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight of his fellow-ringers: Mrs. A. Disney 1, H. B. Bowley 2, G. E. Bowler 3, J. E. Adams 4, J. T. Smith 5, A. Disney 6, R. F. Elkington (conductor) 7, Miss E. H. Cufflin 8. Mr. William Smith now lives in Leicester, but the Anstey band hope they will often have the pleasure of his ringing with him.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the B.B.C.'s West Regional programme next Wednesday, commencing at 9.15, is to be a broadcast featuring Old Bristol, called 'From Temple to Redcliffe.' Redcliffe bells will be on the air for a few minutes about 9.45, and the commentator may be heard having a chat with the steeplekeeper shortly after the bells stop.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their wedding on Monday and received the congratulations of many friends.

Certain ringing activities are in progress by way of commemorating the auspicious occasion and we hope to record them next week.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. Charles Edwards, of Fownhope, both by his Herefordshire colleagues and his old friends in Surrey, upon the death of his wife, who passed away on November 26th. Mr. Edwards, who was formerly a District Ringing Master in the old Winchester Guild, has been Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for a good many years.

**NOTICES and other matter intended for  
our issue of Dec. 30th should reach us as  
early as possible and not later than Friday,  
Dec. 23rd.**

Lightning struck the Parish Church at Axbridge, Somerset, during a violent storm about a fortnight ago and did considerable damage, including splitting the tower. There is a fine peal of six at Axbridge, but it will be some time before it will be possible to ring them again.

Owing to the construction of a new organ at Lydney, the meeting of the South Forest Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was to have been held there to-morrow has been postponed. The annual meeting of the branch will now be held there on December 31st.

The meeting of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association to-morrow has also been cancelled.

Will Mr. A. P. Cannon please send his permanent address to Mr. Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts?

We have been compelled, through pressure on our space, to hold over numerous reports this week and letters upon the weights of tenors.

## A DIAMOND WEDDING.

### A CRAYFORD CELEBRATION.

On Wednesday, December 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Audsley, of High Street, Crayford, Kent, celebrated their diamond wedding day. Both are not only natives of Crayford, but have lived all their lives in the street in which they were born. Mr. Audsley was never himself a ringer, although he and Mrs. Audsley have always been interested in ringing, but when in 1876 Crayford bells were augmented from five to eight, Mr. Audsley was responsible for transporting the old five from the church to Crayford Station and the new peal from the station to the church.

Four of their sons have been ringers, but of them, one was killed in the Great War, another emigrated to Canada, and a third, Mr. Edward Audsley, ceased to take an active part in the art after the war. A few months ago, however, he resumed practice with the object of taking part in the peals arranged in honour of the diamond wedding, but, unfortunately, the state of his health prevented him from doing so.

The youngest son, Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, is, of course, a well-known and particularly able ringer, and he conducted peals at Crayford on the anniversary of the wedding on December 7th, and at St. Mary's, Bexley, where Mr. and Mrs. Audsley were married, on December 8th.

## BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER.

### FUNDS NEEDED FOR RESTORATION.

The bells of St. Peter's Church, Colchester, which have been silent since last March, have now been removed to Loughborough for an entire refit, comprising new iron headstocks, ball bearings, new wheels, etc., at an estimated cost of £250. At the same time the parish has a further scheme on hand for raising £1,200 for a new organ.

The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of St. Peter's would like to see the bells opened free of debt in the New Year. Any contributions for the Bells Fund, large and small, from any ringing friends, will, therefore, be gratefully received by the company and acknowledged by the secretary, Mr. H. T. Pye, Fernbank, 118, Maldon Road, Colchester.

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## LEADING CONDUCTORS—49.

## FRANK WARRINGTON.

The Ely Diocesan Association has an able leader among its conductors in Mr. Frank Warrington, of Over, Cambs. He has served the association in various capacities and has been for some time among the foremost of its peal ringers. Formerly he was hon. secretary of the Archdeaconry of Ely Branch and now occupies a similar office in the Central Branch. He was also the first Ringing Master of the Ely Archdeaconry and now represents the association on the Central Council. He also serves on the Bishop's Advisory Committee for the diocese.

Mr. Warrington was born at Over on May 24th, 1894, and it would seem to have been a happy augury that, immediately afterwards, the bells of the Parish Church began to ring, in honour of Queen Victoria's birthday. At any rate, Mr. Warrington's interest in Over bells has been long and practical, for although he learned to ring at Long Stanton, he joined the Over company later and is now captain of the Over Society.

Always ready, when time permits, for a peal, he nevertheless makes Sunday service ringing his chief concern, and, in addition to ringing, he serves as a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council in his own parish.

He rang his first peal on September 19th, 1923, at Over, when he took part in seven 720's of Bob Minor. His first peal as conductor was Bob Doubles at Fenstanton, Hunts. He took part in his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 1927 at Debenham, and the comments afterwards gave him food for thought. Remarks on the peal by the band were 'not too bad'; by the conductor 'not too good.'

Mr. Warrington conducted his first peal of Major from an inside bell, and he has since called a peal from each bell in the following towers: St. Ives, Bourn, Willingham and Hemingford Abbots. He called the first peal of Cambridge and Superlative Major rung by a local company resident in Cambridgeshire, and turned in the tenor to the first peal of Surprise Major on the back eight at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. Among the many peals of Minor which he has called have been the Rev. E. Bankes James' Cambridge about twenty times. Altogether Mr. Warrington has rung 254 peals, of which he has conducted 171. They have been rung in 70 towers in ten counties.

## LONDON SOCIETIES' JOINT MEETING.

## 'FRESH SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION.'

The Royal Cumberland Youths and members of the Northern District of the London County Association staged a 'get-together' meeting on Saturday, December 3rd, at Highgate. About 25 members from the two societies turned up and took part in ringing in most of the standard methods on the bells of St. Ann's, Highgate. At 4.30 a short service was conducted by the curate, the hymns being vigorously, if not tunelessly, sung by the small congregation, unassisted by an organ.

After service, the company hiked across to Hampstead and partook of a substantial tea at the White Horse Hotel, the only incident of note being the production of a large 'piece of artillery' by a gentleman of synonymous name.

Mr. Jack Waugh, in opening the business meeting of the London County Association, made a brief reference to the useful purpose served by joint meetings, and pointed out that they typified a fresh spirit of co-operation between the societies.

The arrangement of the place of the next meeting for the district was left to the secretary.

No further business remaining to be transacted, the secretary of the Cumberland Youths proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Tom Bevan, who had made the arrangements for the meeting, and this was carried with applause.

Following a course of Grandsire Caters on Mr. C. W. Taylor's musical handbells, ringing took place on the 27 cwt. peal of ten at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, methods up to Cambridge Royal being rung.

Further ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak (six bells) until nine o'clock.



MR. FRANK WARRINGTON.

## TECHNICAL TERMS.

## A GLOSSARY IS NECESSARY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I write to support the letter to the Rector of Drayton Parslow? Of course, there is a good deal in what you say on the other side, but it is unfortunately too true that technical terms are far too much used by ringers. Some technical terms must exist and be in use, but undoubtedly there are too many, and the usual excessive use of them is really the result of laziness. If people would take the trouble to make themselves understood in ordinary language (as we ought to do from the pulpit), they would be surprised how many times technical terms can be avoided.

At the same time I should like to say how heartily I agree with what you say about the 'Glossary.' This is a book which ought always to be kept up to date and in print. It was—quite rightly—the first publication of the Central Council. We have learnt now not to make the two mistakes it showed. It was made too large, through the insertion of other matter (however valuable that might be). And we arranged to print too large an edition. The result was that many copies remained in hand long after it was out of date.

When it was suggested that the remaining copies be given away, I proposed that they should be destroyed. I took for granted that a new edition would be immediately put into preparation, and if these copies were no longer in existence, they would not be hindering the sale of the new edition. However, the Council listened to the curious argument that as one of the added articles was valuable, therefore (save the mark), the books had better be given away!

The Glossary should be as short and simple as possible (providing nothing is left out unexplained), and it should be revised every five or ten years.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

## MISUSE OF TERMS.

Dear Sir,—Having had quite a lot of experience in teaching learners, and I may add with considerable success, I would be very interested to hear what technical terms there are in Grandsire Mr. Lucas finds too deep for learners to understand. 'Hunting up,' 'coming in,' 'dodging in 4-5 down,' 'making third's place,' etc., are surely not difficult to grasp.

The trouble is, it seems to me, ringers misuse the terms when teaching. For instance, not long ago I went to a tower to help with learners and heard the instructor carefully explaining to his pupil that pulling his bell at handstroke was going up and pulling it at backstroke was coming down! Another time I was 'standing behind' the treble for his first try at Bob Minor, and before we started I gave him the tip that he had five bells to hunt up, and an 'old hand' corrected me, saying he had six!

Another example I had was more advanced. I had 'caught hold' for a course of Cambridge Royal and chose the 4th. On the 3rd was a very well-known ringer, and, just to see what he would say, I turned to him and said, 'Let's see, I'm 3-4 places in and treble work on the front,' to which he replied with some force, 'No, Treble Bob!' I smiled and let it go at that. Now 'Treble Bob' is certainly a misnomer for that work, as not a single working bell in Kent or Oxford ever does it. The *treble*, however, always does, and that is why it is called treble work in the text books.

'Fourth's and back' is another thing I hear when 'Fourths and in' is meant (a bob in Plain Bob). Little wonder that that same ringer gets into a muddle when told to make 'third's and back' at a single.

But to return to Mr. Lucas' difficulties. How would he better explain the terms 'pass the treble in 4-5 up and dodge 6-7 down' or 'pass the treble in 2-3 (bob), make third's and go into the hunt'?

No, sir, as you put it in your leading article, it is not the 'terms' that are wrong, but it is up to the instructor to use them properly and see that the pupil will know what to do when he has to do it.

A. REEVE.

Fobbing, Essex.

## A USEFUL PAMPHLET.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read Mr. Lucas' letter and your excellent 'leader' on technical terms. But those of us who are learning to ring are not faced with such words as those who are 'learning to garden.' I have just been listening to Mr. Middleton and his friend, A. E. Bunyard, explaining the meaning of gardeners' Latin words. Thank goodness we do not get such words in ringers' language, or spelling bees would be a necessity, and wouldn't there be some 'gonging'!

But, joking apart, I have had considerable experience of teaching Grandsire Doubles (the method referred to), and am glad to have had the advantage of the use of such a splendid little pamphlet as Mr. Fred Sharpe's 'Rules and diagrams for ringing Grandsire Doubles.' If Mr. Lucas will get a supply of this excellent paper for the use of his learners and use the blackboard for further explanation (if necessary), his difficulties will soon end. The pamphlet can be obtained from Mr. Fred Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, for one half-penny and stamped addressed envelope.

T. J. FOWLER.

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### CASTING OF THE FOUR-TON TENOR.

#### The Novel Concrete Bell Frame.

An historic bell casting took place last Friday at the Whitechapel Foundry, when a little company witnessed the running of the metal into the mould of the four-ton bell which is to be the tenor of the peal at the new Liverpool Cathedral.

It is the first of what is to be the biggest ringing peal in the world, and, as this bell is the largest of them all, the casting was an event of exceptional interest. Among those who were present to witness it were the Ven. G. J. Howson (Archdeacon of Liverpool), Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (the architect of the Cathedral), Col. V. Cotton and other members of the Cathedral Committee.

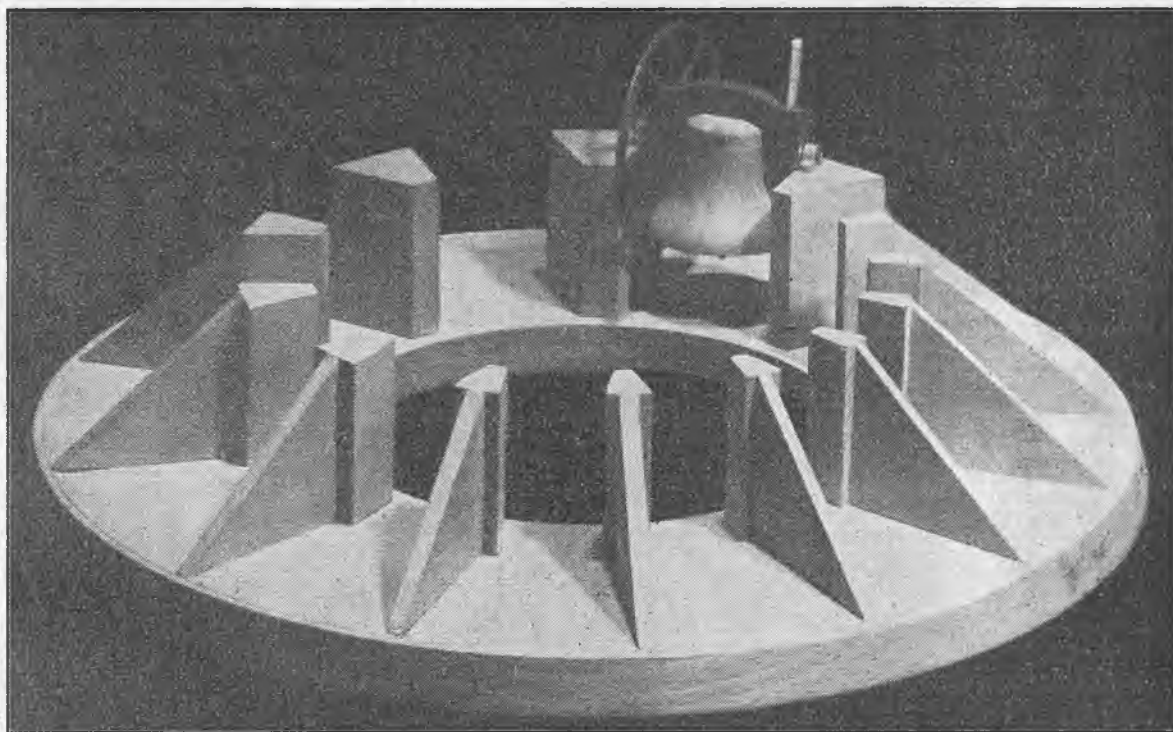
The furnace, into which about five tons of metal was eventually placed, was lighted at midnight, and just before noon, the ingots of Cornish tin having been added to the molten copper, two or three of the visitors threw in silver coins 'for luck'; the crucible was tapped and a steady stream of metal, like liquid gold, flowed for nearly ten

on the other, 'Thomas Bartlett, Who Died 4th September, 1912, By his Will left Money to Provide this Ring of 13 Bells, which were Cast by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel 1938 and 1939.'

The massiveness of the reinforced concrete structure to carry the great weight of swinging metal is almost unbelievable. It is in one enormous unit extending across the huge tower (which itself is 72ft. square internally), and is built up from the floor of the ringing chamber, which is to be some feet in thickness, to the bearings of the bells nearly 40ft. above. It will be the most wonderful piece of engineering work ever introduced into a church tower in this or any other country.

Reinforced concrete has been employed partly on account of the unusual span of the tower and partly because of the location. Iron and steel were considered unsuitable because of the effects of corrosion and the frequent painting that would be necessary; timber was discarded because of the difficulty of obtaining the necessary large sections sufficiently seasoned. The ample space available has made possible a design never before used, viz., a radial frame, in which each of the 13 bells swings to the centre, in which will hang the bourdon bell.

The novel construction of the frame can be seen from our picture of a scale model, prepared by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The pillars carrying the bells stand upon a massive concrete ring, some 30ft. in



THE UNIQUE DESIGN OF THE LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELL FRAME.

minutes through the channel which led it to the mouth of the mould buried in the earth. Then, as it bubbled from the top, the stream was diverted to another channel, prepared ready to receive the surplus alloy. The interesting operation, which had been so expectantly awaited by newspapermen and photographers, was successfully over. Some part of it, however, may shortly be seen on the screen in one of the news films.

This bell is to be the tenor of a ring of twelve, together with a sharp second to provide a light eight, which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to instal at the Cathedral in the great tower now rising over the transepts. There is also to be a 14½ ton bourdon bell.

The tower is being built by the generosity of Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who are also giving the bourdon bell, and will be of a total height of over 300ft. It is hoped this structure may be completed in 1940, and the bells will then be hung in the massive reinforced concrete frame built as part of the tower some 235ft. above ground level.

The ringing peal is being provided by a bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Bartlett, a rich Liverpool merchant, who died in 1912. The new tenor records this fact. It bears a religious inscription on the shoulder, and on one side, 'The Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend Albert Augustus David, D.D., Named Me Emmanuel,' and

diameter. It can be seen that the 13 pits are arranged in a perfect circle and that the stanchions will vary in size according to the weight of the bells they will have to carry. Some idea of the dimensions of this bell 'frame' can be obtained from the fact that these pillars are 7ft. high and that the 'tails' run back 10ft. and vary in thickness from 6in. (for the trebles) to 12in. for the tenors. The actual carrying surface on top of the pillars is more than 2ft. from front to back.

Bolted into the top of the stanchions will be bed plates, on which will be mounted the actual bearings of the bells, and this will provide the means of bringing the bearings into true adjustment.

Concrete floors, as many know, have poor acoustic properties and detract from the effect of the sound in the ringing room. To obviate this the big foundation concrete ring is to be placed on insulating material, and the ringing room is to be enclosed by wood partitions, making a spacious apartment, but one more convenient and comfortable than the whole expanse of the great tower would provide.

The height of the ringing chamber will be 21ft. Over this will be an intervening space of 10ft., and the height from the floor above to the top of the frame will be 7ft., so that the length of rope will be just under 40ft. The ropes themselves will drop straight from the wheels, and will form in the ringing room a perfect circle 17ft. 6in. across.

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## MR. AND MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON'S 200th PEAL TOGETHER

### INTERESTING EVENT AT SURFLEET.

An interesting double event was connected with the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Surfleet on Saturday. The peal was the two hundredth which Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson have rung together and Mr. Richardson's 700th peal. It was only a few weeks ago they realised that the two achievements could be made to coincide, but once it was seen to be possible it was natural that nothing should be done in the meantime to upset the chances.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are the second husband and wife to ring 200 peals together, and their record began in the days before their wedding, when Mrs. Richardson was Miss Annie Parkin, of Peterborough. They rang their first peal together on December 20th, 1919, at Surfleet, while, after their marriage in July, 1923, their first peal together was on November 1st, 1923, several previous attempts having met with failure.

Their 200 peals have been rung together on all numbers of bells from six to twelve and in 26 English counties, in Wales, Ireland, Scotland, Tasmania and Australia, and on the high seas. They have been made up as follows: Minor (in one to seven methods) 11, Stedman Triples 8, Bob Major 19, Double Norwich 11, Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Cambridge Surprise Major 15, Superlative 11, London Surprise Major 12, Bristol Surprise Major 6, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Stedman Caters 10, Bob Royal 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, Grandsire Cinques 2, Stedman Cinques 24, Bob Maximus 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 4; on hand-

bells, Bob Major 33, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman 1, Bob Royal 1. Mr. Richardson, who has been Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild since 1932, began his peal ringing in September, 1901, so that it has taken him just over 37 years to reach his total of 700. These, which include all the 13 peals rung on the Australian tour, six of them being on handbells on five seas, have been rung in 213 towers, in 34

English, one Scottish, five Irish and five Welsh counties, and also in Australia and Tasmania.

Mr. Richardson on Saturday completed the 'circle of the tower' at Surfleet in the first twelve peals rung on the twelve bells and only one attempt failed. It is interesting also to recall that he rang all the bells to a peal in the first ten peals on the ten bells prior to their augmentation to twelve.

The peal on Saturday was suitably celebrated at Mr. and Mrs. Richardson's home, where the band were entertained with 'sumptuous hospitality'. When the birthday 'cake, made by the hostess' own hands and heavily iced as well as artistically decorated, was cut, the twelve tinkling little bells with which it was surmounted were distributed among the ringers as souvenirs of a happy, notable event.

Among other married couples who have rung many peals together are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of Enfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Burgess Hill, Sussex. Mr. and Mrs. Hairs were the first couple to ring 200 peals together, which total they reached about six years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's joint total is 183 peals.



MR. AND MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

### DEATH OF MR. G. MAXIM.

#### A RINGER FOR SIXTY YEARS.

East Hertfordshire ringing has suffered another blow in the loss of an old and well-known friend, Mr. G. Maxim, of Waltham Cross. Mr. Maxim started his ringing some 60 years ago at his birthplace, Foxearth, Essex, and, although not a prolific peal ringer, had rung quite a number in the simpler methods. He was the only surviving member of the band who rang the ten thousand odd of Kent Treble Bob for the Essex Association.

Although prevented by ill-health from taking any active part in local ringing for the last year, he maintained his interest up to the end, which came peacefully on Saturday, December 10th. He will be greatly missed by all, and another link in the chain of those who knew the famous men of a past generation is broken.

### LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

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The Liverpool Cathedral Committee's 'Quarterly Bulletin' recently gave the approximate weights of the 13 bells as follows:—

Tenor	80 cwt.	A flat
11th	53 cwt.	B flat
10th	41 cwt.	O
9th	35 cwt.	D flat
8th	24 cwt.	E flat
7th	17½ cwt.	F
6th	14 cwt.	G
5th	12½ cwt.	A flat
4th	11½ cwt.	B flat
3rd	11 cwt.	C
2nd	10½ cwt.	D flat
Sharp 2nd	10½ cwt.	D
Treble	10 cwt.	E flat

The total weight of the bells will thus be about 16½ tons. The tenor will be approximately 6ft. 4in. in diameter and its wheel 9ft. 8in.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTH SHIELDS BELLS RESTORED.

A special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at North Shields on Saturday, December 3rd, when, through the courtesy of the Vicar (Canon C. Milner) and churchwardens, the bells of Christ Church were placed at the disposal of the members. Christ Church possesses a ring of ten with a tenor about 19 cwt., which have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be commended on a very satisfactory piece of work. North Shields has always been a stronghold of the association, and it is interesting to note that the first peal ever rung for the association was rung on these bells, when Holt's Ten-Part was brought round in 1878.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, during which a stone tablet commemorating the reconditioning of the bells was unveiled by the president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge). The tablet is the gift of the churchwardens and will eventually be placed in the tower. Following the dedication, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the chancel.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by the president, supported by Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary) and Canon Milner, together with the churchwardens and a representative gathering. The visitors included Mr. A. Hughes, of London, and Mr. F. G. Sherwood, of Leeds.

The President thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the latter responded, saying how pleased he was to welcome the members to his church.

During the proceedings a presentation in the form of an easy chair was made by the Vicar to Mr. G. W. Dix, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at North Shields. Mr. Dix was accorded a musical reception and thanked everyone concerned for the gift.

Four of the 'younger generation' showed their prowess with handbells by ringing an excellent course of Grandsire Triples. It is gratifying to observe the obvious enthusiasm of the younger members, and it is to be hoped that it will be maintained.

## NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

#### The Dinner Question.

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 3rd. Tea was served in the Church Institute, where 69 sat down. Ringers came from Burslem, Bucknall, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Cheadle, Cheddleton, Derby, Draycott, Fenton, Hanley, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Lawton, Norton, Newcastle, Repton, Stoke-on-Trent, Stone, Stafford, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hartill, Rector of Stoke, extended a hearty welcome to all present, and said he looked forward to being amongst them many times.

Mr. T. Hurd proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Stoke for the use of the bells and the excellent tea he had given them.—Mr. S. Churton supported the motion.

Mr. A. D. Steel proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, whom they were always pleased to see, and hoped they would enjoy their visit to Stoke-on-Trent.

The business meeting followed, with the president (the Rector of Stoke) in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and the Rev. F. D. Gardner (former clerical secretary), the Rev. C. J. Watkins, the Rev. H. H. Treacher, the Rev. J. Howse and the Rev. S. Myers-Bridge.

The committee reported that at their annual meeting held at Burslem on November 12th the following report was presented by the hon. secretary: During the past year 13 meetings had been held, one each month excepting July, when two were held; two having been at ten-bell towers, five at eight, and six at six-bell towers. The average attendance had been 38 per meeting, which was a decrease of one on last year, but the extra meeting should be taken into consideration. It was interesting to note that four members had attended all the meetings, viz., Messrs. Thomas Hurd, Edward Steele, William Perkins and Andrew Thompson. Twelve meetings were attended by Messrs. Sidney Thompson and Neville R. Holland, while 128 ringing members have attended at least one meeting during the year, an increase of two on last year. Fifteen non-resident and 61 visitors had also attended meetings during the year. Twenty-five new members were elected, consisting of three honorary, three non-resident and 19 ringing members. Cheddleton tower had returned to the association after an absence of 20 years.

#### RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN.

Three committee meetings had been held, all concerning the annual dinner, one held at Leek, one at Draycott (where only eight representatives were present, and it was proposed to hold the dinner on unlicensed premises, this being withdrawn as the secretary pointed out that he was not prepared to organise a dinner on unlicensed premises), and one at Tunstall, where 16 representatives were present, the largest representative meeting ever held. This meeting decided to hold the dinner on licensed premises.

Although the clergy of Bucknall and Biddulph threatened secession if the dinner was held on licensed premises, support came from the Archdeacon of Stoke, and a full report of the Tunstall meeting appeared in 'The Ringing World,' which in its leading article supported the committee.

The clerical secretary supported himself by saying that he had not been invited to the committee meeting, but as he is not a member of the association, he could not be invited to take part.

An unfortunate incident was the resignation of the chairman of committee through his views of the dinner. His presence would be greatly missed.

The resignation of the Ringing Master for six-bell towers owing to the illness of his wife was received, but an acting Ringing Master was elected until he was in a position to attend.

Twenty peals had been rung during the year, a decrease of 10 on last year. They consisted of Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Plain Bob 2, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Minor 3, in two minor methods 1, in three methods 1, Stedman Doubles 1, Grandsire Doubles 2. The number of conductors for the year was seven, six having called their first peal. The most interesting peal footnotes were Stedman Triples at Stone in honour of the golden wedding of the Earl and Countess of Harrowley; Bob Royal at Leek for the induction of the Rev. G. W. Millward, this being the first peal of Bob Royal for the association; Bob Major at Longton rung on the 123rd anniversary of the opening of the bells; Stedman Triples at Broughton in honour of Miss J. L. G. Hall's presentation to the first Court of the season at Buckingham Palace. Out of the six peals rung at Draycott, one was for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, one rung half-muffled for the late Mrs. M. Shelley, and one to welcome the new Rector (the Rev. A. Stanley). Bob Major was rung at Longton to celebrate the attainment of 50 years as a ringer of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon; Grandsire Triples at Newcastle in honour of the wedding of a Newcastle ringer, Mr. G. A. Moore, to Miss D. Coomer; and Kent Treble Bob Major at Uttoxeter as a compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, who has completed 50 years as a ringer. The association was again represented at the Central Council meeting held at Leeds.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. W. P. Deane, supported by Mr. S. Churton.

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## RINGERS' PATRON SAINT.

### VICAR'S SUGGESTION AT MIDDLESEX MEETING.

St. John the Baptist was suggested as the ringers' patron saint by the Vicar of Southgate at a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on December 3rd.

Southgate is always a popular meeting place, because of its very fine peal of bells, and during the afternoon nearly 50 ringers attended, and the Master (Mr. T. J. Lock) continually changed the methods, and included touches of 'rounds,' to suit everybody.

The service was well attended. The Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Stainsby), after welcoming the association, said he had been searching for a ringers' patron saint. He thought St. John the Baptist was the most suitable. Just as he prepared the way of the Lord in his day, so do ringers call people to God in these days.

It was a very encouraging and helpful sermon for a ringers' service.

An excellent tea was served in the Walker Hall, adjoining Southgate cricket field—the name of Walker is always connected with Middlesex cricket—after which a short business meeting was held.

Apologies for his absence were made on behalf of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), away on business, and the Vicar was elected to take the chair. Two ringers from St. Augustine's, Kilburn, were admitted to membership.

Extracts were read from letters received by the general secretary from Messrs. James George, J. H. Cheesman and E. Brett, and a resolution of sympathy and good wishes for their early recovery was passed.

The secretary's action in conveying the congratulations of the members to Mr. and Mrs. James Parker on the occasion of their golden wedding was endorsed.

A resolution of sympathy with the Ancient Society of College Youths at the loss of the Master of that society, Mr. L. B. Porter, in sad and tragic circumstances, was carried by all present standing for a few moments in silence, broken only by the Vicar saying a short prayer.

It was announced that the next meeting, which will be the annual meeting of the district, would be held at Edmonton on January 28th.

Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service, to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson for arranging a very nice tea, and to Mr. J. E. Miller for making all necessary arrangements for the meeting. It was added that the tea, being served by ringers for ringers, was just what it should be.

The Rev. G. W. Stainsby replied to the vote of thanks, and added an invitation to the association to 'come again,' which will doubtless be accepted.

Further ringing took place afterwards in most of the standard methods.

### NORTH STAFFS OFFICIALS.

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The statement of accounts was read and accepted on the proposition of Mr. S. Dutton, seconded by Mr. H. Carnwell. The auditor's report stated that there was a gain on the year of £9 0s. 9½d., which made a total balance of £34 19s. 0½d., consisting of £20 4s. in the Post Office and £14 15s. 0½d. in the hands of the secretary. The accounts of the first annual dinner were presented, in which a balance of 3s. 1d. was in the hands of the secretary.

The Rev. S. F. Linsley was elected clerical secretary, Mr. Andrew Thompson hon. secretary, Mr. Kenneth Thacker assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur W. Hall chairman of committee, Mr. Alan D. Steel Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, Mr. John E. Wheeldon Ringing Master for six-bell towers, Mr. Edward Steele auditor, Mr. William F. Deane adviser, and Messrs. Andrew Thompson and Kenneth Thacker were again elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

It was decided that in future the Ringing Masters should give an annual report.

The following list of meetings was proposed for 1939: January, Newcastle; February, Longton; March, Fenton; April, Brown Edge; May, Leek; June, Kingsley; July, Stone and Cheddleton; August, Draycott; September, Uttoxeter; October, Tunstall; November, Hanley; December, Stoke-on-Trent.

Before the minutes were passed, the Rev. F. D. Gardner asked that the words in the secretary's report, 'threaten us with secession,' be altered to 'suggest the possibility of secession.'

The secretary, on reading his letters, found the wording of his report to be correct.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. H. Page to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the meeting reports he had published during the year, and also the 'Evening Sentinel' and 'City Times,' which publish the ringing activities of North Staffordshire.—This was supported by Mr. E. Roberts.

Thanks were also proposed to the former chairman of the committee and the assistant secretary.

Mr. C. H. Page, on behalf of the association, congratulated the hon. secretary upon ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The secretary replied by saying that Mr. Page and himself were the only members of the association who had rung peals of Cinques. Mr. C. H. Page was the first to ring Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques, and he (the secretary) was the first to ring Stedman.

The ringers of Wolstanton were elected members of the association, as were also Mrs. Miles and Messrs. N. Snape and F. Hulse, of Fenton.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### SILVER JUBILEE OF CHELMSFORD'S TWELVE BELLS.

To celebrate the silver jubilee of the rehanging and augmentation of the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral, the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association were invited to hold their annual meeting at Chelmsford. Ringers were present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Fryerning, Galleywood, Goldhanger, Maldon (2), Springfield, Great Waltham, Little Waltham, Widford, Writtle and visitors from Harwich, Bardfield, Dunmow, St. Osyth, Newmarket, Great Bentley, Beckenham, Prittlewell, Colchester, Great Holland, Kirby and Coggeshall. The service was conducted by the Rev. — Noakes. The Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips) read the lesson, and Mr. Frye was at the organ. The collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 19s. 1d.

An abundant tea was partaken of in the Cathedral Hall, kindly provided by the Cathedral ringers and served by their wives and friends.

The Master, who presided at the business meeting, reported the death of the Rev. F. R. Thurlow, an honorary member, of Widford, and all present stood in silence as a mark of respect and esteem.

The hon. secretary reported that five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 30. One honorary, ten ringing and four probationary members had been elected. Twenty-one peals, against fifteen for 1937, had been rung. Six new members had rung their first peal, 18 their first in the method and one his first as conductor. The peal of Crayford College Major was the first in the method for the association.

The District Master (Mr. H. Mansfield) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack) were re-elected, and Mr. J. Rawlings, of Beckenham, Kent, was elected a member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury on February 4th.

The question of renewing the monthly practices at the Cathedral (on the last Saturday in the month) was raised, and it was suggested that a definite method be practised. It was, therefore, decided to resume these practices on the last Saturday in January, and that the method be Cambridge, up to and including Royal. It is hoped that these practices will be well supported.

A letter from Miss Snowden, the hon. secretary of the Northern Division, was received apologising for having to hold the annual meeting of that district on the same day and conveying wishes for a good meeting.

The thanks of the meeting to the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. Noakes for taking the service and giving the address, to Mr. Frye, the organist, to the local company for providing and the ladies for serving the tea, were expressed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips, who extended a warm welcome to the visitors.

Mr. L. J. Clark, in replying, apologised for the absence of the Provost and the Rev. Noakes, and on behalf of the Provost welcomed the association to Chelmsford. He also gave a short account of the history of the Cathedral bells.

## NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Burslem on Nov. 19th, when 45 members were present from Bucknall, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Hanley, Fenton, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent, Stafford, Silverdale, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wolstanton.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, and a service was conducted by the Rev. W. Morris-Edge (Rector of Burslem), assisted by the Rev. J. Roderick Jones. The Rector, in his address, welcomed the association to St. John's Church on behalf of the Church Council and churchwardens.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. J. Hurd welcomed the members on behalf of Burslem ringers, and in this was supported by Mr. T. Hurd, who said he had served under seven Rectors. He asked the young ringers to attend the association's meetings, as they were the place where ringing was learnt.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers was proposed by Mr. A. D. Steel, seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall; while Mr. E. Steele thanked the ladies for preparing tea for the ringers.

The ringers of Leek were congratulated upon the ringing of a peal of Stedman Caters by a local band, and Mr. G. E. Plant in acknowledging the congratulations, said that it was a beautiful peal.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### CHELTHENHAM BRANCH'S MOST SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at the Parish Church, Cheltenham, on Saturday, December 3rd. It was the first meeting held at the Parish Church since the formation of the branch in 1922 and attracted a record attendance. The well-known peal of bells were set going at 3 o'clock to Stedman Caters under Mr. William Dyer, captain of the tower.

Service was well attended and was conducted by the Rector of Cheltenham (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), whose fine address was greatly appreciated.

The tea, kindly given by friends of the Parish Church, was partaken of in the Parish Hall, the latter being specially decorated and containing a number of imitation bells as part of the scheme. Those present were entertained after tea to selections, etc., on handbells by ex-Sgt. J. Williams, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas.

The business meeting was presided over by the Ven. Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon F. W. Sears), chairman of the branch, supported by the Rector of Cheltenham, the Rev. H. D. Walmsley and the Rev. S. B. Freeman (curates of St. Mary's), the Rev. A. M. Hollis (Vicar of Charlton Kings), the Rev. S. J. Richards (Vicar of St. Peter's, Cheltenham), the Rev. H. Benson (Rector of Quinton), the churchwardens of the Parish Church, Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. Percy Williams (treasurer of the association), Mr. C. Camm and members from a wide area. Most of the local towers were also represented.

Several new members were elected.

It was proposed to hold Saturday evening beginners' practices at the towers near Cheltenham under the direction of the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Yeend).

The secretary reported on the unqualified success of the dinner held in Cheltenham in October, and it was decided to hold another next year; also to hold the annual outing as usual in June, the arrangements being left in the hands of Mr. C. W. Martin.

The Archdeacon of Cheltenham was again re-elected chairman of the branch and thanked for his past services. Mr. W. Dyer, of the St. Mary's company, was elected branch representative in place of Mr. G. H. Walters, who had removed out of the district. The latter was warmly thanked for his past services. Mr. W. Yeend was re-elected hon. secretary, an office he has held since 1922.

Cowley was selected for the next meeting in March.

Mr. Walter Rose, who had specially journeyed from Southampton, voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Rector and all the kind friends who had given valued help in all departments.—This was seconded by Mr. J. K. Armstrong and carried with applause.

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**NOTICES.**

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. G. Clark, Cawood Villas, Bentley, near Doncaster. All are welcome.—J. J. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield, 9.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, December 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, which will be provided (moderate charge).—J. Porter, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Will members please note that the list of meetings for 1939 will be compiled here.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, December 17th. All Saints' bells (10) open at 3 to 5 p.m., and after tea until 7.45 p.m. St. Andrew's (8) afternoon and evening, except between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at The Regal Cafe 5.30 p.m. Please come and support us.—A. Lawrence, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan, will be re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Liverpool, the Ven. C. F. Twitchett, on Saturday, December 17th. Service to commence at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be free.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be at Shilton (6 bells) on Saturday, December 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged for Dec. 17th, at St. Bartholomew's has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Branch Sec.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, December 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. Please come, a good company is requested. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, December 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (St. Clement's) on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/- per head). All Saints' bells available from 6 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Sat., December 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 17th. St. George's, Wells Street, Camberwell (8) will be available from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m. (42 bus from Camberwell Green), and St. John's (8), Vassall Road, Brixton, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. John's Parish Hall. Service 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, W.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Olave's, Hart Street on Sunday, December 18th, commencing at 5.30 p.m.—Norman Summerhayes, Sec., Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for Dec. at 7.30 p.m., \*St. Mary-le-Bow, 20th; St. Magnus-the-Martyr, 22nd Holborn, 8 p.m. 29th. \*Business meeting afterwards. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**BOXING DAY**—For some changes come to St. Giles', Camberwell, Monday, December 26th. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, December 31st. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise obtained at these meetings. Those who desire tuition in any method please come along to make this meeting a success, and do not forget to send post cards for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

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**ANNUAL DINNER** of the Guildford Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, January 14th, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Full particulars later.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Honorary Secretary's Change of Address.—Kindly note Mr. E. G. Talbot's address is now 53, Birchwood Avenue, Wallington, Surrey.

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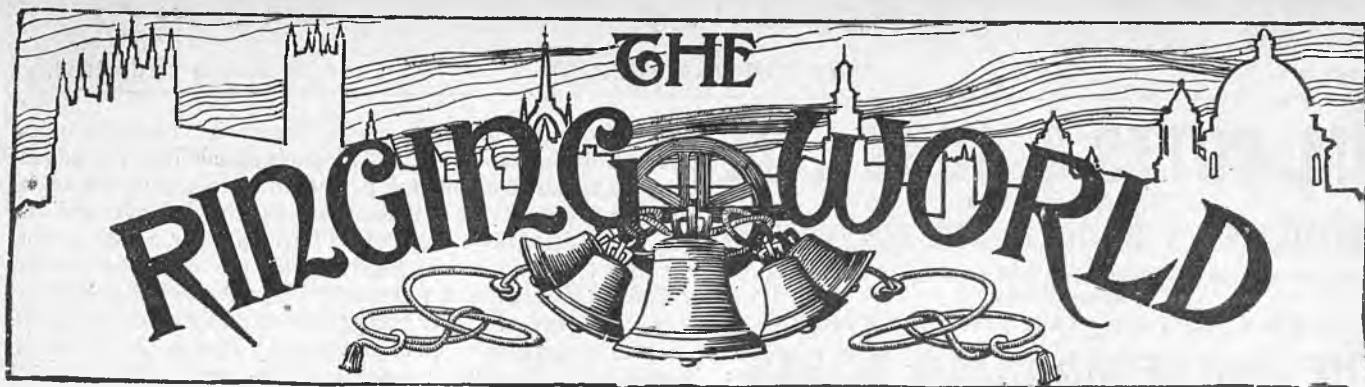
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**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION**

At a meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association on Saturday, reference was made to the printed report, in which a 'List of Towers' is included, and the question was asked whether all the towers belonged to the Association. The reply forthcoming was that no towers belonged to any association and the list was intended for the information of ringers as to where ringing could be obtained. The first part of the reply was obvious 'side stepping.' When reference is made, in connection with ringing, to towers 'belonging' to an association there is only one meaning. It refers to the ringers attached to the tower, and not to the structure. However, many societies include in their reports the full list of towers in their own area, and it is a helpful addition to the other information, but it is not usual to include the towers in other associations' areas, unless there is some kind of real affiliation.

The point raised directs attention to the London County Association's curious position. If its published list is intended to be a directory of towers in its area, it will be found on the one hand to be markedly deficient and, on the other, to stretch beyond its territorial boundaries. If, however, all the towers included can be claimed to be within the limits of the Association, then its title is a misnomer. The administrative County of London is a well defined area, within which the Association was supposed to operate when it first staked a claim to territorial recognition. Then, ignoring its title, it enlarged its area to the London Postal District, a policy of doubtful wisdom, in that it encroached upon other active organisations. It has also made further claim to a vague area by adding to its title 'the North Southwark Diocesan Guild.' Now, presumably, the Association reaches out even beyond, and takes in such places as Kingston, in Surrey, in the South-Western corner of the diocese of Southwark, Barking in Essex, Isleworth in Middlesex, and others.

This expansion may suit the immediate purpose of the Association, but we cannot think it adds to its real strength, when so much remains to be done in the County of London. Would it not strengthen its position if, having set itself up to be a territorial association, it modelled itself entirely on territorial lines, instead of persisting in wrapping the skeleton of the old St. James' Society in a territorial cloak. For example, the association follows the practice of the St. James' Society, from which it emanated, and, like the older London Societies, admits members on a 'life' subscription. It thus deprives itself of a regular source of revenue and becomes dependent largely for its income upon the influx of new members. There is also another anomaly

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WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 5		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALBERT M. TYLER ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2		WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3		WILLIAM H. PARKER ... .. 8
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... .. 4		JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5		F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

A birthday peal for the composer and the conductor.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

## YATELEY, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SYDNEY J. RIDDELL ... .. 1	Treble	GEORGE C. IVES ... .. 5
*CHARLES BUTLER ... .. 2		BERT GOODALL ... .. 6
STANLEY BUNCH ... .. 3		GEORGE BUTLER ... .. 7
CYRIL BUNCH ... .. 4		*FRANK BUNCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BUTLER.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except the ringer of the treble. All are Sunday service ringers at Yateley Church.

## HAWKHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*LESLIE M. JARVIS ... .. 1	Treble	*JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 2		STAFFORD GREEN ... .. 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3		FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7
*WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4		OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method. In affectionate memory of the late Canon F. J. O. Helmore and as a last tribute also to the late Lawrence Porter, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the peal was rung muffled.

## OXFORD.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 4½ cwt.

GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. 1	Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
CHARLES COLES ... .. 2		WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... .. 6
*GEORGE AYRES ... .. 3		RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... .. 4		WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... .. 1	Treble	ALDERMAN LING ... .. 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2		JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3		CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 7
FREDERICK C. NICHOLS ... .. 4		JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

\* First peal with a hunting bell.

## PENARTH, SOUTH WALES.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. HANNINGTON Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 5
ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 2	*ROBERT E. COLES ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... .. 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## TIDESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. 1	Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 2		JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 3		JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 7
HAROLD KENT ... .. 4		JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD H. JARVIS ... .. 1	Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. DIXON ... .. 2		FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 6
THOMAS TIMMS ... .. 3		BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... .. 7
*FRANK SODEN ... .. 4		†GEORGE HOLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

## TILEHURST, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*PERCY JARVIS ... .. 1	Treble	JAMES F. SMITH ... .. 5
HARRY W. HUNT ... .. 2		RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... .. 6
*THOMAS W. PALMER ... .. 3		PERCY DYKE ... .. 7
HARRY GOODGER ... .. 4		*DAVID SELLAR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD N. RUNHAM.

\* First peal and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Alderman T. Mason, the Rector's warden.

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HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. Treble		WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2		WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6	
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 3		THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7	
RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 4		GEORGE COLLEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At Brookfield Church,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH ... .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 5
EDWARD F. MAWBY ... .. 2	FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 7
ALFRED W. FROST ... .. 4	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

Rung for the 235th anniversary of the old Gorton Chapel. First peal in the method by all.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter, Halliwell,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... .. Treble		GEORGE T. JENKS ... .. 5	
JAMES FIELDING ... .. 2		JOHN F. WOOD ... .. 6	
LESLIE OWEN ... .. 3		PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 7	
SYDNEY FORSHAW ... .. 4		CHARLES ARNOLD MOSS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the wedding of the Rev. E. A. Pitt, B.A., curate at the above church, to Miss Stocker, of Nottingham.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 2	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.

*WALTER HOPKINSON ... .. Treble	H. HOPKINSON ... .. 5
V. TAYLOR ... .. 2	J. DENT ... .. 6
J. REVILL ... .. 3	E. HOPKINSON ... .. 7
H. E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	A. W. H. BOWLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by A. W. H. BOWLER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 7
R. THOMAS HOLDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*GRACE E. ALLEWAY ... .. Treble		EDWARD ASHBY ... .. 5	
FRED HAZEL ... .. 2		GEORGE A. HUGHES ... .. 6	
JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 3		EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH ... .. 7	
FRED W. ALLEWAY ... .. 4		GEORGE HART ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by E. J. LEVERSUCH.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
*FREDERICK FLUCK ... .. Treble		ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... .. 5	
ERNEST WILSON ... .. 2		RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 6	
†WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON ... .. 3		GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 7	
RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. 4		FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Triples 'inside.'

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB, DOUBLE BOB, HERWARD BOB,  
AND DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

MISS G. E. M. TUNNADINE ... .. Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 5
GEORGE SAYER ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in four Major methods for the association and by all the band.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 12¼ cwt.	
FRED J. THYER ... .. Treble		GEORGE KERLEY ... .. 5	
JOHN DARCH ... .. 2		WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... .. 6	
WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 3		FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 7	
JOHN EVANS ... .. 4		CHARLIE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. ROWSELL.

Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the bells.

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## HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
MISS MARY WHITE ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
KENNETH SIMPSON ... 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

\* First peal of Surprise. Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the completion of 63 years' service as a bellringer by J. Robertshaw, 61 years by T. Robertshaw, and 50 years by F. Robertshaw, all at this church.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF NEWBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first true peal in the method. Rung for Mr. F. A. Smith's 74th birthday.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RONALD W. SWANN ... Treble	COLIN HARRISON ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 6
*WILLIAM J. R. OT ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
† W. ARTHUR R. DINGTON ... 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD

\* First peal with a 'Treble Bob' bell. † First peal of Surprise.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## RUSHALL, STAFFS.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb.

RONALD STOCKALL ... Treble	ARTHUR J. ALLEN ... 4
*JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
HARRY V. PARROW ... 3	† LOUIS A. H. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First attempt for a peal. All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at Rushall.

## COLMWORTH, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-one extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*STANLEY STAPLETON ... Treble	ERNEST A. QUE ... 3
HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal.

BECCLES.—At St. Michael's Church on Armistice Sunday, with bells half-muffled for a British Legion memorial service, 1,024 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Constance 1, E. R. Goate 2, E. Warman 3, E. Long 4, S. Fenn 5, G. Walpole 6, J. Spalding 7, C. F. Sayer 8. Longest touch in the method by ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th.

## PRISTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... 4
*MRS. A. EVANS ... 2	S. S. WOODBURN ... 5
A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... 3	G. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

\* First peal of Grandsire. A birthday compliment to A. E. Baverstock.

## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ROBERT JEFF ... Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung to commemorate the centenary of Holy Trinity Church, which was consecrated on December 6th, 1838.

## APSLEY END, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN MCKAY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PODDIFOOT ... 4
*JOE HOBBS ... 2	HORACE L. WAITE ... 5
WALTER AYRE ... 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods and first attempt.

## TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	*BRIAN F. SIMS ... 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

## SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... Treble	*CHARLES DRYLAND ... 4
ROBERT SPERRING ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
*JOHN HUGHES ... 3	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

\* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

## HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Mr. R. G. Knowles' first peal, which was accomplished at this church on December 8th, 1888.

## SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Hereward and Double Oxford; (3) College Bob and London Bob; (4) Double and Single Court; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) St. Clement's and Oxford Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE SAYER ... .. Treble	HERBERT C. READ ... .. 4
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 18 methods by the association and by all the band.

## BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD H. DOVE ... .. Treble	FRED JEFFERY ... .. 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 2	ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 5
HAROLD JUDD ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

## DARLINGTON.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Canterbury, Newcastle, York and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD RUSBY ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4
JAMES T. TITT ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 5
WILLIAM OLIVER ... .. 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of Holy Trinity Church.

## HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes;

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 of St. Clement's, 2,160 of Oxford Bob and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

*J. HUNT ... .. Treble	P. D. BALDOCK ... .. 4
*W. P. HEGGS ... .. 2	†F. R. SHELTON ... .. 5
R. RUSSELL ... .. 3	J. H. BLUFF ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

\* First peal in more than one method. † First peal.

## HEATHFIELD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ERNEST LCK ... .. Treble	CYRIL STEVENS ... .. 3
ALBERT TOUT ... .. 2	*TOM HANCOCK ... .. 4
CLAUDE TARR ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

\* First peal. First peal on five bells by all. First peal as conductor.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LINCOLN

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 1-2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 7-8

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

## PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

At 9, PRMB-ORKE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS L. KATHLEEN BOWLING 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

## BRASTED, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At MORGOCKS,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... .. 1-2	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... .. 5-6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 7-8

\*JOHN O. WELLER 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Royal.

## ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 19, MIDDLE LANE SOUTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 10 in A.

T. COLIN RYDER ... .. 1-2	HAROLD CHANT ... .. 5-6
ALBERT NASH ... .. 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

\* First peal on handbells.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

## LADIES' GUILD.

## A WELCOME TO STAPLETON.

The Western District of the Ladies' Guild held a quarterly meeting at Stapleton, Bristol, on December 12th, there being an excellent attendance, 22 ladies being present. Ringing started very punctually, and Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service was held, very cosily, in the choir stalls, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. E. Staley), who also accompanied the singing.

Mrs. Staley very kindly provided the visitors with tea at the Memorial Hall, at the conclusion of which a collection was made, on the proposal of Miss Orchard, for the non-Aryan German refugees, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and taking the service, and to Mrs. Staley for her kind hospitality.

The Rector, replying, said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild on the occasion of their first visit to Stapleton, and he very much hoped they would come again, but that when they did the Bath members would not think it necessary to bring their river with them, as they had a perfectly good stream of their own in Stapleton!

At the business meeting which followed, one new member was elected, Miss Olive Willmott, of Frome.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bath, if permission could be obtained.

The members then returned to the tower, and ringing continued until 8 o'clock.

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**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.****THE CONDITION OF OLD HILL BELLS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, December 3rd. After ringing during the afternoon, the usual service was held and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Wilson), who also gave a very interesting address. A pleasing feature of the service was the hymns chosen by the Vicar to take the place of those in the service form, which made a welcome change.

A bounteous tea had been provided in the Schoolroom, but it was very discouraging that there were not many more to take advantage of Old Hill's hospitality.

The business meeting was attended by upwards of 70 members and friends. The Vicar occupied the chair, supported by Mr. T. Baker and Mr. G. F. Shaw (churchwardens), Mr. A. Davies (Ringing Master), Mr. John Goodman (treasurer) and the secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard).

The chairman extended a hearty welcome to the members to the church and parish. Several new members were added to the roll, including the Vicar as a vice-president, and the churchwardens as honorary members.

It was proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Old Hill, subject to the consent of the Vicar, which was readily given, the arrangements being left with Messrs. W. Fendall and J. Goodman.

The next meeting, which is the annual meeting, will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th, 1939. Members are asked to note the date and to make it a record gathering.

It was proposed by Mr. Churchwarden Baker that the appreciation of the Guild be recorded on the minutes of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Old Hill on Saturday, November 26th, by the young service ringers attached to Holy Trinity Church.—Mr. S. J. Hughes, in seconding, said it was a great credit to the band to ring a peal on those bells, which were a heavy peal and badly required the services of a bellfounder.—Mr. W. Fendall suitably replied on behalf of the band.

On the proposition of Mr. Herbert Sheppard, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, the best thanks of the Guild were given to the Vicar of Old Hill, to the churchwardens for their presence and support, to the organist, to the donor of the tea, and especially to the ladies for preparing and serving the meal. Thanks were also given to Mr. Eric Fletcher for the work he had done in making the necessary arrangements and to all who had assisted in any way to make the meeting a happy and successful one.—The Vicar replied on behalf of all concerned and closed the meeting with prayer.

Further ringing afterwards took place.

**A CHICAGO BELLS DEDICATION.****ENGLISH RINGER AT IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Sunday afternoon, December 4th, it was my privilege to be present at the dedication service in connection with four bells, at the Holy Roman Church of St. Edmund, at Oak Park, Illinois, a village of 60,000 people and a suburb of Chicago. This ceremony took the ancient form of naming, washing, blessing and sanctifying the bells.

These bells are a fine example of the founder's art, and they are a product of the Neneely foundry of Troy, in New York State, who have been engaged in the casting of bells for over 100 years. The bells are highly polished, and it is the writer's first observation of tower bells being polished.

They are intended to be used to sound the Angelus three times daily by electrical power, and they will be the crowning glory of a fine parish church; and Chicago is a city of beautiful churches.

As the ritual was performed on each bell separately, I was for the moment kind of glad it was for only four bells and not a great carillon such as the English founders from time to time ship to America.

The authorities of St. Edmund's are to be congratulated on selecting bells and not tubes, as some of the churches in Chicago have done.

The Pastor of the parish, in his sermon on this occasion, gave one of the best discourses on bells and the ancient ritual of bell dedication in use by his Church that it has ever been my pleasure to listen to, and I felt amply repaid for the 20-mile journey from this address to the fair village of Oak Park.

There is, however, one disturbing thought that comes to my mind when I see the worship of the Most High taking a mechanical form. Whither are we drifting? We can reproduce better music than the average church choir; we can broadcast a better sermon than the average preacher can deliver; are the inventions of this modern age to supplant public worship?

If this mechanical worship is to continue, will a great bishop say Mass into a microphone and a learned divine preach from his study?

It is my humble opinion that praise and worship of the great Creator should be performed by the creatures of his creation and not by intricate machines devised by man. I would rather have children ring rounds and call changes than have someone push a button and let her go.

As the church has always made use of all the arts, architecture, carving, tapestry, music, let us use our bells in the way they can best be used and ring them in changes.

F. J. RUMENS.

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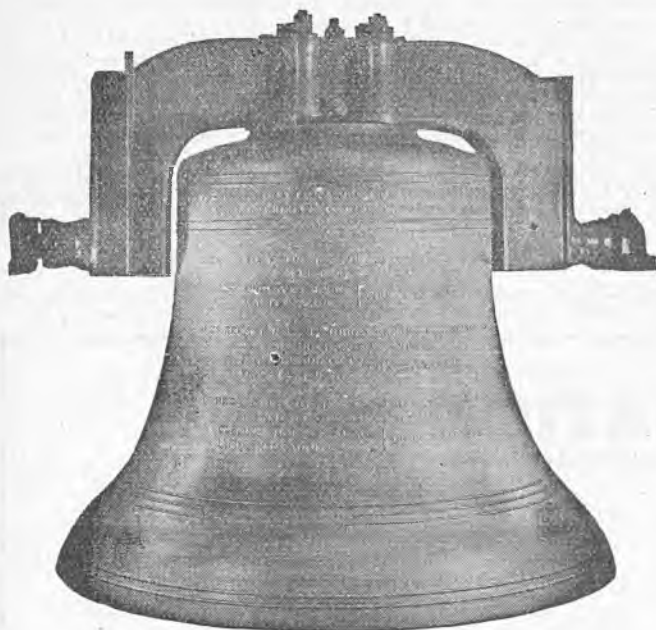
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A Merry Christmas' to all our readers.

Mr. Reg. Fuller, late of Reigate and Aldershot, is sailing for the United States. The good wishes of his friends will accompany him to the land of his adoption. Communications after January 7th may be sent to him at 34, Risedale Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, and will be forwarded.

An old member of the Godalming Parish Church company of ringers, and a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Robert Henry Pamment died on December 14th at the age of 64 years. In his younger days he served in Godalming Fire Brigade and helped in the formation of Godalming Temperance Band.

The band who rang the bachelors' peal for the Hereford Guild, as reported last week, have resolved to repeat the performance each year. We wonder! At least one of the company is, we hear, already showing signs of 'falling' for a member of the fair sex. He departs from ringing in a hurry on the pretext that he has to 'see a man about a dog.'

About a fortnight ago Geoffrey Harrison, the promising son of Mr. Colin Harrison, fell down in the playing ground of Loughborough College and fractured his wrist. Plaster of Paris now encircles his right arm and wrist, and we are afraid Geoffrey's name will be missing from our peal columns for some time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson were the third married couple to reach 200 peals together, and not the second, as we stated last week. We mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, had rung a large number of peals together. They actually reached their 200th on February 3rd, 1934, having rung their first together on October 21st, 1922, and their 100th on December 8th, 1928.

Several members of the Chester Diocesan Guild have recently completed a task which, under the leadership of the late Mr. Harry Wilde, they began some years ago. They set out to ring at least one 720 in each of the methods in the Central Council's Minor Collection. Mr. James Morgan has been the 'father' of the band and has called at least one extent of each method. Others who have taken part in all the methods are Messrs. R. Sperring, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards, J. Swindley and J. W. Clarke.

We regret to say that Mr. Tom Maude, of Pudsey, is ill and confined to bed. As a result, he will not be able to write to his many ringing friends this Christmas, and he asks them to accept his good wishes.

Mr. Maude has for years been a popular figure among Yorkshire ringers, in whom he has always taken the greatest interest, although not a ringer himself. He was always at their meetings, visited many parts of the country with those who attended the Central Council meetings, and was never seen without a flower in his buttonhole. Everyone will wish Mr. Maude a speedy return to health.

We are asked to state for the information of probable visitors that there will be no ringing at Manchester Cathedral on Christmas Day for the 3.30 and 7.30 p.m. services.

## A RINGER IN INDIA.

WHERE BROADCAST RINGING IS WELCOMED.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my family and myself, I send 'greetings and good wishes' to you and all ringers for Christmas and the New Year.

I have been very interested in the correspondence in your columns re broadcasting, and I only wish the time could be extended beyond the usual five minutes. After all, what would a singer feel like if half of his song was cut out every time? All the same, I feel very thankful to the B.B.C. for small mercies. For instance, I can tune in to London Regional and get St. Martin-in-the-Fields and hear what my old friends are putting over, or to St. Paul's on the short waves on the second Sunday of the month at 1.25 a.m. I.S.T. The striking is good, as also is that of our Croydon friends on what sounds a lovely peal of bells. A few months ago I heard some Minor being put over from a certain tower, and from start to finish there was not a single hand-stroke open lead. This is against all our teachings, and, therefore, ruined decent change ringing.

On Tuesday, December 6th, I gave a lecture on 'Campanology' to the Kashmir Science Club, at the invitation of Lt.-Col. G. S. Skinner, its hon. treasurer. By the aid of the epidiascope, a blackboard and handbells, I set before the audience, to the best of my ability, our art. It gave me much pleasure to see how great an interest was shown by them. I have to thank Mr. G. W. Steere for so kindly sending me a fine selection of photos, as also my wife and daughters for assisting me with handbells. Demonstrations, including Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, were greatly appreciated.

On the 13th inst., I am giving another lecture, and I propose to conclude it thus: 'On behalf of "The Ringing World" that ringers are proud of, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths that I am proud of, and the ringers of the British Isles we all should be proud of, I wish all members of the Kashmir Science Club a merry Christmas and continued prosperity.'

L. H. BAYBUTT.

Srinagar, Kashmir State, North India.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—50.

## JOHN FLINT.

Ringers for more than a generation have been familiar with the name of John Flint, of Bolsover. He has been a tower of strength to ringing in that part of the country. Although living in Derbyshire, he is one of the most valued members of the Yorkshire Association and has been a vice-president of the Sheffield and District Society for a number of years.

Mr. Flint was born at Woolley Moor, near Ashover, in Derbyshire, on August 29th, 1871, and has lived in Bolsover since 1892. He learned to ring there, and has always been attached to this tower. In 1897

the church and bells were destroyed by fire, but when the new peal was installed in 1898 he was made Ringing Master of the tower, and has held borough Surprise Major the post ever since. He has rung no fewer than 167 peals at Bolsover and conducted 105 of them.

His first peal was in two plain Minor methods on October 6th, 1900, and on January 26th, 1901, he rang his first peal as conductor, when he called seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells fully muffled for the death of Queen Victoria, the first peal by a local band at Bolsover. He has put in a life's work in training young ringers at this tower and elsewhere, and at Bolsover they now have a band of 14, nearly all young men.

Mr. Flint has taken part in several interesting first performances. He conducted first peals of Pudsey, Rutland and Whitminster Surprise Major ever rung, and took part in the first peals of Peter-

and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. He conducted the first peals of Pudsey, Rutland, Hinton, Belgrave, Whitminster and Norfolk Surprise for the Yorkshire Association, and took part in the first peals of Bristol and New Cambridge Major, Cambridge and Double Norwich Royal, and Double Norwich Caters for the association, as well as in the first peals of Bristol and Cambridge Surprise in Ireland. His peals on all numbers of bells from six to twelve now number 511, of which he has conducted 180, and they have been rung in 152 towers, in 35 counties, with 348 different ringers. Mr. Flint is a member of 19 different associations.



MR. JOHN FLINT.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## WESTERN DIVISION MEETS AT SIX-BELL TOWER.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Goring, a six-bell tower, on Saturday, December 10th, when the attendance was again good, 35 members being present from twelve towers.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rev. S. W. Balmier, who gave the ringers an interesting address and a cordial welcome.

Afterwards he presided over the tea and business meeting. One new member, Mr. A. C. Bryder, of Goring, was elected, and a letter of thanks was read from the Vicar of Arundel for the collection which was made for the bells at the last meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Goring for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. T. W. Balmier.

In the evening some members went to Heene Church to ring on the eight bells, the others remaining at Goring, where the ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

At Croydon, Surrey, in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King, on Wednesday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Croydon Parish Church: E. Acock 1, Miss D. Williams (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 2, H. J. Skelt 3, D. L. P. Buxton 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, A. W. Clark 6, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 7, F. E. Collins 8.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## THE LIST OF TOWERS.

A meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, ringing taking place at St. George's, Camberwell, in the afternoon, and at St. John's, Kennington, in the evening. Some 30 members and friends attended and took part in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

A substantial tea was served in St. John's Parish Hall and was followed by the business meeting, with the District Master (Mr. P. A. Corby) in the chair. In announcing that the annual general meeting would be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday, January 21st, the Master urged all members to be present and to bring their friends.

Two names were put forward for the office of auditor, and, on a show of hands, Mr. F. D. Bishop was elected.

Some discussion took place regarding the list of towers given in the association's report, and it was suggested that some of the towers did not belong to the association. The Master said that no tower belonged to any association. The list that was printed included towers in the association's territory for the benefit of those people who wished to visit them for practice and service ringing. In order to keep the list up to date and correct, he asked members to advise him of any alterations or corrections.

The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks for those responsible for making the arrangements.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT AT EWELL.

Speaking in terms of numbers and methods rung, the meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ewell on December 10th was a good one, but the drawback was the fact that only five district towers were represented, and nine ringers were from Leatherhead.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Holland) conducted the Guild's service, after which he presided over tea in the Church Room, when 27 sat down, and took the chair at the business meeting.

The elections, as compounding members, of Messrs. D. H. P. Buxton and T. J. Lock, previous to peals, were duly ratified, and the following officers were nominated for 1939: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Harman; district secretary, Mr. A. H. Smith; while for the three district representatives on the general committee the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge and Messrs. A. J. Adams, W. James and G. Marriner were nominated.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) reminded members of the Guild's annual dinner on January 14th, and Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, and Mr. C. E. Read, who made the arrangements.

This concluded the business and the members again made full use of the bells, the early goers' places being taken by late comers. Altogether 39 ringers had a 'pull' in the course of the afternoon in a wide range of methods from rounds and Triples to no less than seven Surprise methods.

Visitors were present from Clandon, Guildford, Haslemere, Kingston, Putney, Stepney and Sutton, the district towers represented being Ashted, Banstead, Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell and Leatherhead.

## BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

## DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE AT ECCLESFIELD.

The Barnsley and District Society held their December meeting at Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. Members were present from Felkirk, Sandal, Wath, Wortley and the local company. Ringing took place in the afternoon and tea was served in the Church Hall. At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Nisbitt (churchwarden) presided. He hoped all would enjoy their visit and offered them a hearty welcome to the tower at any time.

One new member was elected, and Mr. Moxon (Sandal) moved, Mr. Panther (Wath) seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and chairman and to the local company for providing teas and arranging for the meeting. The only thing to regret was that there were not more present to enjoy the excellent tea that had been prepared. It was not very encouraging to the caterers to find the attendance below the average.

Further ringing followed in Minor methods and one or two touches of Major until about 8.30 p.m.

The bells at Ecclesfield are a peal of eight with a tenor of approximately 19 cwt. Although the 'go' is not bad, they need 'ringing.'

The next meeting will be the annual general meeting at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th.

## FIRST IN LIVING MEMORY.

A band of local Sunday service ringers at St. Peter's Church, Ightham, Kent, on December 6th, rang, for the first time in living memory in the parish, a 720 of Bob Minor. It is the reward of much perseverance. The ringers were \*W. Smart 1, \*H. Woolley 2, R. Rayfield 3, \*F. Smart 4, F. Woolway (first 720 as conductor) 5, F. Paige 6. \*First 720.

## THE BIRTH OF CHANGE RINGING. DEVELOPMENT OF MEDIÆVAL PRACTICE.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

We ringers take our art very much as a matter of course. It has existed for some hundreds of years, it is deeply rooted in the traditions of the English people, and we do not see why it should not be so. And yet the whole thing is altogether illogical. The bells are hung in the steeples of churches, they are cast and used for the purposes of religion, but change ringing and especially peal ringing, is a sport, and one of the oldest and most characteristic of English sports, frankly and openly recognised as such in bygone days. How did it all come about?

Bells in mediæval times were very important things, with very important uses. Some of these uses were secular and some religious. The bells were regarded as the 'trumpets of the heavenly King,' and were rung in the processions which were held before high mass 'for to fraye the devylls away.' The care and use of them were entrusted to the clerks, who had to ring before services, at the Sanctus, for knells and for curfew. Most of this they could do themselves, for, when a bell had to be rung during service, they used a small bell, called a saunce bell, which could be rung from the floor of the church. But the ringing at the processions they could not do themselves; then they had other duties to discharge, so what they did was to pick out some strong, lusty young fellows from the parish and send them up into the belfry to do the work for them. As an old French proverb says (it may date from this time), 'You cannot ring the bells and walk in the procession.'

The healthy young Englishman has never been a particularly religious person. No doubt the ringing at the processions was a part (and supposed to be a very important part) of divine service, but since the bells were swung, and swung as high as the crude fittings of the time allowed, they found it good sport and so presently they were ringing the bells because they liked doing it and for no other reason. Thus was introduced what was called 'pleasure' ringing.

Exactly when this happened is not clear, but I think the following may throw some light on it. About the beginning of the sixteenth century the monks in abbeys all over England were complaining of bell ringing at night time and many petitions were sent to the Pope to stop the nuisance. Sometimes the monks said it hindered the saying of the night offices in the church. Sometimes they were more honest and said that they did not like their sleep being disturbed. The papal archives at Rome contain several instances of injunctions forbidding ringing at places after curfew and before prime.

But what was this night ringing done for? There were occasions, and notably on All Hallows' Eve, when the bells were rung all night long, but that was 'for all Christian souls.' It was a Catholic custom and to it the monks could not reasonably object. The ringing they objected to was done 'without any evident necessity,' and the only conclusion we can come to is that this was the beginnings of pleasure ringing.

The monks were important people whose wishes were not likely to be disregarded, and so evidently the ringers had the backing of the principal men of the parish, and very shortly afterwards we find that parishes were draw-

ing up rules regulating 'pleasure' ringing and making special concessions in favour of gentlemen and worshipful persons.

Meanwhile, the changes at the time of the Reformation had curtailed and very largely abolished ringing for religious purposes, so that what was left was ringing done for national, civic and social purposes, and this 'pleasure' ringing. It was out of this that the Exercise and our modern change ringing were born.

The amount of 'pleasure' ringing was extraordinary. In many places the bells were rung practically every evening and I have come across several cases where it was necessary to regulate and to limit it. At St. Margaret's, Westminster, no ringing for pleasure was allowed before eight in the morning or after eight at night. At Ashby-de-la-Zouch no single person was allowed to ring on more than two evenings a week; at Stepney a fee of 2s. 6d. was charged; at Twickenham there was to be no ringing when the Rector was in residence, after nine at night and on not more than two evenings a week. At Preston only worshipful persons were allowed to ring for pleasure, and so on.

All this was raising and ceasing and round ringing. There was a lot of ringing at the two Universities and the Inns of Court, and it was among the people there that change ringing was first invented and developed. As change ringing became more advanced and complicated the number of ringers became restricted to those who seriously practised the art. In the older times any strong young fellow who could pull a rope and had a sense of rhythm thought himself qualified to be a ringer.

### MR. I. SIDEBOTHAM'S LONG SERVICE. PRESENTATION AT MOTTRAM.

A presentation has been made to Mr. Isaac Sidebotham, of Mottram-in-Longderdale, in recognition of his completion of 50 years' service as a ringer at St. Michael's Parish Church. The gift was a gold watch and guard, and was handed to him at a parochial gathering, which began with a potato pie supper and resolved itself into a concert and dance, the proceeds of which went to the ringers' fund.

Mr. J. Heap, who has been ringing under Mr. Sidebotham for about 20 years, described Mr. Sidebotham as one of the finest ringers in the world. The ringers appreciated all that Mr. Sidebotham had done for them, and they hoped he would ring for a long time yet; they could not afford to lose ringers like Mr. Sidebotham.

Mr. Sidebotham, he said, walked to and fro from Broadbottom twice each Sunday, and Mr. Heap estimated that he walked five miles. 'And,' he added, 'he is never late.'

Mr. Percy Birch, churchwarden, said Mottram had been very fortunate in its bells; they had some very good friends who had never hesitated to come forward and put the bells in sound condition. If anything had gone wrong, they had no need to ask twice for assistance.

Referring directly to ringers, Mr. Birch described them as modest people and said Mr. Sidebotham had always been very helpful.

'If you want to know anything about the bells, he will tell you,' said Mr. Birch. 'His heart and soul are in Mottram bells, and it is fitting that, after all these years, we should make him some recognition of the splendid services he has given in good report and ill report, year in, year out, and I am happy to take a part in this historic occasion in the annals of our church.'

Paying his tribute to Mr. Sidebotham, Canon Power said he was not modern; he despised motor-cars and buses. He added that he could set his clock by Mr. Sidebotham passing along Broadbottom Road, every Sunday morning and evening, on his way to the church. Canon Power declared that Mottram's bells were the sweetest he had heard. They all hoped, he said, Mr. Sidebotham, who had a wonderful interest and a wonderful knowledge of the bells, would be spared many years to carry on his good work. Their gift, said the Canon, was a token of the affection and esteem in which Mr. Sidebotham was held by all associated with the Mottram church.

'For he's a jolly good fellow,' was lustily sung, and three cheers were given for Mr. Sidebotham.

The inscription on the watch read: 'Presented to Isaac Sidebotham by past and present members of Mottram Parish Church to commemorate 50 years as a ringer, 1888-1938.'

Mr. Sidebotham was much affected by the occasion, and found difficulty in expressing his thanks. He gave a brief history of the bells and showed that, with a little addition to the metal, the bells had been there for nearly 400 years.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SUGGESTED BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a very successful meeting at Calverley on Saturday, December 10th, when upwards of sixty members attended. The bells were raised in peal early in the afternoon, and, excepting for brief intervals for the service and tea, were kept moving in a variety of methods.

A well-attended service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. Calderbank) gave a most interesting and helpful address, in the course of which he reminded his hearers of the importance of the work which they were doing for the Church, and hoped that they would carry out their calling to the fullest degree by attending the services whenever possible. He assured them that their presence was all the more appreciated when it was remembered that they had many a time to carry out their duties almost an hour previous to the service.

A sumptuous tea was provided by the local company in the schools, and although the ringers did 'full justice,' only a slight impression could be made on the well-laden tables.

At the business meeting which followed, the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was in the chair, supported by the association's president (Canon Marshall, M.A.). One new member, Mr. Frank Midgley, of Keighley, was elected.

The Chairman briefly outlined a suggestion which had been brought forward by a member of the association concerning the forming of a Bell Repairs Fund by means of taking collections at all meetings of the association.

Several members expressed their views briefly, but as it was evident that no concrete proposals were forthcoming, the chairman decided that it would be advisable to discuss this at greater length at the next meeting, when everyone had had time to think more about it.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for kindly granting the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, and seconded by Canon Marshall, who spoke appreciatively of the services rendered. He thanked the Vicar for his very helpful address during the service, and also spoke very enviously of a remarkable font cover which he had noticed in the church.—The Chairman, in putting this vote to the meeting, coupled with it thanks to the organist who so kindly officiated during the service.

The Rev. J. Calderbank, in replying, expressed his pleasure at being able to welcome the association to Calverley, and hoped that he would be able to do the same again on future occasions. He greatly appreciated the services which ringers were doing for the Church, and he hoped that when the association came to Calverley again it would be in the summer time, when they would be able to enjoy the beauty of the district and the gardens, etc.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements was moved by Mr. J. Benten, seconded by Mr. F. G. Sherwood, and, in putting this to the meeting, the chairman spoke of the hearty welcome which was always found. He mentioned a few humorous incidents connected with his early visits, and commented on the state of the belfry steps, which are now becoming quite notorious.

Mr. Pratt, in replying for the local company, thought that the meetings at the present day were not attended so well as in the past, in spite of the greatly improved travelling facilities. He urged all ringers to get about to the various meetings and make a host of friends as he had done.

As no new invitation for the next quarterly meeting had been received, the chairman mentioned that it was proposed to hold this at Elland as a joint meeting with the Huddersfield and District Association.

The motion was carried and the date provisionally fixed for March 11th. This meeting will be the annual divisional meeting, when election of various officers is confirmed. Members are, therefore, asked to keep this date in mind and look out for the circulars which will be issued early in February.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. Holgate, seconded by Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Johnson, in replying, expressed his pleasure at being able to officiate, even though they sometimes did not see eve to eve together.

This concluded the business and numerous touches were rung on the handbells, whilst the tower bells were also enjoyed until a late hour. A noticeable feature was the number of older ringers present—young men of 70 or so were quite common, and the evergreen Bradford veteran was there, as usual, looking as fit as ever.

The towers represented were as follows: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Bramley, Calverley, Denholme, Guiselev Halifax (All Son's), Haworth, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Idle, Keighley, Pudsey, Rothwell and Silsden.

### THE GREAT NESS 'STRIKE'

#### SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ACTION.

The Shropshire Association visited Worthen on December 10th. This is an outpost, geographically, but the satisfactory attendance of 25 resulted. It was essentially a practice for six-bell ringers, and Grandsire Doubles, Stedman and Bob Minor were the order of the day.

A report upon the position at Great Ness was received, and authority given to the committee to arrange a meeting with the Great Ness band, with a view to composing differences and starting the ringing once again.

## FIFTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING.

### MR. R. G. KNOWLES' RECORD.

West Worcestershire's G.O.M., Mr. Robert G. Knowles, of Madresfield, Malvern, has just celebrated the 50th anniversary of his first peal by taking part in a seven-method peal of Minor at the Church of St. Mary, Hanley Castle (recorded elsewhere), on December 8th. It was at this same church, on December 8th, 1888, that Mr. Knowles' first peal was rung, Grandsire Doubles with extremes, which he conducted, and was the first peal on the bells and by all the band. During the next ten years he rang only six peals, and some of the difficulties which had to be overcome in those days may be realised from the fact that he had no means of getting to towers with bells higher than six except by walking to Worcester ten miles away, and this he sometimes did.

When he returned to his native village of Madresfield, in 1899, better opportunities occurred for ringing, for in the next year a new peal of eight was installed at Malvern Link and a progressive band formed. By this time he had also learned to ride a bicycle, though in those days, what with solid tyres and bad roads, cycling was not so easy as it is to-day.

On December 8th, 1913, the 25th anniversary of his first peal, 'Bob' called a peal of Minor in seven methods at St. Mary's, Hanley Castle, it being his 50th peal. Thus it had taken him 25 years to ring 50 peals. Then came the war years, during which time he rang only five peals.

It was after the Great War that he got into his stride, and his peals began to mount. There were several factors contributing to this, among them being the advent of buses to almost anywhere, and the rise of some of the younger generation, notably Messrs. Charles Camm and Sidney T. Holt. First, under the conductorship of the former, and later Mr. Holt, his total of peals in one decade amounted to 148, while to-day it stands at 333, of which he has conducted 38. He has rung peals from Doubles to Cinques and Minor to Maximus, as well as most of the standard Surprise Major methods. A glance through his records reveals many interesting and unique features.

It has not, however, been 'Bob's' ambition to pile up a large total of peals. He has always valued most highly the social side of the art and has made many friends over a wide area. He has ably served the Worcestershire Association in a number of ways, first as Western Branch secretary for 15 years and later as its representative to the Central Council for nine years. From 1928 to 1932 he was Master of the association, and his services have been recognised by his being elected a freeman and vice-president, while he has been retained on the Central Committee.

Mr. Knowles, who is 72 years of age, retired from work some two years ago and still retains much of his vigour and good health. Though peal ringing has of late been quiet in West Worcestershire, 'Bob' still gives a hand in helping others, dividing his time between the towers of Madresfield, Malvern Link and Upton-on-Severn, while every fortnight he goes to Worcester to attend the All Saints' practice.

If advancing age slows down 'Bob's' activities in the future, the wisdom of the years will still be available to those of the younger generation who have contact with him. One could not, perhaps, describe Mr. Robert G. Knowles better than 'Grand old man; guide, philosopher and friend.'

## A CHURCH CENTENARY.

### BELL LEGACY IN CHANCERY.

The ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, marked the centenary of the consecration of the church by ringing two peals of Surprise Minor. The church was consecrated on December 6th, 1838, and old prints depict it standing in the fields, in a quiet country lane with a stream flowing leisurely by. Holy Trinity Church is now situated in a residential area on the main road leading from the town to the north-west, and the vast difference between modern conditions and those shown on prints of former years can well be imagined. Although the history of Darlington can be traced back for several centuries, Holy Trinity is the second oldest church in the town, the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert, dating from the twelfth century, being the oldest.

The church possesses a ring of six bells, with a 7½ cwt. tenor, which were cast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons in 1891, and ever since their installation have been rung regularly, with the exception of the war years. A legacy was bequeathed to the church to provide a ring of bells, but there was considerable opposition by influential people living in the neighbourhood, and eventually the money got into Chancery. A number of years elapsed before a movement was again started to obtain a ring of bells, but it was then found that only half the money was available, and instead of a ring of eight with a 12 cwt. tenor, which would have been possible had the legacy been intact, the church had to be content with the present ring of six. It is hoped, however, that in due course a ring of eight may be an accomplished fact.

Mr. G. W. Park is the only original member now taking an active part in ringing, and for well over 30 years has been captain of the belfry. Since the earliest days Surprise methods have been practised and rung regularly for service, and it is in no small measure due to the efforts of Mr. Park that Holy Trinity has, for a good many years now, been one of the leading towers in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

## PEAL NOTES.

### RINGERS' EXTRAORDINARY RECORDS.

An extraordinary record has been made by three ringers at Heptonstall, Yorkshire, who between them have an aggregate of 174 years' service in the tower. Mr. J. Robertshaw has completed 63 years, Mr. T. Robertshaw 61 years and Mr. F. Robertshaw 50 years. On December 10th a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Heptonstall to commemorate their long service.

Mr. James Harvey, one of the ringers, rang his first peal of Superlative and his first peal for 18 years.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Penarth on December 10th was arranged in honour of Mr. David Thomas, who has been a ringer in this tower for 65 years and a chorister in the church for nearly 70 years. Mr. Thomas is now 79 years of age and still rings for Sunday services.

The peal was also rung as a compliment to Mr. John W. Jones, who has just celebrated his 73rd birthday, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Bert Weaver, one of the local ringers, who kindly gave up his rope to a visitor.

The eight bells at Sandbach, Cheshire, have recently been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and on December 10th the first peal was rung on them since the rededication.

At Tideswell Church, in Derbyshire, known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak,' the first peal in a Surprise method on the bells was rung on December 10th, when the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield District Society shared the honours of a peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

### A 'BOGEY' LAID.

Hartlebury had been a 'bogey' tower to two of the ringers in a peal rung there on December 11th. During the past five years the conductor (Mr. G. E. Large) and tenor man (Mr. F. G. Yates) have been in seven abortive attempts. On Sunday, December 11th (the eighth attempt), the 'bogey' was laid and a peal of Oxford Bob Triples accomplished. It was a near thing, however, as the two ringers mentioned missed their bus and walked four miles before getting a lift in a private car. (N.B.: Can one get 'pinched' for begging a lift?) Some useful work was done in this peal, which included a 'first' on eight, a 'first' of Triples 'inside' and a 'first' in the method. Hartlebury bells are a grand peal, but their 'go' leaves much to be desired.

At Leiston, Suffolk, at one time famous for the wonderful peal ringing performances of the Bailey brothers, who had a family Surprise band, and then some left over, Holt's Original was rung on December 10th. The same composition was rung on these bells nearly 50 years ago. It was called there by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff on January 5th, 1889.

Four plain methods were spliced into a peal at Marsham, Norfolk, on December 11th, the first time that four Major methods have been rung in a peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association and by all the band. The peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden, and Mr. George Sayer had never before rung a touch in three of the methods—Double Bob, Hereford and Double Oxford.

Five of the same band, on December 8th, rang the first peal in 18 Minor methods by the association.

Another who rang three methods in a peal without having previously tried them is Mr. Joe Hobbs, who took part in a peal in seven Minor methods at Apsley End, Herts, on December 5th. The tenor was rung by Mr. W. J. Randall, who is the first to 'circle' this tower.

When Mr. Frank Luffin, of Prittlewell, Essex, called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Hertford on December 10th, he rang his 50th peal and his 25th as conductor.

A band of Cheshire and Lancashire men rang their first peal of Little Bob Major at Brookfield Church, Gorton, Manchester, on December 10th, for the 235th anniversary of the Old Gorton Chapel. The composition, arranged by the conductor, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6th's place.

Mr. Syd. Riddell, whose heart and soul is in his beloved bells at Yateley, Hants, has recently had one of the happiest moments of his life; that was when, on December 1st, he heard 'this is all' at the end of a peal of Stedman Triples rung by a band, all of whom he had taught to ring. It was also called by one of his pupils, and the band included Mr. Cyril Bunch, one of Bisley's finest rifle shots, who this year won the Grand Aggregate prize.

Yateley has a wooden tower, said, we believe, to have been built of old ship's timbers. Time was when the structure permitted the frame to 'walk about,' but Mr. Riddell, with his own hands, braced and cross-braced the tower with iron plates, so that to-day it stands rigid.

By a happy coincidence the peal, as it was afterwards discovered, was rung 50 years to the very day on which Mr. Riddell started ringing in Yateley belfry.

A half-muffled peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Hawkhurst, Kent, on December 3rd, in memory of Canon F. J. O. Helmore, former hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and the late Mr. L. B. Porter, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Our note recently about the 'William' peal at Debenham was not quite accurate. It was the first name peal by the four Suffolk men, but the others had already rung a William peal at North Lopham.

Miss Grace Alloway, whose age is only 16, scored her first peal on December 10th, when she rang the treble to Grandsire Triples at Great Stanmore, Middlesex. In this peal also, Edward Leversuch rang his first as conductor.

The handbell peal of Bob Royal at Brasted on December 10th was rung by five members of a band who met for a tower-bell peal to be rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Budgen. Owing to a death in the village a tower-bell peal was not possible. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Budgen. F. W. Budgen has now rung peals of Plain Bob 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. Ernest Lock, who has been a ringer at Heathfield, Taunton, Somerset, for 40 years, having started there when the bells were rehung in 1898, rang his first peal on December 10th, when the second peal on the bells was rung, the first having been soon after the bells were restored. We understand, however, it was never recorded.

The bells of St. Catherine's Church, Pontypidd, were opened in the year 1913, and a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate their silver jubilee was rung on December 13th.

### MR. AND MRS. ALBERT WALKER'S 40th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The celebration of the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has been a 'spread over.' It began with a peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Bow Church, Cheap-side, London, on December 10th, became a family affair on the 12th, concentrated at Baker Street, Sparkhill, with a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells on Friday, and was to have been completed in the Bull Ring on Tuesday with another peal of Stedman Cinques.

As to the success of the latter we do not know, but the peal at Bow and the peal on handbells are recorded in this issue. At the festivities after the peals the ringers enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, to whom cordial congratulations were extended.

The peal at Hallow, Worcestershire, on December 10th, was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Colley and to mark his retirement, at the age of 65, from service as engine driver on the L.M. and S. Railway. Mr. Colley is a member of the Worcester Cathedral band.

A birthday peal for the Rector's warden at Tilehurst, Berks (Alderman T. Mason), was rung on December 10th, when the local band scored a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The first peal on the bells at Ashover, Derbyshire, since they were rehung in 1937 was rung on December 10th. The members of the Midland Counties Association, who rang the peal, which was Bob Major, were also members of the Peak District Society, and Mr. A. W. H. Bowler called a peal for the first time and at the first attempt.

### FIRST PEAL BEFORE HIS THIRD BIRTHDAY!

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Magnus', Thames Street, London, on December 17th, was rung on the 35th anniversary of Mr. Maurice Hibbert's first peal. Mr. Hibbert's first peal was rung before he celebrated his third birthday! His birthday falls on February 29th and in the year 1900 leap year did not occur. Surely no other ringer can claim to have rung a peal before his third birthday?

It is not often that the composer of a peal and the conductor (when they are different individuals) celebrate their birthday together, but Mr. John Burford, as the former, and Mr. Alfred Reeves, as the latter, did so in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on December 17th.

A peal of Newbury Surprise Major, to replace the false one rung on July 14th at the same church, was rung on December 15th at Bushey, Herts, by the same band. The peal was rung for Mr. F. A. Smith's 74th birthday, and was the one hundredth which Messrs. Harold Cashmore and Maurice Hibbert have rung together.

The first peal on the bells at Shotwick, which were recently augmented, was rung on December 6th, and was the first peal in seven Treble Bob methods by the Chester Branch of the Diocesan Guild. The peal was a compliment to Mr. W. Thomas, one of the oldest ringing members of the Guild.

A peal of Grandsire Caters at Great Yarmouth, on December 10th, celebrated the 70th birthday of Mr. William J. Lee, chairman of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It was also a birthday peal for his daughter. Mr. Lee took part in the peal and afterwards the ringers enjoyed his kind hospitality.

A handbell peal of Bob Major was rung at Rotherham, Yorks, on December 15th. It was called by Mr. Albert Nash, of Rotherham, and Mr. S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield, rang the tenors. The last handbell peal these two rang together was at Gainsborough, Lincs, in October, 1909.

The second anniversary of the dedication of the ring of twelve bells at Croydon Parish Church was commemorated on December 17th with a peal of Stedman Cinques.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 10th, with a good attendance of members and visitors. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. Gilbert).

At the business meeting all the officers of the branch were re-elected, and a 'whip round' in aid of Brondbys (Breconshire) Bell Fund realised 7s.

Places of next meetings were provisionally fixed as Stratton St. Margaret, Blunsdon and Rodbourne Cheney.

Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, the ringing ranging from Grandsire Triples to Kent Treble Bob Royal. Local towers were well represented, with visitors from Aldbourne, Cirencester, Melksham, Oxford, Maisey Hampton, Sunderland, Calne, Wootton Bassett, etc.

## THE WEIGHTS OF TENORS.

SOME INTERESTING COMPARISONS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The matter about which Mr. Tony Price writes to your columns is but another of those interesting sides to our art, and one to which, like Mr. Price, I have given a fair amount of study. Mr. Price is certainly correct in saying that if the diameter of a bell is increased, but not the thickness, it will sound a lower note (as happens in the case of tuning); but when he speaks of 50 cwt. being required for B bells, this does not always follow. Thus it will be seen that one cannot always judge the weight by the *key* or *pitch* of the bell. To ascertain the weight, the two principal guides are the diameter and the *quality* of note. If a bell has a dull note, it is usually a thick bell and fairly heavy for the key in which it is pitched. But if a bell sounds a bright note and the over tones are easily heard, it can generally be taken for granted that it is normal or light according to the key. For instance, if I remember rightly, the note of the new tenor at Winchester Cathedral was stated in 'The Ringing World' after the dedication to be in key B, the same as Southwark and Bow. Yet there is nearly a ton difference in the weights—Winchester being 35 cwt., Southwark 50 cwt. and Bow 54 cwt. 12 lb.

Here are a few more examples, which might interest Mr. Price, which go to prove that the key cannot always be a guide to the weight. Tenor bells in key E flat: King's Norton, Leicestershire, 21 cwt. (8 bells); All Saints', Northampton, 23 cwt. (8 bells); St. Saviour's, Leicester, 25½ cwt. (8 bells, tenor measures 4ft. 3in.). Against this we come to Claybrook, Leicestershire, 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. (8 bells, tenor E flat measures 3ft. 10in.). Many might think this a 'tinny' bell, but, having rung three peals there, I can testify, as can anyone else who has heard them, that they are one of the finest octaves in the country. Wootton, Northants, where there are five bells, also has a tenor 13½ cwt. in E flat, measuring 3ft. 10in. diameter. Bells in key F sharp: St. Sepulchre's, Northampton (8, tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.); Hazelbeech, Northants (8, tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.); Empingham, Rutland (6, tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.); Burton Latimer, Northants (8, tenor 10½ cwt.); Sharnbrook, Beds (6, tenor 9½ cwt.). Bells in key G: Belton, Rutland (6, tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.); Isham, Northants (6, tenor 9½ cwt.); Mears Ashby, Northants (6, tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.); Whaddon, Bucks (6, tenor 14½ cwt.); Hitcham, Bucks (6, tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.). Another comparison is the treble of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, and the sixth at the Foundry Campanile, Loughborough. Both of these are the same note, yet one is 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb., and the other 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

All of these with the exception of Hitcham (which is always reported in the peal columns as stated) I have inspected personally, as well as had verified to me by the various founders.

Another weight which I would like to correct is the tenor at Oakham. There is an impression among ringers that this bell is 28 cwt.—she is nothing of the sort. I have a letter in my possession from the founders, written two years ago, determining the weight of the *present* tenor as 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Village bells are notorious for 'growing' in weight and for nearly always weighing '19 cwt.' Why 19 seems a favourite figure I can never understand! Here are three more interesting stories. Several years ago, Piddington, Northants, tenor was stated by local men to me to be 19 cwt. This bell was in key G. Several days after its weight was verified to me by the founders as 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. It has since been reduced by tuning to 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. At Arthingworth, Northants, an aged ringer, who, according to his story, 'helped get the bells up in the tower in 1878,' swore that the weight of the tenor was 19 cwt. This, too, is a G bell, and its weight verified to me by the founders is 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. At Brafield, Northants, local tradition always had it that the tenor was 17 cwt. Three years ago I measured it and informed one of the ringers that judging from the class of note, the thickness and the diameter, it could not possibly weigh more than 13 cwt. It has since turned out to be only just over 12 cwt., the bells having been rehung. Another comparison is St. Peter's, Northampton, and St. Edmund's, Northampton. Both these tenors are in F. St. Peter's is 12½ cwt. and St. Edmund's 18 cwt. Northampton. P. AMOS.

## BRAY TENOR.

Dear Sir.—Mr. F. J. Russell wishes me to apologise on his behalf regarding the key of the tenor at Bray, which he passed on as B. Below is a copy of weights and key supplied by Messrs. Warner in 1914 when the Bray bells were at the foundry:—

- Treble.—B. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. Date 1678.  
 2nd.—A. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. 1612.  
 3rd.—G. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. 1613.  
 4th.—F sharp. 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. Recast 1914.  
 5th.—E. 16 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. 1777.  
 Tenor.—D. 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. 1656.

I am very grateful to Mr. Price for technical description, for I could hardly believe that Bray tenor was actually in B. All the same, I should like to know if I am right in stating that the tenor of the old ring at St. John's, Croydon, was 31 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat, for if such was the case it might in some way account for the difference in 'measure' and 'foundry' weight of Bray tenor.

(Continued in next column.)

## TWO SURPRISE METHODS.

'TILEHURST' AND 'VERULAM.'

Two new Surprise methods rung by the Hertfordshire band are given below.

## TILEHURST.

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5,024 by H. G. Cashmore.

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## VERULAM.

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Verulam Surprise was rung for the first time at Bushey, Herts, on November 5th, 1938.

Tilehurst Surprise was first rung at Tilehurst, Berks, on Nov. 12th, 1938.

## THE WEIGHT OF BRAY TENOR.

(Continued from previous column.)

Regarding the ingenious 'silencer' that was used, Mr. Price himself agrees that the bell is a fine tenor and a good peal was just wasted, and I am of the same opinion. As a member of the Central Council, I should not like to see more peals wasted, and I only hope that Mr. Sharpe will soon let us say what we like about his device, for I still have some 'misgiving' about using them for *peals*. In a locality where practice is practically forbidden, they would be the very thing. Bray was a fine test and the 'silencer' came through 'smiling.'

The reason for my 'misgiving' must remain (at the present) like the silencer, a secret shared by a very few. If my reason is stated, it would at once give the whole idea away (which idea, I believe, has not before been tried out). The peal at Bray was a fine performance, in which a Central Council member rang the tenor.

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m., December 29th. The sum of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than January 4th.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 7th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells at St. Martin's Church will be available from 4.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Dec. 31st. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Business meeting to follow. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, December 28th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Elm on Saturday, December 31st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Central Cafe 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 7th. The Abbey Church bells (10) available from 2. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea (1/3 each) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Storr, 65, Green Lane, Selby.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—Annual district meeting will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, January 7th. St. Bene't's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the King's Parade Cafe, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great St. Mary's bells available in the evening. Please make this a good meeting, and as I must have the number for tea let me know on the Christmas or New Year card you are sending me.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) available at 3. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The seventh annual supper will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3/6 from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston bells available from 3 to 5.40 p.m. It is hoped that all members of this Association, whether of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and help to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

## GREETINGS.

ST. PETER'S COMPANY, BOURNEMOUTH, sends the Season's Greetings to all old and new friends and hopes to welcome many of them to the tower during the coming year.—Arthur Davis, Tower Captain.

FRANCIS E. DAWE heartily wishes each and every of his many Ringing Friends, both at home and in the Dominions beyond the Seas, 'All the Best of the Very Best' for Christmas and the New Year, together with Good Health—the Greatest Blessing of All!

Woking, 1938.

Once again, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I wish all my ringing friends 'A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.'—A. B. PECK, Hon. Secretary, Ancient Society of College Youths.

## DEVON GUILD.

### BRANCH MEETING AT TOPSHAM.

The annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Topsham, near Exeter, on Saturday week, with an attendance of about 40 members, including members from adjacent branches. A service in St. Margaret's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Guy Halliday), included an address by the Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse, Rector of Clyst St. George. After tea in the Salutation Hotel Assembly Room, the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi presided over the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. R. Brook) reported that four branch meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 40 members, and the total membership of the branch was now 102, practically the same as in 1938.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £10 17s.

The chairman (the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi) and secretary (Mr. R. Brook) were re-elected, as also were the three representatives on the General Committee and the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Brealy.

Five new members of Colaton Raleigh band were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting on February 4th, 1939, at Whimble. A collection taken at the meeting in aid of the Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 10s. 1d.

A comprehensive vote of thanks, moved by the chairman, to the Vicar of Topsham, the Rev. J. D. F. Woodhouse, the organist and choir, and lady helpers in providing the tea, was carried with acclamation.

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To-morrow night the bells in most of the towers and steeples of England will be bidding farewell to the old year and ushering in the new. The old year has been one which, in our national life, has been full of great anxieties; what everyone will pray for is that the coming year may be one of peace. The outlook is far from propitious, but we all must earnestly hope that the bells will herald a year that will be happier than the one now closing; that they will indeed 'Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.' New year is a time for 'turning over a new leaf.' We could wish that governments as well as individuals could be persuaded to turn over a leaf which will open a page of peace in all the world.

But while, as ringers, we can do nothing to turn the page of history, there are other directions in which it may be possible for us to 'turn over a new leaf.' There is still in places and among individuals a prevalence of apathy and indifference which is hindering progress. These faults seem inherent among a certain class of ringers, who fail to take seriously their obligations, either to the Church, their colleagues or their association, if they have one. Unfortunately, these men can mar a band. Generally, they are of the type who imagine that their presence in the belfry confers a favour on the rest, instead of realising what they owe to the other members of the company. Irregularity and unpunctuality on the part of even one member may make service ringing but a half-hearted and unworthy affair, or ruin a practice. Attempts at persuasion seldom have much effect; it is only a personal realisation of their shortcomings that can change the habits of ringers of this type. We hope that with the new year they will turn over a new leaf.

There can be indifference and apathy, too, in other directions. The omission to maintain the strength of a band, so that in the end it is impossible to ring all the bells for service, is a frequent failing, and one that is sometimes to be found among companies who think themselves well off in personnel. They may be too engrossed with their own immediate success, or too lazy to train new hands against the time when vacancies may come, as sooner or later they inevitably will, and often unexpectedly sooner than later. From whatever cause, the constant reports of bands which are deficient in numbers are discouraging, and there is little compensation that elsewhere a company may be above strength. In every case where there is a shortage of ringers, the cause of change ringing suffers, the service of the church suffers and, very

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frequently, the reputation of the ringers suffers among the parishioners. It is a setback to every association when a tower lowers its standard of efficiency, and with the coming of the new year it is not out of place to suggest that in the many quarters where bands are below full strength those who are left should 'turn over a new leaf' and bring in new blood.

These are two of the most important directions in which individual ringers can make a new start in the new year, but there are other ways where they can, if they be honest with themselves, find ways in which they may do something more for the art they profess to love—a more active support to their association, a more prompt payment of subscriptions, a more willing hand in helping others. Every one of us, indeed, can, if we look, find some direction in which we fail to come up to the best which is demanded of us. Let us take the opportunity, now, of turning over a new leaf.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 6
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	JOHN W. WARD ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and by the Suffolk Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	*ALBERT E. LAKER ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
CECIL NICE ... 3	*ALBERT G. STEELE ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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ERNEST KETTER ... 2	REGINALD TRUMAN ... 6
ARTHUR GOODING ... 3	ARTHUR J. HOLWAY ... 7
*HARRY G. WILMINGTON ... 4	EVAN MORGAN ... Tenor

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**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 1	Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2		WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 6
WILLIAM T. PALMER ... .. 3		NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY ... .. 4		G. GORDON GRAHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 248). Conducted by G. G. GRAHAM.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. A welcome peal to the Rev. A. C. Nugee, M.A., recently inducted Rector of Eckington.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... .. 1	Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2		CECIL NICE ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3		ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
GEORGE OLIVER ... .. 4		OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 1	Treble	JOHN ALDIS, JUN. ... .. 5
LESLIE H. JERMY ... .. 2		*THOMAS SIMMONS ... .. 6
HERBERT C. BOGGIS ... .. 3		†HERBERT HOWLETT ... .. 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4		GEORGE POYNITZ ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 1	Treble	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 5
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 2		LEONARD STILLWELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 3		WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWARD C. COWARD ... .. 1	Treble	FRED A. COWARD ... .. 5
H. JIM RALPH ... .. 2		HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. SBOTE ... .. 3		RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7
JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 4		JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 1	Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2		*FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 3		FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
JAMES TOPP ... .. 4		C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

\* First peal in the method.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

*ARTHUR HUBBLE ... .. 1	Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 5
*GERALD FROST ... .. 2		GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
*WILLIAM S. MAY ... .. 3		HORACE S. MANSFIELD ... .. 7
*FRANK C. MAY ... .. 4		ALBERT E. NORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by F. B. LUFKIN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 1	Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5
CHARLES W. LOOME ... .. 2		FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... .. 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... .. 3		RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 4		FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,**

**5056 CHANGES;**

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 5
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON ... .. 2		ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 6
JACK BAILEY ... .. 3		RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
HOWARD HOWELL ... .. 4		EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 1	Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2		*ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 6
*FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. 3		JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 7
*JOHN HASSELL ... .. 4		JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. This composition had not previously been rung.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes;

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 1	Treble	RAYMOND C. SAYERS ... .. 5	
ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 2		WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6	
RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 3		REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7	
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4		FREDERICK G. YATES ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 1	Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5	
*TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2		JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 6	
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 3		JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 7	
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 4		JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First peal in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERNEST A. LONG ... .. 1	Treble	*ROBERT WARMAN ... .. 5	
†JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. 2		GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6	
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 3		GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 7	
C. FREDERICK SAYER ... .. 4		WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Tenor	

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich away from treble.

OSPRINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 1	Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 5	
*MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. 2		WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 6	
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... .. 3		WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 7	
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4		GEORGE WOOD ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. DOBBIE.

\* First peal of Triples.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

*CYRIL TABERNER ... .. 1	Treble	WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 5	
BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 2		SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6	
DENNIS J. HOLDEN ... .. 3		WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7	
†ALBERT COPE ... .. 4		FREDERICK HOLDEN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. 1	Treble	*S. JACK OUGHTON ... .. 4	
*SIDNEY OUGHTON ... .. 2		PERCY STONE ... .. 5	
ERNEST STONE ... .. 3		*ARTHUR R. WEBB ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY STONE.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung by three fathers and three sons.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven extents: One each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

FREDERICK W. LAWSON ... .. 1	Treble	ARTHUR HOWES ... .. 4	
ERIC S. GOOCH ... .. 2		WILLIAM H. FRENCH ... .. 5	
HENRY E. WOODHOUSE ... .. 3		EDWARD HOWES ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

First peal in six methods by all except the conductor.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

GRAHAM EVANS ... .. 1	Treble	THOMAS R. PAYNE ... .. 4	
JABEZ PREECE ... .. 2		LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5	
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3		JAMES BRIDGES ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PREECE.

First peal as conductor and rung as a compliment on his 16th birthday. Also a birthday peal for L. Evans.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cuthbert,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR STEDMAN ... .. 1	Treble	JAMES E. BURLS ... .. 4	
MICHAEL G. WHEAT ... .. 2		*JOHN BAGNALL ... .. 5	
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... .. 3		FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. A. H. Harlow, recently inducted Vicar of Kirkby.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK SLATFORD ... .. 1	Treble	PERCIVAL HARDING ... .. 4	
†MRS. F. PENN ... .. 2		†ERNEST PARKER ... .. 5	
FRANK PENN ... .. 3		GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HARRY DICKENS ... .. 1	Treble	*ROBERT HULSE ... .. 4	
*FREDERICK HANCOCK ... .. 2		*WALTER ALLMAN ... .. 5	
REGINALD WORRAL ... .. 3		JOHN DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by W. ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

## SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. PRICE ... .. Treble	F. G. EDMANS ... .. 4
A. SCOTT ... .. 2	F. E. ALDERMAN ... .. 5
T. BONHAM ... .. 3	E. N. ALDERMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. ALDERMAN.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal as conductor.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

* EDWARD L. BISHOP ... .. Treble	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... .. 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5
FRANK HICKS ... .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Birthday peal for Mrs. F. J. Lambert, William H. Lambert and Michael Lambert, and rung on the second anniversary of the accession of King George VI.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 11, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury and London, and five 240's each of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD J. HILL ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... .. 4
* LEONARD H. HART ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 3	RICHARD J. GWATKIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy with Mr. C. Edwards (Master of the Hereford Guild) in the recent loss of his wife.

## BEENHAM, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. C. WALLACE ... .. Treble	A. A. ARLOTT ... .. 4
* MISS F. N. ARLOTT ... .. 2	E. W. RICHARDSON ... .. 5
G. C. CHURCHILL ... .. 3	G. E. FOWLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FOWLER.

\* First peal, first attempt.

## SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

COLIN EVANS ... .. Treble	CYRIL M. HEATHCOTE ... .. 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... .. 2	* FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
CLIFFORD BLEBY ... .. 3	JOHN BLEBY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD BLEBY.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. H. N. Wrigley) and Mrs. Wrigley to the parish.

## WESTONING, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS ... .. Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4
* ANDREW G. SINFIELD ... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
RONALD J. SHARPE ... .. 3	G. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## MILTON REGIS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

MISS JOAN NAYLOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... .. 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

## HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

* WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4
MISS M. D. HAWLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM TERRY ... .. 5
FRED TERRY ... .. 3	EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

\* First peal of Minor.

## IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Deny,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* CECIL VEREY ... .. Treble	* A. RAY TONKS ... .. 4
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON ... .. 2	* WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph W. Cotton.

## PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent, called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 4
* AUBREY M. PICKERING ... .. 2	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... .. 5
THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS R. PAYNE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. DAVIES ... .. 4
* JOHN H. THOMAS ... .. 2	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PREECE ... .. 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

## WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* MRS. R. W. BARBER ... .. Treble	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... .. 4
T. WILLIAM DE VILLE ... .. 2	ARTHUR G. KING ... .. 5
STANLEY W. GALL ... .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. A. BAYLES.

\* First peal of Minor.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,  
A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 53 methods:—

1. Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding and Pinchbeck Alliance and Kent Little Court.
2. Chalfont, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Fulmer, Walsingham, Lamas and Olney Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.
3. Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donottar Delight.
4. Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight.
5. Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob.
6. Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
7. Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall, Lytham, St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK LORD ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	JACK M. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

There were 138 changes of method. First peal in 53 methods by all.

NOTTINGHAM.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND  
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 10 callings.  
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*LESLIE G. HOLLAND ... .. Treble	FRED BLOOD ... .. 4
IDA B. THOMPSON ... .. 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 5
WATER NICHOLS ... .. 3	*BURTON MARSHALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 5th. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,  
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Stedman and 4,320 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE ... .. Treble	JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... .. 4
SIDNEY SMITH ... .. 2	CLAUDE TARR ... .. 5
CYRIL STEVENS ... .. 3	*TOM MAUNDER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

\* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. L. SLACK ... .. Treble	MISS EDNA M. P. FETHERS ... .. 4
CHARLES W. LAWTON ... .. 2	STANLEY NOBLE ... .. 5
TOM TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER.

First peal in the method by all the band at first attempt. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

WESTONZOYLAND, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

JACK RAY ... .. Treble	B. T. JEANES ... .. 4
P. H. LOCK ... .. 2	T. G. LOCKE ... .. 5
R. G. DABINETT ... .. 3	JACK BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. G. LOCKE.

First peal on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5063 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	JACK BRAY ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 7-8
ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First of Caters as conductor.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, December 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At STEDMAN, SKPTCHLEY ROAD.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury, 1,440 each of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor, size 11 in G

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 3-4
JOHN H. BAILESS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by J. H. BAILESS.

First handbell peal in four methods by all. First handbell peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. Ballard.

LONDON.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At 18, WESTBERE ROAD, HAMPSTEAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. 1-2	E. MADRICK AIKINS ... .. 5-6
†A. ROBERT PARGETER ... .. 3-4	MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' on an 'inside' pair.  
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
TOWERS FAIL TO HAVE REGULAR PRACTICES.

The Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at Sunderland on Saturday week. There was only a fair attendance. Ringing took place in the afternoon at Bishopwearmouth Church.

Tea was served in St. Ignatius' Institute, and afterwards a short meeting was held, Mr. R. L. Patterson being in the chair, supported by the Vicar.

After the loyal toast was honoured, the Chairman said he regretted there were so few members present, and particularly as it was the new Vicar's first meeting with ringers, but he (the Vicar) would see that though they were that day lacking in numbers, the enthusiasm was still there.

The Chairman welcomed the president, Mr. M. D. Oubridge, and said it was a great pleasure to see him there, as it had been such a rare occurrence for a president to be present at the Eastern meetings in the last few years.

Mr. J. A. Brown moved a vote of thanks to the clergy for use of the bells, and the Vicar of St. Ignatius', replying for both churches, said he was very pleased to be with the ringers. He certainly appreciated all that they did for the church.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea and went on to say he had visited some belfries lately and found they were not having regular practices. He said it was detrimental to Sunday ringing and that it was not doing justice to the Exercise. He hoped that every belfry possible would keep their practice nights going.

It was proposed that the next district meeting be held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 28th.

After the meeting, further ringing took place at St. Ignatius', the methods rung being Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. Although so few attended, it was agreed that the meeting had been a very happy one.

## INCUMBENT'S INDUCTION.

At St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, Birkenhead, on December 17th, previous to the induction of the Rev. J. L. Crawley, M.A., to the benefice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from the Clavies): Miss D. Battle (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, W. J. Battle 2, W. O. Wharton 3, S. Mostin 4, H. S. Brocklebank 5, J. W. Evans 6, H. Martin (conductor) 7, F. Thomas 8. The ringers of the treble and second belong to Lower Bebington, the rest to the Oxtou band.



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****ENCOURAGEMENT AND HELP FOR BUDDING COMPOSERS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at All Saints', Arksey, on Saturday, December 17th. About 30 members attended, the following towers being represented: Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, Rawmarsh, Eastwood, Felkirk, Wortley, Wath, Doncaster, Selby, Conisborough, Sprotborough, Whitley Bay, Handsworth and the local company.

Some good ringing in various plain and Surprise methods was indulged in during the afternoon and evening on the light and easy going peal of eight bells.

A sumptuous tea was served in the Church Hall by local ladies, everyone thoroughly enjoying the meal, except the district secretary, who could not forgive himself for having had his top teeth extracted the week previously.

Courses of Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells after tea by several of those present.

The general meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, in the absence of the Vicar, who was prevented from attending owing to other pressing engagements.

Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, of Ipswich, was elected an out-county member of the association.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting of the district at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, on Saturday, March 18th.

Mr. Lewis said that in view of the fact that several young ringers were anxious to learn the rudiments of composing or to be able to prove a peal before conducting it, he would be at anyone's disposal after any district meeting to give advice on these subjects.

Mr. Lewis' abilities as a composer being well known, this offer met with the approval of all present and led to discussions on a few intricate problems relating to composition.

**TOWERKEEPER'S 70th BIRTHDAY.**

At Eccleston, Cheshire, on December 10th, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major had failed, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. The peal was to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. S. Jones, sen., towerkeeper at Eccleston, and the 21st birthday of Mr. A. E. Pegler, jun., of Bangor, Caernarvon: F. Jones 1, Sam Jones, jun. (conductor) 2, R. Sperring 3, T. Pugh 4, C. Dryland 5, W. Hopwood 6, A. E. Pegler, sen. 7, H. Thomas 8.

**TECHNICAL TERMS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I, please, be allowed to thank your correspondents whose letters appeared in your issue of December 16th, written in reply to my suggestion that the rules for Grandsire Doubles might be written in ordinary English, with necessary technical words put in brackets or as footnotes? I am sending for copies of the book which Mr. T. J. Fowler recommended.

In reply to Mr. A. Reeves, I would suggest that the word 'follow' be used instead of 'take' or 'hit'; that 'strike' be used instead of 'blow'; that for 'pass' a difference be made in going up and coming down, for in one case the word 'precede' would be more explanatory. Instead of 'making a place,' why not say striking twice in that place? The expression 'coming in' is not in the 'Glossary,' neither is the expression 'hit.' In the 'Glossary' two meanings are given for 'dodge'; those should be carefully and clearly explained, and it should be known, in any case, in which sense the word is used, i.e., whether the bells passing each other three times, or the retrograde movement of the bells. 'Hunt' also has two meanings. I prefer 'last place' (or 6th place) to 'behind.'

If the same amount of ardour were put into explanations and simplifications as is put into issuing instructional commands, I think ringing would, for learners, especially for those who are not quick learners, be a pleasanter and more encouraging experience. It is not, of course, any one technical word which makes learning difficult. It is the prevalence of such expressions. I thank the Rev. Herbert Drake for his letter.

W. W. LUCAS.

Drayton Parslow Rectory, Bucks.

**THE KING'S ACCESSION.**

At Farnham, Surrey, on December 12th, to celebrate the second anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: L. Kenward 1, C. Denyer 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. This was the first touch in the method by ringers of 1 and 2 and the longest length by ringers of 4, 5 and 7. On Wednesday, December 14th, in commemoration of the 43rd birthday of His Majesty, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Hammett 1, A. Hardiman 2, G. Upshall 3, J. Read 4, H. Kemp 5, S. Meadows 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There can be few societies that can claim the record made by St. Martin's Society, Leicester, as revealed in this week's article on leading conductors. On the Coronation Day of King Edward VII. they rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, on the Coronation Day of King George V. a peal of Stedman Caters, and on the Coronation Day of King George VI. a peal of Stedman Cinques.

The peals were rung entirely by St. Martin's ringers, and all of them in St. Martin's tower, and they were conducted by the Ringing Masters of the time, George Cleal, Fred Dexter and Harold Poole respectively.

Three of the present members of the society rang in all three peals, Samuel Cotton, Fred Dexter and Thomas Taylor. Mr. Taylor is now 80 years young and can and does still raise the tenor. On the recent visit of a band from various parts of the country, Mr. Taylor was found in the tower on their arrival and he had raised nearly all the twelve bells in readiness for them.

Two convalescents are, we are glad to say, progressing. Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, is making a good recovery from his illness, and Mr. Ernest Brett, of London, has left hospital after his recent serious operation. Unfortunately, Mr. James George, of Birmingham, is still in hospital and not making the rapid improvement his friends would wish.

The bad weather last week prevented the Rev. E. Bankes James from suitably celebrating the golden jubilee of his first peal, which he rang at Stroud, Gloucestershire, on December 22nd, 1888. There was to have been a peal in honour of the anniversary at North Stoneham, Hants, in which among others Mr. William Fussell, who rang in Mr. James' first peal, was to have rung, but the snow prevented the band from meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wilson, of Hobart, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Ray Wilson, hon. secretary of Holy Trinity Association, have presented a handsome eight-day clock to the belfry of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. 'A great need has been generously met,' says a parochial note. 'There will be no more frantic rushes up or down stairs to find out whether it is time to start or stop ringing before the service.'

Exactly 50 years ago to-morrow, the then record peal of 15,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton in 9 hours 16 minutes by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The record passed out of their hands later, but in 1922 it returned to Appleton, when the 'longest ever' was rung—a peal of 21,363 changes.

Another notable performance by the Oxford Diocesan Guild rung on the last day of the year was a 12,096 of Double Norwich Major in 1892.

James Barham, one of the greatest peal ringers of a hundred and fifty years ago, rang his one hundredth peal on January 1st, 1793, with a band whose ages totalled 582 years.

Among the Christmas greetings which we received was one to 'The English Ringers,' from St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, and another from Holy Trinity Association, Hobart, Tasmania.

## RINGERS WHO COUNT.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I do not know anything about London ringing and I do not presume to express any opinion on it, but, speaking generally, I think that the only members of any association who should count are those who belong to a local band and ring regularly for Sunday service. The representatives on the Central Council should be calculated on that basis only. I am told that there are some societies which would lose their representation if this plan was adopted, but I do not think that that affects the argument. Those ringers who only go about from tower to tower to ring peals and practise to suit themselves are of no good either to the Church or to other ringers. All they do is to cause the associations a lot of expense to print their peals, which are not of the slightest interest to anybody except themselves.

STANLEY MERCER.

## BRAY TENOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As one who had an active part in restoring the bells at Bray in December, 1914, and rang the tenor to the first 720 Oxford Treble Bob after restoration, I would like to say that Messrs. Warners, who carried out the contract, told us (the workmen) that the tenor, after tuning, weighed 26 cwt.

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

## LEADING CONDUCTORS—51.

### FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

One of the leading spirits in Leicester for many years has been Mr. Frederick H. Dexter. In the belfry he is a martinet, but beneath it all he is one of the most genial of individuals after the touch or peal is over. Woe to the man who blunders or strikes badly when he is ringing, but there is no ringer in or around Leicester more capable of keeping a band together than Mr. Dexter has proved himself to be. Indeed, although there are 'rival' towers in the city, including two with rings of twelve bells, there is no rivalry, unless it is of the most friendly character. The ringers in Leicester are a very happy family, and it is due in no small measure to the spirit that radiates from Mr. Dexter. He has done a great deal to raise the standard of ringing in the district, and many of the capable men in that area owe much of their progress to his help and encouragement.

Born in 1882 at Leicester, Mr. Dexter's first interest in ringing was aroused shortly after his parents went to reside at the Old Town Hall, now the Guildhall, which is immediately adjacent to St. Martin's, in 1892. The spiral staircase was at that time the great attraction to him and other boys, and while at first the ringers invariably chased them down again, ultimately they let the boys sit in the belfry to watch them chiming. There was no ringing in those days except for special services and occasions, neither was there any practice night.

Eventually these youngsters were taught how to chime and ring under the leadership of the late Mr. George Cleal, one time of Tewkesbury. Since then Mr. Dexter's ringing career has, in part, been the history of the St. Martin's Society.

His first peal was at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, Grandsire Triples, on Jan. 19th, 1901, and was the first peal by the society. Mr. Dexter's first peal as conductor was at Lutterworth on September 19th, 1903, when he called Parker's one-part, and followed it shortly after by calling Holt's Original. Grandsire Caters was rung on the Coronation Day of King Edward VII., Stedman Caters on the centenary of Trafalgar Day. On King George V.'s Coronation Day a peal of Stedman Caters was rung, composed and conducted by Mr. Dexter. These peals were by St. Martin's ringers at St. Martin's.

His first peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Cinques (the first by a Leicester district band and the first in the diocese), the first of Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, Bristol and London Surprise Major by the St. Martin's Society were all called by him, and in nearly every case it was the ringers' first peals in the method. The Cambridge Royal was the first by the Midland Counties Association and all the band. He also called the first Surprise peal by a band all resident in Leicester—Bristol at St. John-the-Divine's Church. He also called the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, in which the ringers were all Leicester and district members.

There have been seven different methods in his 49 Surprise Royal peals, all of them rung as St. Martin's Society peals. Mr. Dexter called four of them. He has also rung peals in 18 different Surprise Major methods. He composed and conducted 'Real' Superlative the first time a peal was rung in this method that went into five figures; also 7,008 Cambridge Surprise Major, the then longest length. He rang in a 13,440 of Bob Major and also the 12,896 Cambridge. This was conducted by his pupil, Harold Poole, who by this time was getting into his stride as a conductor.

When St. Martin's, now, of course, the Cathedral, increased its ring from 10 to 12 bells, which were opened on King George VI.'s Coronation Day, Mr. Dexter resigned from the office of Ringing Master in favour of Mr. Poole. The Cathedral band during the day rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, and since then another peal has been rung, so that all the members of the society, numbering 20, should have a peal of it. Cambridge Maximus has followed by a band all service

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MR. F. H. DEXTER.

## B.B.C. AND BELLS BEFORE SERVICES.

### FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

Among those who have recently taken up with the B.B.C. the treatment given to ringers who undertake the ringing before Sunday evening broadcast services has been Mr. C. T. Coles, hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. He drew the attention of the Director of Religion to the cutting down of time of the ringing at both St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, and St. Mary's, Portsea.

In regard to St. Olave's he pointed out that, to ensure the bells being rung in a manner befitting the occasion, a competent band came together, at no little inconvenience to themselves, from places as far apart as Chadwell Heath (Essex), Crayford (Kent), Sutton (Surrey), Lewisham, Ealing, etc., and, after doing their job well, it was a great disappointment to all of them afterwards to hear that for only two minutes were the bells heard on the air. Indeed, many ringing friends, added Mr. Coles, had expressed great indignation on what they consider a slight to the band and to ringing generally.

'I venture to ask you to make a time allowance for notices, etc., in future broadcasts when ringing is to take place, so that a full five minutes is allowed for the bells. I feel sure you will agree that in cases where an expert band has attended, perhaps from places a distance away, it is not an encouragement when their efforts are so little appreciated that the bells are only heard during a spare minute or two. The general public, too, would welcome a little more ringing, provided that it is being done well; this is proved by the popularity of the present-day interval signals and by all broadcasting stations. There are some 40,000 ringers affiliated to the several ringing organisations in the country, and we, therefore, do represent a large proportion of the listening public.'

To this letter the Controller (Public Relations) replied in precisely the terms of his letter to Mr. F. W. Rogers (published in 'The Ringing World' on December 2nd).

Mr. Coles sent another letter in answer to this communication, in which he said he fully appreciated that a very large number of listeners preferred to hear something of the history of the various churches, but he could not agree that bells did not make a very effective broadcast.

'At the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Nov. 5th the Archdeacon of London, referring to the monthly short wave broadcast from St. Paul's Cathedral, spoke appreciatively of the bells, and the Archdeacon quoted from some of them. This coincides with our own experience and there is no reason to suppose that broadcast ringing is listened to with less appreciation by home listeners than by those far away.

'I would, too, point out that in my letter I made no suggestion that descriptive notices should be omitted, but that a time allowance should be made for them. Surely it is not too much to ask that ringers should be given five minutes, and this, I think, could be ensured by advertising the start of the service when bells are to be rung, at 7.50, as used to be done in the Midland Regional programmes.

'I regret troubling you again, but do feel that on the occasion of the St. Olave's, Hart Street, broadcast we were treated as of very little account seeing that we were actually "faded in" a few seconds before 7.57½ p.m. and faded out at 7.59 p.m., so that in the short space of five minutes there were given the announcement of the service, the descriptive notice of the church, the ringing of the bells and a very short organ voluntary.'

The Controller of Public Relations replied as follows: 'We are glad to have a further expression of your opinions, and these will be taken into account in the light of your previous letter and reply.'

### 'OPEN' MEMORIAL RINGING.

With the bells 'open,' in memory of Mary Horsfield, daughter of Mr. F. Horsfield, the ringer of the sixth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original) was rung for evensong on Sunday, December 11th, at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich: Norman Hadley (first quarter-peal) 1, William D. Peart 2, William Partridge (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, Herbert Howl 4, Maurice G. Turner 5, Frederick Horsfield 6, Albert Mills (conductor) 7, Albert Kendrick (first quarter-peal) 8. Miss Horsfield died in May, and this quarter-peal was rung on her birthday anniversary.

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ringers at the Cathedral. With very few exceptions, Leicester and district ringers owe their first opportunity to call or ring their first peals in the higher methods to Mr. Dexter and to Leicester Cathedral Society in general.

He has gained the title of 'The Sergeant-Major,' but no ringer who has come under his tuition can say he has not benefited from the 'drilling' he has received. Mr. Dexter gets most of his pleasure in teaching the young blood, conducting as opposed to blindly calling bobs and trusting to luck, and in these days is always willing to stand aside if anyone cares to ring in his place, and is ready to call only if others don't want, will not or cannot do so. Altogether he has rung 390 peals and conducted 161.

## THE ANTIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S BRISTOL'S OLD GUILD.

### The Myth of a Royal Charter.

In the year 1846 Edward John Osborn paid a visit to the West with the idea of collecting material for the history of ringing, which he intended to write. The visit was a very successful one, for he not only secured the original manuscripts once belonging to the College Youths and the Union Scholars, but he also gathered a lot of information about early ringing in Bristol.

Especially he was interested in the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, and he took back with him a copy of the rules as printed by the 'Bristol Mirror' in 1822, a broadsheet of the song the members sang at their annual feast—'The Golden Days of Good Queen Bess'—a dinner ticket (with the price £1 1s. marked on it), and as much information as he could learn of the traditions of the society.

The first are among his collections in the British Museum, together with the newspaper reports of annual dinners in several following years. The last he wrote down in his note book now in my possession: Queen Elizabeth arrived at Bristol on Sat. Aug. 14, 1574, & the St. Stephen's Bells were rung on her arrival, for which she promised the ringers a Charter which was afterwards granted by James I. bearing date 17 Novr. 1620. She was reed by John Young, the then Mayor of Bristol, afterwards Sir John Young, he resided at St. Augustine's back Bristol.

This was the tradition which was then believed, and subsequent years have added nothing to our knowledge of the matter.

The story of early ringing is full of pleasant little tales and legends about the old societies. Present-day members sometimes recognise that there may be a good deal of fancy about these tales, but they like to believe them, and they incline to the opinion that so long as they cannot be proved to be false there is no reason why they should not be considered as true.

### HOW THE LEGEND GREW.

The historian has to take a different view. He knows how easily these legends grow up and how few will stand any serious testing. He is compelled to reject any which either have no contemporary corroboration or are not inherently probable. How does the St. Stephen's tradition stand this test?

Queen Elizabeth did visit Bristol in 1574. She arrived on August 14th, and during her progress and all the following days there were pageants and speeches and military display and all the pomp and ceremony that the great Queen delighted in.

And we may be quite sure that not only St. Stephen's bells, but all the bells of Bristol were rung. That was a mark of respect which was looked for as a matter of course. The omission would have been noticed and resented.

But Elizabeth was personally interested in the sound of bells. She liked to listen to them, and as she understood the art of making herself popular, it is more than likely that she did admire St. Stephen's bells as she heard them across the water at her lodging, and no doubt she expressed her admiration. But I cannot think it was to the ringers.

When anyone hears and admires bells he seldom gives a thought to the men at the ropes. They are out of sight and so out of mind. They reverse the role of the good child and are heard but never seen. When the Queen admired St. Stephen's bells we may be sure that it was her host, the Mayor, that she congratulated; but since she had passed the compliment it was not at all unnatural that the ringers should afterwards take some of the credit to themselves.

### CHARTER COULD GIVE NO RIGHTS.

There is, however, the very circumstantial statement that she promised a Charter. It was the tradition of the society, it has been repeated many times, and is still believed to-day.\* But I cannot think it has the slightest amount of probability about it.

The usual thing then and now and all along is that when a man wants to notice the ringers he sends them something to get a drink with. That, they can understand and appreciate. Elizabeth did not throw her money about recklessly, but on this occasion she sent 200 crowns to make a feast for the soldiers who had entertained her. Nothing is said about the ringers. They were few in number and perhaps they managed to get included with the others.

But what good would a Charter have been to them? To grant a Charter was not a way of conferring an honour. It was a royal act which created a legal corporation by which a number of men could, as a body, carry out duties, exercise rights and hold property. But the St. Stephen's ringers had no property to hold, for property meant 'real' property, that is land and its equivalent, and it did not include the few shillings which constituted their 'stock.' And no Charter could give them rights as ringers which they did not already enjoy.

In any case, no Charter was granted by the Queen, and it is impossible to believe that the promise she is supposed to have made was redeemed by her successor. James had spent the greater part of his

life in Scotland, where most of the bells had been destroyed, and where there never was, and never has been, any sentiment of ringing as in England. There is not the slightest reason to think that he was in any way interested either in bells or the art.

Yet there is the very precise statement that the King did grant a Charter, that it is dated November 20th, 1620, and that it is still in existence. How did the legend arise?

That is quite easy to see. The society possesses a code of rules. These are set out on a document dated 1693, which is a copy of a document dated 1657, and that in turn was a copy of a document dated 1620. These rules state the constitution of the company and the general regulations under which it existed and worked. English words are often used rather loosely, and there is nothing strange or unusual in this code being called the society's 'Charter.' People remembered the tradition of Elizabeth's kind words and associated it with this code of rules, and there you have the explanation of the legend of the promise and the granting of a Charter.

### ANCIENT GUILDS.

Of course, no Charter ever was granted, for there is no record of such a thing among the official patents and documents. We have, therefore, no direct early evidence about the society, except this code of rules, but that does not necessarily mean that we can know no more about it than is supplied by guessing and conjecture. For the society does not stand alone. It was one of dozens of similar bodies, and is unique only in having preserved a continuous corporate existence from the early years of the seventeenth century until the present day.

We must notice one or two legends, modern in their origin and based on conjecture, which are believed and often repeated.

The first is that it is much older than 1620 and was 'even then an ancient institution; the ringers had been probably a pre-Reformation guild for religious, benevolent and social purposes.'\*\* This opinion is backed by the high authority of Toulmin Smith. 'The rules,' he says, 'have every characteristic of those guilds that can be identified as flourishing in the 14th and 15th centuries. Even the amount of the fines, as well as other internal marks, carry back the date to the same time.'

One does not differ lightly from the author of 'English Guilds,' but really the fact that the St. Stephen's rules are reminiscent of fourteenth century guilds proves nothing. The guild system had existed in England from Saxon times, and the communal life of the people was saturated with it. The social and religious guilds were suppressed in 1547 and their property confiscated, but they served as models on which later clubs were founded. It is quite certain that the early ringing societies were formed directly or indirectly on the model of the guilds, but the fact remains that they were new organisations, formed for a very definite purpose. Whoever drew up the rules of the St. Stephen's Society in 1620 could scarcely have had any option in the matter. He was bound to follow the model of the guilds.

Nor is there any reason to suppose that the society was established on a religious basis, or had inherited any particular religious traditions. Everything goes to prove that the ringing societies of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were purely secular bodies in the same sense that the societies formed for the practice of any other sport were secular. The statement often made that there were guilds of ringers in pre-Reformation times has no foundation in fact or probability,† and in any case since the Reformation ringing had been entirely secularised. John Latimer's statement that the St. Stephen's ringers 'had been probably a pre-Reformation guild for religious, benevolent and social purposes is, of course, incapable of proof or disproof, but it is something like saying, without any evidence, of a modern cricket club that it had probably been a nineteenth century society for converting the heathen.

But these people point to rule 22, which says that 'if any of the said Company shall be so rude as to run into the Belfry before he do kneel down and pray as every Christian ought to do, he shall pay for his first offence sixpence and for the second shall be cast out of the Company.'

Surely there is nothing strange about such a rule in the second decade of the seventeenth century. A secular body is not necessarily an irreligious body, and this rule meant no more than the Grace which was usually said before meals.

### A SECULAR BODY.

The Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, then, was a secular body, founded, so far as the evidence goes, in 1620, and was one of many similar societies which were formed in all parts of the country for the purposes of ringing as a sport and incidentally as social clubs. It was not a Church organisation, it owed no allegiance to the Church, and it performed no Church duties. It has been remarked that there are no references to it in the vestry minutes,§ but it would be strange if there were. Ringing for divine service is quite a modern thing and was not used in olden times either before or after the Reformation. There had been ritual ringing during processions on occasions before High Mass, and there was always a lot of ringing on royal birthdays and anniversaries, on civic occasions, and the visits of great people. This was ordered and paid for by the vestry, but it was the clerks who were responsible for the ringing. They received the orders and employed whom they would. The ringers had no recognised position in the church or parochial organisation. Even if the Society of St.

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## BROADMOOR'S VIEWS ON STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—During my holidays I was passing Broadmoor, where, as you know, they keep criminal lunatics, and I happened to pick up a letter which evidently had been thrown over the wall of the prison. It was addressed to 'The Ringing World,' so I send it on, but unfortunately it is incomplete, the beginning and the ending being absent. This is what it says:—

'Mad! I'm not half so mad as they think, and so I'll let these people know when I get a chance. Six inches of a butcher's knife stuck into their bellies would let a little sense into the place where most of them keep it. I told the doddering old fool not to talk rubbish. He would keep on saying that the earth goes round the sun. Use your eyes, man, I said, you can see for yourself that it is the sun that moves. But he would not. So I hit him on the head, hard, with a carpenter's hammer I happened to have handy. That'll teach him not to talk rot.

But that's not what I want to say to you. What I want to say is that I am going to do the same thing to those imbeciles who say you can't get a peal of Stedman Triples with bobs only. Why can't you? There is far too much talk about you can't do this and you can't do that. You can't buy tobacco after eight at night, nor beer after ten. And all that sort of thing. But this is a free country, or was when I was a boy, and it is surprising what you can do if you only try. My answer to those idiots who say you can't get a peal of Stedman Triples with bobs only is—I have done it. When you know the trick it is as easy as telling lies. All you have to do is to call bob at. . .

Here the writing breaks off.—Yours truly,

S. MENDAX.

## REV. C. C. COX'S 'CENTURY.'

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Vicar of Lyme Regis, completed his century the other day. Among his peals has been Holt's Original rung 'silent,' and he has had the unusual experience of spreading his hundred over 20 counties and 71 towers.

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples ... ..	16	8*
Grandsire Caters ... ..	3	2
Stedman Triples ... ..	29	9
Stedman Caters ... ..	14	4
Stedman Cinques ... ..	3	
Plain Bob Major ... ..	8	3
Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..	5	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major ... ..	1	
Minor ... ..	5	5
Double Norwich Major ... ..	5	3
Superlative Surprise Major ... ..	6	2
Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..	3	1
Bristol Surprise Major ... ..	2	
Totals ...	100	40

\* Including Holt's Original silent.

## BRISTOL'S OLD GUILD.

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Stephen's Ringers had been in existence when Elizabeth visited the city, it would have been by no means a matter of course that they should have done the ringing.

How then, if they were a secular body with no official connection with the church, did they get free access to the belfry? It seems at first sight strange and a mystery, but actually it was quite easy and quite a natural thing. All over England, in almost every tower, there was plenty of 'pleasure' ringing done by all sorts of people. Vestries passed rules to regulate and to restrict it within certain bounds, but they never dreamt of trying to stop it. It was no unusual thing in some churches for the bells to be rung almost every night in the week, different companies taking their turns as the opportunity offered itself.

To get admission to the belfry seems to have needed no more formality than to get the keys from the clerk or sexton. It was, of course, necessary to keep on good terms with that official and it was usually done by paying him a fee. Here is the origin of the steeplesage, which is still paid in a few towers.

In the St. Stephen's Company the sexton received an entrance fee from every new member and a proportion of the fines. Whatever rights the parsons may have had of controlling the ringing of the bells were not exercised by them.

This may seem a very loose and indefensible state of affairs, but it existed from the earliest times down, in many places, to living memory.

There is more to be said about the St. Stephen's Society, but it must be left until another time.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

\* H. E. Roslyn—'The History of the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' page 1.

\*\* John Latimer—'The Annals of Bristol in the seventeenth century,' + Toulmin Smith—'English Guilds,' page 292.

† There was in 1255 a 'Guild of Westminster appointed to ring the great bells of Westminster,' but that was unique.

§ H. E. Roslyn, page 3.

## TWO MORE SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

FRAMSDEN AND NEWBURY.

Two Surprise Major methods recently rung are Framsdén and Newbury. Framsdén is one of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's productions. Newbury has twice been rung, but the first time the peal proved to be false. This was replaced by a second one rung a fortnight ago.

## FRAMSDEN.

12345678  
21354768  
12537486  
21357846

23158764  
32517846  
23157486  
32514768

23541786  
25347168  
52431786  
54237168

45327618  
43526781  
34257618  
32456781

23547681  
25346718  
52437681  
54236718

45326178  
43521687  
34256178  
32451687

23415678  
32146587  
23416857  
32148675

31246857  
13426587  
31245678  
13254768

13527486

Bob 12357486

5,152 by G. Lindoff.

23456 W M H

52436 —  
45623 — —  
65324 —  
3 times repeated  
54632 —  
64235 — 3  
26543 — —  
52364 — — 3  
35426 — — 3  
23456 —

Framsdén Sur-  
prise was first  
rung at Helming-  
ham, Dec. 5th,  
1938.

## NEWBURY.

12345678  
21436587  
12346578  
21435687

24136578  
42315687  
24135867  
42318576

24381567  
42835176  
42381567  
24835176

42385716  
24837561  
42835716  
24387561

23478651  
32746815  
23748651  
32476815

23746185  
32471658  
32746185  
23471658

32417685  
23146758  
32416578  
23145687

21346578  
12435687  
21345678  
12436587

14263857

Bob 14235678

5,088 by J. Thorp.

23456 M B W H

42356 — 1  
43526 1 — 2  
24365 — 2  
42563 2 — 2  
64235 — 2  
23645 1 — 2  
Newbury Sur-  
prise was first  
rung to a true  
peal at Bushey,  
Dec. 15th, 1938.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION NEXT MARCH.

The Leeds and District Society visited St. Michael's, Headingley, on October 29th. The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and ringing continued in a variety of methods throughout the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Hunslet, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company.

The sub-committee for the jubilee celebrations presented a report, and the date was fixed as March 25th. Further details will be given next month.

One new member, Mr. Harvey, of Bradford Cathedral, was elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. W. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. F. Rayment.—Mr. F. G. Sherwood replied for the local company.

## PEAL NOTES.

### NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BAND GOING AHEAD.

The North Lincolnshire band, under the talented conductorship of George Feirn, have gone another step forward in their progress towards the record number of methods in a peal of Minor. The record stands at 84, but they are creeping up.

On Saturday week at Bassingham they carried their own total to 53 in a peal that had 138 changes of method. It is noteworthy that this band includes a lady, Mrs. Jack Bray.

A handbell peal in four Doubles methods was rung on December 14th as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Ballard. It was rung in his own home at Burbage, Leicestershire.

A peal of Doubles on the front six at St. Mary's, Nottingham, was the first peal on the bells by a company of regular service ringers at this church. It has been an uphill struggle to maintain a service band, but this peal seems to be a happy augury for the future. The peal was rung on December 17th.

What is believed to have been the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells was rung at Winterton, Norfolk, on December 17th, when seven 720's of Oxford were rung. Messrs. A. G. King and R. W. Barber have now rung Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

### TURN OVER A NEW LEAF.

May we ask those responsible for sending in reports of peals to do so immediately after the peals are rung, and not to delay them, as is often done, for a week or even more? It adds to our difficulties, and is unfair to those who make a point of forwarding their reports promptly.

Also, we would request those who send reports of peals to copy the form always used in 'The Ringing World.' It will avoid the omission of essential details and consequent delay in publication.

The birthday of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association, was celebrated by a peal of Minor in four methods rung at Ibstock, Leicestershire, on December 15th.

Three fathers and three sons have rung a peal of Doubles at Croft, Leicestershire, and it is noteworthy that in the case of one pair both scored their first peal.

### YORKSHIRE SURPRISE FROM MAJOR TO MAXIMUS.

St. Mary-le-Tower Society has added another 'first' to their list by ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, on December 17th. It was the first by all the band, on the bells and by the Suffolk Guild. Miss Bowyer and Messrs. Smith, Brown, Sedgley and Pipe, who took part, have now rung Yorkshire Surprise on eight, ten and twelve bells.

The peal was rung after meeting one short for Superlative Surprise Maximus, and it was incidentally, W. J. G. Brown's 250th peal.

The first peal on the bells, a ring of six, at Westonzoyle, Somerset, was rung on December 17th. It consisted of 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

After the peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Claines on December 17th, the band, with other ringers who have an affinity with Claines tower, adjourned to the Angel Hotel, Worcester, for the annual supper, provided by Mr. E. P. Thomas. It is hardly necessary to add that the Christmas fare was tackled in 'peal-fashion'—the 'starting course' being non-conducted!

Mr. Thomas, whose hospitality many Worcestershire ringers (and visitors) have enjoyed, defrayed the cost of having one bell of the old five at Claines recast and three new bells added to make the octave some years ago. Though not a ringer, he is very enthusiastic about the art, and is present on most Sunday mornings at Claines to watch and listen to the service ringing.

In honour of H.M. the King's birthday, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at Sutton, Macclesfield, on December 17th. It was the first peal in the method by all the band.

The second anniversary of the opening of the bells at Coseley fell on December 17th and was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Triples. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. William Fisher.

The local ringers at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, rang a peal in three Minor methods on December 13th to welcome the new Vicar and his wife (the Rev. W. N. Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley) to the parish. It was Clifford Bleby's first attempt to call a peal.

Mr. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, rang his one hundredth peal on handbells on December 6th, when a peal of Grandsire Caters, in which his wife also took part, was rung in his own home.

### CONDUCTOR AT SIXTEEN.

William J. Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, Herefordshire, called his first peal on his 16th birthday on December 10th. His father, Mr. Jabez Preece, took part in the peal, and the ringers were afterwards entertained by the conductor's parents. Leslie Evans also celebrated his birthday by the same peal.

Another local Oxford Guild band to ring a peal is the company at Beenham, Berks, where the Sunday service ringers scored a peal in four Minor methods on December 12th.

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## IMPRESSIONS OF A FIRST PEALER.

### SOME OF A BEGINNER'S DIFFICULTIES.

The following impressions of a beginner's first peal have been sent us by a correspondent and will probably interest others who have just reached the peal ringing stage:—

For my own satisfaction I have put down one or two simple impressions of ringing my first peal, an event which took place a week or two ago. They may be of interest to ringers who, like myself, have just made a start on peal ringing.

The method chosen was Kent Treble Bob Major. Although thoroughly practised in plain methods only, I thought an attempt in Treble Bob would keep my mind more alert and prevent me from lapsing into errors. I twice found that, after doing the 5-6 dodge down, I started to run straight into the lead and my 3-4 dodging bell had to jog my memory. Dodging on and off the lead with the treble also gave me a little difficulty; I always had to make a special mental note of that, when coming in and out of the slow.

There was also the strangeness of the belfry. The unfamiliar position of the ringers was a little disconcerting at first and exaggerated a difficulty which, to a certain extent, I always have in picking out the exact bells over which to strike in the 5-6 dodge down. The strange tone of the bells, too, seemed to make it impossible to pick out my own particular bell until after we had been ringing some considerable time.

On the physical side there was a period fairly early on when I found I was standing with my knees braced too tensely and my right foot had a tendency to become dead; after shifting my position and relaxing my leg muscles I had no more trouble in that quarter.

About three-quarters of the way through the peal I felt symptoms of cramp coming on in my left hand, and this worried me, lest it should become bad. However, for a time I altered the method of catching the sally and so overcame that difficulty. There were periods, when the striking was at its best, when the rhythm of the bells seemed to lull one into carelessness, but the unfamiliar method kept me from mistakes.

For about the last 20 minutes I think the mental strain must have been considerable, because I was most anxious at this stage not to be the cause of a breakdown.

On the whole, the time appeared to pass more quickly than I had expected.

### DEATH OF WINCHESTER GUILD RINGER.

The death occurred recently of the Rev. A. du Bouley Hill, the founder, in 1879, of the Winchester Diocesan Guild and its first secretary. In those days he was a great enthusiast, having got most of his inspiration from his connection with Oxford University Society, of which Canon Coleridge, the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies and other well-known clergy were members.

Among his early peals was the first rung by a band of clergymen. This was a peal of Stedman Triples rung at Drayton, Berkshire, on October 2nd, 1884, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. The other ringers were the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, F. A. H. Du Boulay, A. du B. Hill, W. S. Willett, C. C. Child, C. D. P. Davies and J. H. Fish.

Another peal in which he had a share was the second one rung by Mr. George Williams. That was at Weybridge, Surrey, on January 16th, 1885, and was rung as a birthday peal for the Rev. H. A. Spyers, who had taken over the secretaryship of the Guild from Mr. Hill.

The Rev. A. du B. Hill had reached the advanced age of 88 years and had for some time been living in retirement. He was for 28 years Vicar of East Bridgeford, Notts, where he was buried.

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The birthdays of three members of the Lambert family was celebrated on Horsmonden, Kent, on December 11th, when a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung. The birthdays were those of Mrs. F. J. Lambert, William Lambert and Michael Lambert. The peal was also rung on the second anniversary of the Accession of King George VI.

As we recently recorded, Mr. Charles Edwards, Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, has suffered bereavement by the death of his wife, and as a token of sympathy a half-muffled peal of Doubles was rung at Clifford on Sunday, December 11th.

A non-conducted peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Old Windsor on December 17th. It was the first 'silent' peal in the method by all the band and for the Oxford Guild.

A new ringing gallery has been erected at the six-bell tower of Swanbourne, Bucks, and the first peal rung from it was successful on December 10th, when F. E. Alderman rang his first peal as conductor and all the rest of the band scored their first peal.

The bells of Gillingham, Dorset, were augmented to eight about 40 years ago, but it was not until Saturday, December 17th, that a peal was rung on them. The tenor is 26 cwt., and we gather that the task was no easy one. 'A wet shirt and flowing ale' is one of the comments on the performance that have reached us.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday, December 17th, was a 21st birthday compliment to Tower R. Taylor, jun., son of the ringer of the 5th. It was also the first peal in the method by Fred G. Cole, of Poole, Dorset.

The bells of Ospringe, Kent, were opened just before Christmas, 1892, and to commemorate the 46th anniversary a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them on December 17th.

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**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Elm on Saturday, December 31st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 1st, 10 a.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes, January 2nd, at 6.45, followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and January 16th and 30th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, January 31st, at 8 p.m. Please note date of annual general meeting, February 11th next; particulars later.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec., 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than January 4th.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 7th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells at St. Martin's Church will be available from 4.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea at Central Cafe 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 7th. The Abbey Church bells (10) available from 2. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea (1/3 each) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Storr, 65, Green Lane, Selby.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, January 2nd?—R. Harris, Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—Annual district meeting will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, January 7th. St. Bene't's available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the King's Parade Cafe, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Great St. Mary's bells available in the evening. Please make this a good meeting, and as I must have the number for tea let me know on the New Year card you are sending me.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, January 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, January 7th. Start the new year well by attending this meeting and giving a hand with the learners. Subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Brown's Cafe, 5.15.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, January 7th. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, January 7th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Co. Durham? A good attendance is requested, and all ringers are welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes (8 bells), on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, and meeting to follow in Parish Room. St. Mary's (6) and St. James' (6) bells also available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 7th. Bells available from 2.30. For tea, for which a small charge will be made, please notify the undersigned.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers meet at St. Cuthbert's. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than January 5th.—James T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 54, Newlands Road, Darlington.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Abbey House, Winchester, on Saturday, January 7th, by kind permission of Gen. F. H. Griffiths, Mayor of Winchester. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4 p.m. Members attend service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. The address will be given by the Rev. J. H. K. Percy, Rector of Wonston. Please let us know if you are coming. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Creswell Church (8 bells) on Saturday, January 7th. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Creswell, near Worksop.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, January 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) available at 3. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The seventh annual supper will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3/6 from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston bells available from 3 to 5.40 p.m. It is hoped that all members of this Association, whether of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and help to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, January 10th. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. All ringers welcome. Also Ottery St. Mary bells (8) available at 7 p.m.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available from 4 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. Application for tickets (5s. 6d. each), with remittance, must be made to me by January 10th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. A. J. Pitman is now Heathmont, Penlyla, Port Talbot.

### 5,312 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

A VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S PEAL BY J. S. WILDE.  
Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, has produced the following variation of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and it was rung for the first time at Cheadle Parish Church on December 17th for the Chester Diocesan Guild, conducted by James Fernley.

23456	M	W	H
35264	2	2	3
427365		4th	
567432		4th	
237546		4th	
647253		4th	
357624		4th	
63542	In		2
42563	5th's & 4th		
64523			3
42635	2	2	
23456	2	2	3

### 5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

B. M. W. H. 23456

—	—	—	45236
—	—	—	24536
—	—	—	52438
—	—	—	63425
—	—	—	64326
—	—	—	35426
—	—	—	43526
—	—	—	65324
—	—	—	36524
—	—	—	23564
—	—	—	56234
—	—	—	35264
—	—	—	63254
—	—	—	25634
—	—	—	62534
—	—	—	23645
—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	63246
—	—	—	64235
—	—	—	36245
—	—	—	43265
—	—	—	26435
—	—	—	42635
—	—	—	23456

### A RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

A quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes) was rung at St. Michael's Church, Braintree, as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Hammond, who has reached the age of 73 years: S. Warnes 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. Felton 6, L. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. Hammond 8.

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