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### DEATH—THE REAPER.

The hand of death, falling here or there upon some stalwart in the Exercise, reminds us from time to time of the passing of the years, and one by one the links which bind us to the past generation are broken. Several well-known ringers have been gathered to their fathers this year. To-day we have the sad duty of chronicling the death of two ringers of sterling worth, who, in their respective spheres have left their mark upon the Exercise—Raymond John Wilkins, who helped in no small measure to advance the art of ringing in and around Bristol, and William Gifford, who, admirable ringer that he was himself, never ceased to preach the gospel of good striking to all who came under his influence, and never tired of labouring, unsung, among the struggling beginners in peal ringing in the towers where help was not often forthcoming. Although neither had reached the allotted span of life, yet each had had a ringing career stretching over nearly four decades of invaluable service to the Exercise, forming as the years rolled by ever widening circles of friends, who are the poorer to-day for the loss of valued colleagues.

Mr. Raymond Wilkins began his ringing in and around Gloucester in the days when knowledge of the art was much farther to seek than in the present time; when, indeed, a man who wanted to learn had to make his own opportunities. A ringer then needed much more enthusiasm if he desired to get on than is necessary to the average beginner of to-day, but it made real ringers of those who had the courage and determination to overcome the obstacles and to brush aside disappointments. Mr. Wilkins was raised in a school of hard experience; he took a broad outlook upon ringing, and his value to his association was incalculable. His death has created a feeling of indescribable loss to the men who have been long associated with him in the Bristol towers.

Mr. William Gifford had a most attractive personality. His experience among the country towers in counties where change ringing is still in a backward state was wider than most men's. He was able to comprehend the difficulties of the struggling rural company, and his advice and assistance were ever at their disposal. The majority of his peals were Grandsire Triples, but he was quite at home in the higher methods. To him, however, it was the striking that was of paramount importance, and he never hesitated, when occasion arose, to bring this point home to the indifferent ringer. But it was always done in a way that would never offend. There was no 'blaring' or bullying. In all he said, as in all he did, William Gifford was an English gentleman. The Exercise is the poorer by the death of these men, who were a pattern to other ringers in the high ideals they always set before themselves in their exposition of the art.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS  
On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 2	THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 3	CHARLES W. BURDEN ... .. 9
HAROLD J. WALTON ... .. 4	HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 10
ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 11
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... .. 6	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to F. G. Newman and Miss Kathleen Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 8
*GEORGE R. FARDON ... .. 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	JOHN HALL ... .. 6
WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 3	*CHARLES BUTTON ... .. 7
ERNEST CURTIS ... .. 4	HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble	*FRANK TURNER ... .. 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 2	PERCY FORDHAM ... .. 6
FREDERICK POULSON ... .. 3	JAMES CHINNERY ... .. 7
FRANK LEVITT ... .. 4	GEORGE DEBENHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Major and on tower bells. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are from Lavenham, 4th and 7th from Bury St. Edmunds, 6th from Mildenhall and 8th from Horringer.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE POUND ... .. Treble	WILLIAM STEED ... .. 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 2	TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7
HARRY GOODWIN ... .. 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.**  
**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Holt's Ten-Part.		Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb.	
HENRY F. EWINS...	...Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH	... 5
JOHN BEAMS...	... 2	CHARLES E. READ	... 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE	... 3	ARTHUR DEAN	... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS	... 4	ROBERT I. GEORGE	...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal on these beautiful bells since being recast by the Croydon Foundry. Captain F. E. D. Ackland sat in the church during the ringing of the peal and congratulated the band on the striking throughout. The band wish to express their appreciation of this gentleman's hospitality on this and previous occasions.

**BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Hallows,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES**

Tenor 10 cwt.	
FRED ABBOT...	...Treble
CHARLES SHARPLES...	... 2
THOMAS B. WORSLEY...	... 3
ARTHUR HAGUE...	... 4
JOHN POTTER	... 5
TITUS BARLOW	... 6
WILLIAM TAYLOR	... 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal in the method on the bells and in the Fylde district. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. Sharples for their hospitality after the peal.

**NORTHAMPTON.**  
**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

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

J. C. DEAN...	...Treble	W. ROGERS	... 5
W. E. ATTERBURY	... 2	W. H. AUSTIN	... 6
H. RAINBOW	... 3	J. HENSMAN	... 7
W. R. PARKER	... 4	W. FAREY	...Tenor

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by W. FAREY.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Allen and Mrs. Tomlin, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

**DRAYTON, BERKS.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Vicar's Six-Part.		Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
H. R. COOPER	...Treble	F. S. MACEY	... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK	... 2	J. MONK	... 6
H. HOLIFIELD	... 3	G. CAUDWELL	... 7
A. E. LOCK	... 4	E. R. ROBEY	...Tenor

Conducted by J. MONK.

\* First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Caudwell, of the Manor Farm, Drayton, to whom thanks are accorded.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.**  
**THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.	
EDWARD GRINDALL	...Treble
SIDNEY C. ROWE	... 2
PERCIVAL WOODS	... 3
WILLIAM J. GROOM	... 4
WILLIAM C. REMSEY	... 5
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	... 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES	... 7
GEORGE S. ROWE	...Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM J. GROOM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest E. Grimes. First peal in the method by a local band for upwards of 20 years.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**  
**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, Oct. 24, 1921, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Saviour,

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

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
WALTER STEED	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	... 5
KEITH HART	... 2	ALBERT W. COLES	... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD	... 3	GEORGE B. LUCAS	... 7
WILLIAM PYE	... 4	REUBEN SANDERS	...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering.

**WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.**  
**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.	
BENJAMIN FOSKETT	...Treble
FREDERICK H. CROOK	... 2
GEORGE M. KILBY	... 3
EDWIN F. PIKE	... 4
THOMAS NEWMAN	... 5
HARRY KILBY	... 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON	... 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

**STAINES, MIDDLESEX.**  
**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
WILLIAM HENLEY	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	... 5
ROBERT J. CHAFFEY	... 2	JOHN H. PRESTON	... 6
CECIL C. MAYNE	... 3	KEITH HART	... 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	... 4	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD	...Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

\* First peal of Stedman with a working bell.

**SWINDON WILTS.**  
**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.	
JOHN HOLMAN	...Treble
ROBERT W. HYNER	... 2
TOM O'HARA	... 3
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	... 4
ERNEST BISHOP	... 5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL	... 6
SIDNEY PALMER	... 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES	...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 327). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal, now rung for the first time, was composed on Oct. 25th, 1883, and contains the 6th its extent in all positions, with all the 8-6-7's and 8-5's. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. E. Sykes, Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, and ex-Sergt. Joseph Williams, of Newent. The band desire to express their thanks to the steeple-keeper for having the bells ready for their use.

**NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.**  
**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**  
(CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	...Treble
GEORGE BESTER	... 2
JOHN ARMSTRONG	... 3
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON	... 4
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	... 5
HARRY MILLER	... 6
JOHN E. MILLER	... 7
SIDNEY WADE	...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

\* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Glasscock, Bester and Miller were elected members of the above Association previous to starting.



OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, 1921, in Three Hours,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Treble	*HUBERT J. CHAFFEY... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	*LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
*JOHN B. HESSEY ... .. 4	KRITH HART ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 5
*JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 6
*ERNEST W. LESLIE ... .. 3	EDWARD READER... .. 7
*WILLIAM SMITH... .. 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.) (THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. JOHNSON ... .. Treble	SIDNEY HOLT ... .. 5
FRANCIS W. NEATE ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 7
JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. First peal in a Surprise method by the Cathedral Guild, and believed to be the first in a Surprise method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALFRED WATSON ... .. Treble	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 6
†GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. 7
*GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

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

MERE, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MAJ. C. C. HUGHES D'ARRE Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6
EVELYN I. MOORE ... .. 3	CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. 7
HARRY S. PARSONS ... .. 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung half-muffled previous to a memorial service for the fallen. The Vicar provided tea for the band who deeply appreciated it.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Tuesday, October 4th, at Christ Church, 840 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. A. Hearle 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, J. H. Shepherd 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, S. Palmer 6, J. Holman 7, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 8. Also a plain course of Superlative Surprise Major.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY HARRINGTON... .. Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5
*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 3	*HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble	THOMAS BETTISON ... .. 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 2	FRED W. HILL ... .. 6
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... .. 3	ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... .. 7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... .. 4	SAM THOMAS... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER T. WILSON... .. Treble	JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5
TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 7
*PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal in the method.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 6
FRANK FOX ... .. 3	CHARLES COVENTRY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

NEW MILES, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED BARNES... .. Treble	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... .. 5
JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. 2	ALLAN S. GORDON ... .. 6
*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3	†JAMES FERNLEY... .. 7
*JOHN P. FIDLER... .. 4	FRED HOLT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. SYKES. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

† 50th peal and first of Major as conductor. \* First peal of Major.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble	EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 2	HERBERT PIERCY ... .. 6
CLAYTON PARNELL ... .. 3	*THOMAS BECKETT ... .. 7
JAMES BOUGHTON ... .. 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE GARDNER ... .. Treble	HERBERT SUMMERS ... .. 4
HARRY O. WHITE ... .. 2	CHARLES AYLETT ... .. 5
JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

HOLBETON, PLYMOUTH.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently, containing 70 Bobs 8 and 86 Singles. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE Treble	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 4
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... .. 2	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... .. 5
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 3	BENJAMIN MILLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT LUDKIN... .. Treble	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 4
WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 2	THOMAS RODGERS ... .. 5
JOHN COOKE ... .. 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and Mr. Joinson for making the necessary arrangements.

LONDON.  
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BARKING ROAD,

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

Being 720 each of Lincoln, York, Wells, Ipswich, London, Cambridge and Durham. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*PHILLIP H. AVERY ... .. Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 4
†GEORGE L. JOYCE ... .. 2	WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5
ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First Surprise Minor peal for the London County Association, and rung as a birthday compliment to the Secretary Mr. A. D. Barker. The ringers wish to thank the local band for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM WOOD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 4
ARTHUR LORCOCK ... .. 2	CHARLES TUMBER ... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

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

Being 720 each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS JENNION... .. Treble	EDWARD CADNCE... .. 4
GEORGE LUNT ... .. 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 3	JOHN ALLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday Oct. 29, 1921, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL, SEN. ... 4
ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 2	EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung in honour of the festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART. Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Conducted by the Performer. Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This is the 50th peal tapped on handbells by Arthur T. Morris.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1921, in Two Hours,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. HEAD,

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

Comprising one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*W. FAYERS... .. Treble	V. CORNELL ... .. 3
H. DAY ... .. 2	W. HEAD ... .. 4
†J. MARTIN ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by V. CORNELL.

Witness: MRS. W. HEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal on handbells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, Oct. 23, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES**

LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 7-8
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.  
Umpire: HENRY R. NEWTON.

MONKSHEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Oct. 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5028 CHANGES;**

R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 7-8
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

## A DEVONSHIRE HOLIDAY.

(Continued from page 654.)

Thursday was the only day we scored a double event, the journey to Bideford and Northam being made by twin cars, as the handy small charabanc does not appear to have yet arrived at Barnstaple. We thoroughly enjoyed an interesting ride, and were growing quite accustomed to the luxury of being picked up at our own door, and put down at the church door—we poor old church bell ringers can't afford it as a rule. On the way we passed a glaring example of the terrible waste of war—some dozen or so large steel vessels lying idle and useless, high and dry in the mouth of the Taw, all waiting for instructions to 'refit' for several years past. The scenery from Northam tower was most beautiful in the clear sunshine. Barnstaple Bay and Lundy Island on one hand, and the Devon Coast, Westward Ho! to Clovelly, on the other. The writings of Charles Kingsley, a good golf course and three peals of eight bells, have added popularity to the district.

At the former town, serious illness near the tower was almost the undoing of our peal, friends of the patient (an old choir-boy and ringer) wishing to stay the ringing. The patient himself would not allow the 'word' to go forth, and said he expected to feel much better when they had finished the peal. We peal hands found a note under the belfry door, from Mead, giving us instruction as to lunch at Bideford, and we afterwards joined the rest of our 'twelve' at Northam Church in the evening. Yesterday it was a case of the 'big 'un' on the little 'un'; at Northam we put the 'little 'un' on the 'big 'un,' for of such are the vagaries of making up an eight when over-stuffed.

The Rev. G. Payne Cook and the Northam ringers were eager to welcome us, and provided hospitality in the way of supper at the Vestry Hall after the peal. Much interest was taken in our visit, and a change ringing band is to be started locally as a consequence. Their kindness was likely to lead to a midnight dissolution of some 25 ringers, were not our chauffeurs impatient to return to their Barnstaple beds. Brief handbells, brief thanks to all, and away with a bright clear moon overhead, and a run of ten miles home.

On Friday we took train to Braunton, six miles along the north bank of the Taw estuary. There was some reluctance, to start for the peal, as these bells do not go of their own accord, and some time was occupied in seeing something of the church, the antique carved bench ends being very fine. Peal ringers do not as a rule go nosing about old buildings like a party of antiquarians—they can't afford the time. Stedman was rung for under the quarter-peal, and, with a bob missing, 'stand' came. Braunton prize men will have a poor opinion of half-pull, I fear, until another band go and finish off a 5,000. The bells are a good eight by E. Evans, of Cheltenham, 1713 (tenor 18 cwt.). An event occurred many years ago on this day, about which my father and mother failed to consult my wishes, but it allowed me the privilege of inviting my brother strings to drink my health, which they did with a plain snack at the adjoining house-of-call. Our leisure time, though unexpected, was happily spent blackberrying on the hills above the town, enjoying the summer-like weather, and the scenery, till two o'clock train time: Booking to Omerby Station—eight miles (the opposite side of our centre—we had to walk to High Bickington (three miles), our Beeston-Humber taking up his low gear, because half the distance has a 'rise' of about one in three. There was no 'bickering' about the gradient, every one had to just take it or leave it. There is no doubt of Bickington being high. On the top we were impressed by a wide view of the glorious country stretching away to Exmoor, some 18 miles distant.

We had a more comfortable job with the bells, as they were restored by Taylor quite recently. With regret we had to ask the local men to leave us to it, several wishing to personally 'watch' the peal through.

Our twin cars, booked in the morning to come out for us, were waiting at the only inn in the place, and our band was called out quick for another moonlight drive to the Staple town, keeping a sharp lookout for the bonny lasses and the wobbling Johnnies who had been 'so long at the fair.' Since lunch at noon we had had no meal, but ample amends were made at the Central with high supper and the pipe of consolation till midnight chimes (none too pleasing in tone) proclaimed the day was ended. I much appreciated the kind congratulations on my birthday peal from my companions. Each year I realise more and more that we shall be a long time dead, so don't delay harmony; don't subdue the Morris Tappers, please.

Saturday, the 17th, was 'breaking-up' day, when the best of pals, like the sixes, must part. We packed our bags (mine was not loaded up with heavy Birmingham jewellery for a makeweight, as it was last year), and settled up accounts, but, only half of the members caught the 8.50 G.W. up train from Barnstaple. The other half, having to wait till 10.30 a.m., watched the gilded trappings of disbanded shows from the fair being packed on to the trucks; and the weighing of the fat lady—17st. 13lb. We came away with several honours: such as a chat with the President of the Devon Guild (one of the hand who rang in the first six-score in the county at Kelly about 1865), the presence of six clergymen to take a rope with us during the week; and act

as chaplains, a handshake with the two men who rang Exeter Cathedral tenor for the first peal (the heaviest ringing bell in the world), the privilege of taking home six 'first peals on the bells,' all ringing records respectively. Our 'bag' was a modest seven peals—or one per day—but, happiness doesn't always grow at the rope end, nor at the bottom of a quart cup. The holiday was so much enjoyed that it was agreed another should be taken in 1922. Where, throughout all this 'ringing world,' shall it be? On behalf of those who made the tour I would like to say 'thank you' to all who helped it on by their kind co-operation.

W. H. F.

## DEATH OF MR. R. J. WILKINS.

### PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN BRISTOL RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death, at his residence, Woodland Road, Bristol, of Mr. Raymond John Wilkins, one of the best known and most respected West Country ringers. The sad event occurred on Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock, after a long illness, borne with much patience and fortitude. The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mrs. Wilkins and Mr. Arthur Wilkins (her son) in the heavy bereavement they have suffered.

It was in January last that Mr. Wilkins was first taken ill, and on medical advice was removed to a nursing home, but as he did not improve, he was, after a time, taken to his own home again, where he remained until just before Whitsun, when it became necessary to take him to the Bristol Royal Infirmary for an immediate operation. The prospects of recovery were, even then, remote, and he was conveyed to his home again about a fortnight later, and has since fluctuated considerably until, about three weeks ago, he took a decided turn for the worse, and despite all the skill that could be obtained and the unremitting care of a devoted wife, he passed away as above stated.

For more than 35 years Mr. Wilkins had been connected with ringing in Gloucester and Somerset, and he rang his first peal as long ago as 1887. This was one of Grandsire Triples at Upton St. Leonards, and appears in the first report of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Up to the year 1893 he had rung 39 peals for the association, and then occurred a break at the time he removed from Gloucester (of which city he was a freeman) to Bristol. At the latter city he took part with local ringers, who were not affiliated to the association in a number of performances, including a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary Redcliffe claimed, and at the time honestly believed, by the band to be the heaviest peal rung, single-handed. The tenor was reputed to be 52 cwt., as stated on two old peal boards in the tower. When, however, the bell was sent to Loughborough to be recast, it was found to be 39 cwt. only.

At the beginning of 1898 it would appear Mr. Wilkins again took up his membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and joined the band at St. Andrew's, Clifton. He rang four peals during the year, one at Gloucester and three at St. Stephen's, which Guild he also joined during that year. The last of these peals, rung on New Year's Eve, was his longest (7,023 Stedman Caters). This peal and the one of London Surprise Major, rung at Clifton Parish Church on March 29th, 1909, in 2 hours 34 minutes, Mr. Wilkins always declared could not be beaten, as they were perfect.

He kept no record of the peals he rang, and often said he did not want to ring a large number, but those he did ring he wanted good. Certain it is, that as a striker of a light or medium weight bell he had few superiors. His total for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was 183, the two last being London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Wilkins often compared the facilities for learning change ringing when he started, and at the present time. It was the usual thing, in his early ringing days, to start out early in the morning and return late at night, Sunday after Sunday, ringing being done at three or four churches round about Gloucester in the course of the day. Stroud, Painswick, Barnwood and Upton St. Leonards were only a few of the towers which he used to visit to get practice, and then it was usually only Grandsire. He considered beginners did not show the same enthusiasm for learning now that they did 30 years or so ago.

Mr. Wilkins did his share towards teaching others to ring, and especially was this the case during the late war, when many bands were sadly depleted. At St. Nicholas he was helping a young band every Wednesday evening up to the time of his illness. He was most regular and punctual in his attendance for Sunday ringing at St. Stephen's, seldom missing an attendance when at home. It is needless to say he has been missed very much, and his loss to the Gloucester and Bristol Association cannot be measured. Mr. Wilkins was widely known outside his home association, and with Mrs. Wilkins, who is also a ringer, had visited many towers throughout the country. He was a member of the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and always looked forward to the annual dinner of these societies; in fact, the social side of ringing appealed to him very strongly.

The funeral took place at St. Stephen's Church, on Wednesday, and there was muffled ringing at this church on Tuesday evening, and at St. Nicholas' Church on Wednesday evening.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new trebles which have been added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson to make a peal of twelve at Winchester Cathedral as a memorial to the members of the Winchester Guild who fell in the war, are to be opened to-morrow (Saturday), when, also, a memorial tablet will be unveiled.

There seems to be a likelihood that 'Remembrance Day,' Nov. 11th, will be widely honoured by ringers throughout the country, either by half-muffled peals or touches.

The peal that was rung on the 11th October, at Bedford, Suffolk, was rung for the Norwich and Ipswich Association.

Before the opening of Westbury bells, on Saturday, a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Bradford-on-Avon. The tenor here is 33 cwt., and has never been 'turned in.' Only one single-handed peal has been rung on the bells. Saturday's peal was lost half-way, through a change course, after 1 hour 40 minutes' splendid ringing. Nothing near half a peal of Major has ever been rung there before, and had it been finished it would have been a birthday peal to Mr. Joe Broadley, of 'the other Bradford.'

One of the very earliest peals of Grandsire Triples was rung on Nov. 5th, 1725, at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, and John Mite and Thomas Cornwall, who rang in this peal, took part also in another rung in the same tower in the year 1734.

As we mentioned last week, Nov. 5 is the centenary of the supposed first peal of Superlative, a 5,152 at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

On November 9th, 1742, the first eight bell peal at Coddenhullam was rung. It was 5,040 Bob Major by the Crowfield Society, in which the tenor was rung by Theodore Eccleston, the donor of the bells, who resided at Crowfield Hall, and upon whose estate the ringers were employed. Theodore Eccleston became a member of the College Youths in 1744, served in the office of Steward in 1747, and was Master in 1750.

The anniversary of the Yorkshire Association's first peal, rung in 1875, falls on the 9th. This was Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity, Hull, conducted by Mr. Charles Jackson, who has only recently passed to his rest. Whether there are now any survivors of that peal we are not sure. The ringers were: E. Prince, G. Harrison, T. Jackson, H. Jenkins, W. Southwick, C. Jackson, A. Hayward and H. Eastwood.

The regular practices of the London County Association are attracting good attendances, and the methods now include Cambridge and London Surprise. This, however, is not at the expense of the beginners, who received assistance in Grandsire and Stedman at all practices.

Mr. Morris has now tapped 50 peals made up of London Surprise 4, Kent Treble Bob Major 22, Bob Major 16, Grandsire Triples 11.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Monkseaton, Northumberland, on Oct. 6th, occupied 2 hours 49 minutes, and not 2 hours 39 minutes, as published in the report of the peal. The peal of Grandsire Triples, at Borden, Kent, rung on October 22nd, was Thomas Jull's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and not his first peal in the method.

## BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have noticed lately that the hanging of bells on ball bearings is becoming a practice, and I have wondered several times whether these bearings will stand the test of time, as well as the old-fashioned plain bearings made of hard gun metal. I have rung on several peals of bells hung on ball bearings, and have certainly found that they 'go' perfectly. I have also, however, found the same result with bells hung on plain bearings, as witness some of the heavy tenors in London and the country. My only doubt on the question is of durability, and as I think such a point is of interest to ringers generally, I trust you will pardon me trespassing on your space.—Yours faithfully,  
A. SMITH.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting should have taken place at Bramley, but owing to the bells being out of order, the Birstall band and the Vicar and churchwardens kindly allowed the society to hold a meeting there, and it proved a very successful one. Members were present from Ossett, Horbury, Armley, Lightcliffe, Leeds, Tong, St. Chad's, Headingley, and the local company. The president (Mr. Peacock) took the chair at the business meeting, and eleven new members were elected, which is believed to be a record since the war.

Ringings on the tower bells started about 4.30 p.m. and continued, with short intervals, until 9 p.m., the methods being Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Handbells were also rung freely in both Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman, etc.



**DEATH OF MR. W. W. GIFFORD.****CLOSE OF AN INTERESTING CAREER.**

A large circle of ringers will read with the keenest regret of the death of Mr. William W. Gifford, formerly of Salisbury, who died at Blackford, Somerset, on Friday last, after a protracted illness. One of the safest of ringers and finest of strikers, Mr. Gifford, who was born in 1858, was well known in the South and West of England, for he had toured through many counties, often in company with some of the best ringers in England, in pursuit of his hobby of ringing. For a great many years Mr. Gifford was connected with the Wilts and Dorset Bank at Salisbury, and, while there, he proved himself one of the mainstays of change ringing in the diocesan association. Altogether he had rung over 400 peals, many of them Grandsire with struggling bands in out-of-the-way towers. But the Surprise methods were also within his scope, and his peal list included Superlative, Cambridge, and, we believe, London.

It is a pity that Mr. Gifford has not left us a book of his ringing reminiscences, for few men were richer in anecdote or had had wider experience in the 'backwoods' of ringing. The stories he had to tell and his manner of telling them made him extremely entertaining company, which was the more striking by contrast with his bearing when ringing. He was never more happy than when giving an impromptu lecture on the art of method ringing, or the importance of striking to a company of local listeners outside a country tower, while some band of expert ringers was inside at the ropes, and had he drawn upon his store of recollections, the Exercise would have had a book to read and laugh over, and read again.

A member of the College Youths, and of half a score or more of county and diocesan associations, Mr. Gifford's interesting ringing career was brought to an end by failing health. He retired then to the Somerset village of Blackford, but slowly became a complete invalid. Then he had a seizure, and for more than a year had lost the use of his limbs and power of speech, while latterly he became nearly blind. In view of these afflictions death has been a happy release for this once splendid ringer, but the Exercise is the poorer for the loss of a great exponent of the art of good ringing.

**SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****EAST SUFFOLK BRANCH FORMED.**

A preliminary meeting to arrange for the formation of an East Suffolk branch was held in Ufford Church Room on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The Rev. E. A. Cooke (Vicar of Pensehall), presided over a meeting, which, owing to the storm, was only just over 30 in number. It was decided, on the proposition of the Rector of Bredfield, to form an East Suffolk branch. Pleasure was expressed that at last ringers of Suffolk were allowed to decide this matter for themselves. After having had a Diocese of their own for over seven years, it was quite time they had a Ringers' Association of their own without having to be under an obligation to another county or diocese.

The Rev. Canon Douglas-Hamilton, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was elected chairman of the branch; five members were elected to the committee pro tem.; and the Rev. H. Drake was asked to continue as secretary for the present.

A new rule was proposed admitting junior members at half subscription.—A proposal to allow towers to compound for all their members was discussed, but postponed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Framlingham on November 12th. Over 30 members were elected.

On Saturday, October 15th, the first monthly meeting of the Suffolk Diocesan Association was held at Monk's Eleigh, when ringers assembled from Finborough, Hadleigh, Bildeston, Great Waldingfield and Lavenham, and the local tower. The ringers were welcomed by the Rev. Northcote, and the first touch was 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1. K. Whittell 2. T. Reed 3. H. Lister 4. A. Keeble 5. A. Symonds 6. This was the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 2nd and 4th. It was followed by 720 Plain Bob, by: H. Whymark 1. F. Turner 2. W. Stiff 3. H. Lister 4. S. H. Symonds 5. G. Golding 6; and another touch of Plain Bob, with J. Euston (Finborough) 2nd, Messrs. Symonds (2). F. Turner (from Lavenham), Whittell and Lister (Bildeston), Reed (Hadleigh), Golding (Great Waldingfield), were present, and it is over 20 years since a Bildeston ringer has rung a 720 of Treble Bob.

**MANCHESTER P.C.s' QUARTER-PEAL.**

At the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 55 mins., on the back eight of the heavy ring by a band composed of members of the Manchester Police Force: P.O. W. Spicer 1. P.C. G. Pye 2. P.C. W. Bilinge 3. P.C. J. Turner 4. P.C. J. Carter 5. P.C. J. Wilson 6. P.C. F. Page (conductor) 7. P.C. G. Barlow 8.

The record of a peal at Stoke Golding has been forwarded without the name of the conductor.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Southam, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringers were present from Allesley, Coventry, Exhall, Stoke, Rugby, Nuneaton, Warwick, and the local band, and received a very hearty welcome from the Rector, who described some of the chief features of interest in the church, and, at the service, gave a very interesting and instructive address, which was much appreciated.

Tea was well served at the Black Dog Inn, after which the business meeting was held. The Rector being unable to attend owing to a previous engagement elsewhere, the chair was occupied by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts).

Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and Erdington, were put forward as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Erdington was carried by a large majority.

It was unanimously resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr. James George on his 700th peal achievement.

It was also resolved that the best thanks of the members be accorded the Rector of Southam for the use of the bells and his address, and to Mr. E. G. Berry for making arrangements for the meeting.—Mr. Berry, in reply, hoped his efforts had been successful, and he should be happy to do all he could for the Guild.

Messrs. Pryce Taylor, John Oldham and Harold J. Poole, Arthur Rowley and Fred Hill, elected in the towers of Monks Kirby and Stoke Golding respectively, were duly elected non-resident ringing members of the Guild.

The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich.

**PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.****A RECORD OF PROGRESS AT NORBURY, CHESHIRE.**

Three new panels have recently been added to the existing three panel board in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire. The material for the new portion was provided by the present ringers, and made by Mr. J. W. Hartley (also a ringer), the Vicar, curate and wardens defraying the cost of painting. This is the third extension which has been made, the original being the top centre panel, recording a 'Date Touch' rung in 1897, two other panels being added at a later date. The present board shows how the art has been developed at Norbury.

The 'date touch' consisted of 457 Plain Bob and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The last peal, rung on April 9th, 1921, was seven 'spliced' 720's, which included no fewer than 19 methods.

The enlarged board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, B.A., B.D.), on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, in the presence of a large number of friends, and past and present ringers, the Rev. A. O. Waggett (curate), the Vicar's warden (Mr. Walter Lund), Mr. J. W. Thompson (hon. secretary to the Church Council), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild), being among those present. The ceremony opened with a brief service in the church, at which the Vicar gave a very interesting address in keeping with the occasion, after which all proceeded to the belfry, where the formal dedication took place, the 'veterans' ringing a course of Kent Treble Bob.

A substantial tea was provided by the present ringers, to which full justice was done, the visitors being entertained afterwards to a little tune ringing on handbells, and also a little change ringing. After a course of Grandsire Doubles had been brought round, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Fernley, junr. 1-2. J. Fernley, senr. 3-4. J. P. Fidler 5-6. W. Fernley 7-8, to show the marked difference between six and eight bells. The proceedings were terminated by further ringing on the tower bells.

On Sunday, the following 720's were rung: For morning service, 720 St. Werburgh; for evening service, 720 Crowland: H. Hallworth, junr. 1. J. P. Fidler (first in the methods) 2. W. Fernley 3. H. Langley 4. J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5. J. W. Hartley 6.

**RINGERS' WAR MEMORIAL.****UNVEILING AT SELBY ABBEY.**

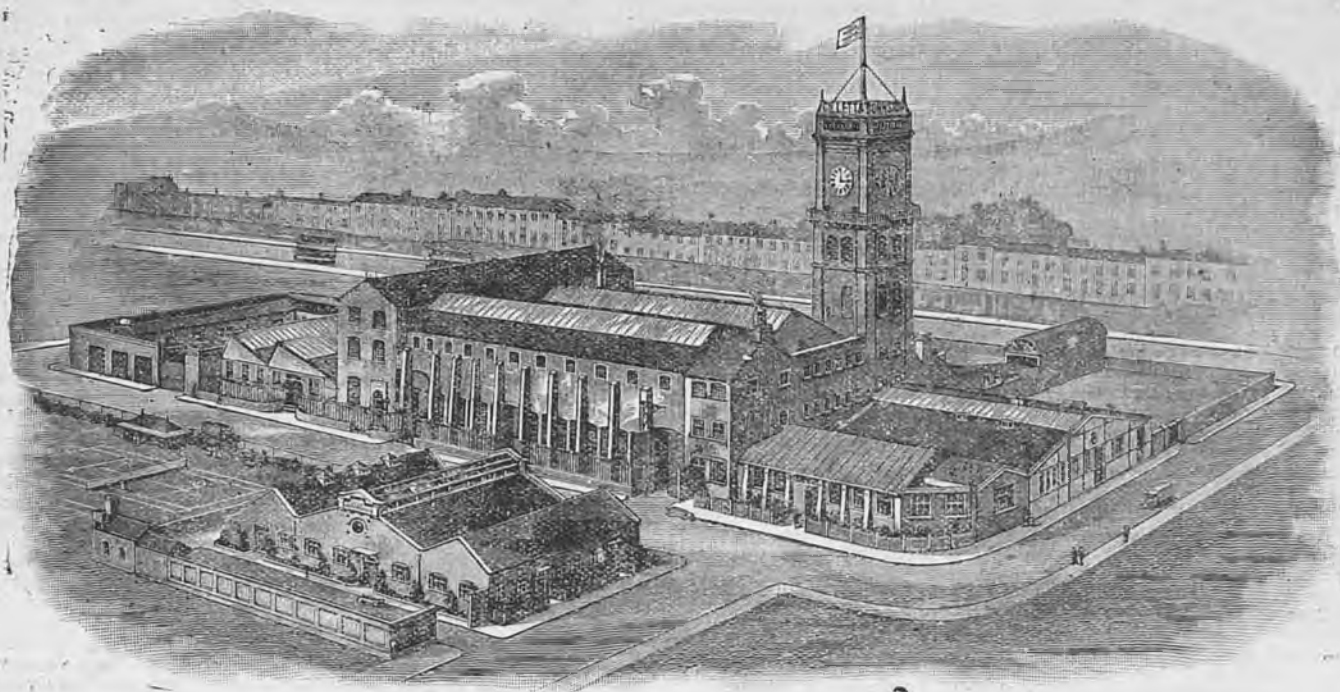
A tablet, which has been placed on the wall of the North Transept of Selby Abbey, close to the tower door, was unveiled by Mr. F. Cryer, captain of the Abbey bell ringers, and dedicated by the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., at choral evensong, recently. The tablet, which is of Portland stone, with black marble background, has two enamelled plates let in, one with a cross in the right-hand corner, and another with the regimental crest in the left-hand corner, and bears the following inscription:—

To the proud and loving memory of Pte. John Morley, 22nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action in France 26th August, 1917, aged 19 years. At rest in the British Cemetery, Hargicourt. Erected by his brother ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service. There was a large congregation, including ringer friends from Arksey, Doncaster, Hemmingbrough, Huddersfield, Hull, Pontefract and York.

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### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT AND THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. The bells were raised at 5 p.m., and touches in various methods accomplished. A bright service was held at 5 p.m., the organist and choir boys helping it greatly. The Rev. O. C. Gosselin (hon. member) officiated, and gave an address from Psalm iv. 6, 'There be many that say, Who will show us any good?'

Tea followed at St. Luke's Institute, Mr. W. Chisholm Simpson (churchwarden and hon. member) presiding. Thirty-six sat down, but fifty names had been received. Unless members come after sending or send when coming, the hon. secretary is afraid that this part of the proceedings will have to be cancelled, as it is neither fair to the caterer nor to those responsible for the arrangements.

At the business meeting, two non-resident and four practising members were elected, and St. John's, Deptford, was selected as the place of next meeting.

The District Secretary read his annual report, which was adopted. Mr. T. Groombridge, sear., was re-elected district secretary; Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery were re-elected district representatives.

A motion for a silver collection towards the war memorial was lost. A discussion ensued on the subject, it being pointed out that this seemed to be the only district doing anything towards the memorial, and the representatives were asked to bring the matter forward at the next committee meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and choir boys for their services, and to the chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close. The tower was again visited in the evening.

### DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. TO HONOUR REMEMBRANCE DAY.

A successful meeting was held at Thorne on Saturday, Oct. 29th. About 30 members were present, representing nine towers, and touches in the Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of in the Mission Room, and was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. G. Halksworth) who also took the chair at the business meeting, at which the following resolution was carried unanimously: 'That this meeting recommends that all peals of bells in the Doncaster district should be rung half-muffled on Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, in memory of all those who died for King and country during the great war.'

A vote of congratulation was accorded the Conisborough ringers who have rung their first peal. It was decided that the society should attempt to ring a peal every three months, and it was left to the Ringing Master to make all the arrangements.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local band for providing tea, and to Mr. Halksworth for his services in the chair.

Some of Thorne bells are very old, the tenor having been cast in 1671; and on account of their antiquity it is not surprising that some of them are sadly out of tune. The belfry is approached from the inside of the church by way of a massive wooden spiral staircase. Such staircases as this are to-day very uncommon. Hung in the ringing chamber is a small bell known locally as the 'Paneske Bell.' It is not, however, used now. There is no founder's name or date on it.

### DEATH OF A BATTLE RINGER.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the death of Mr. Frank Muthis, of Battle, Sussex, who passed away at the age of 63 years. The deceased had but a short illness, being confined to his bed only three days, death taking place on Oct. 15th. He had been parish clerk and vergor for 32 years. Owing to his duties, and health in general, he was debarred from taking part in more than three peals, but he was one of the band that rang the first peal by the Battle Society, on Nov. 12th, 1892. Out of the eight that took part in that peal, only four are now living.

The funeral took place at the Battle Cemetery on Oct. 19th, the first part of the service being conducted at the Parish Church. In the unavoidable absence of the Dean of Battle, his brother, the Rev. William Francis, officiated. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, and on the way to the grave the bells were rung in the 'triumph.'

The deceased who was secretary to the Battle band for many years was one of the first to join the Sussex County Association when it came into being in 1894-5. His loss will be keenly felt, as he was always in his place both at practice and Sunday ringing.

**MARKET DEEPING.**—At the Parish Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 9th, for morning service, 216 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 240 Cambridge Surprise. For evening service, 240 Bob Minor, 360 Single Court. After service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Palmer 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, J. Landon 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. The other ringers who took part were A. Riggall, J. Freeman and H. Holmes.

### PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Morris' reply is just what I expected, nothing but lame excuses. He may think he is clever in ignoring the suggestions of writers to prove his ability, but he is making a great mistake. It is up to him to prove to the Exercise that his claims of ever having tapped a peal are justified, and ignoring Mr. Keeble's offer and going back to Bob Major looks bad. Folk do not as a rule go backward—'forward' is generally their motto. I do not think I am wrong when I say Mr. Morris has never tapped London Major in the presence of a London Surprise Major ringer, and, until he does, a certain amount of doubt will exist. It is a difficult job to properly umpire a tapped peal of London, and I have no hesitation in saying that there are not more than twenty ringers living to-day who could do it. It is much more difficult than umpiring an ordinary handbell peal, as the performer hides your view of the bells, and you would have nothing much but your ears to guide you, and the best place would be in an adjoining room. I took part in one double-handed peal of London, when one of the umpires was outside, but he was a ringer of exceptional ability.

Mr. Morris says I know nothing about tapping. I know as much about that as he does about ringing London double-handed, and as regards his last sentence about paying his own fare, he must remember that he put forward as an excuse that he was only a humble workman, and that was why this generous offer was made. I was not aware that I was an Essex Association official, and as he reminds me about what I ought to know it shows what little interest he has in the association, not even to know who the officials are. As regards his resignation, that has nothing to do with me; he must please himself about that. He says I insulted him. I told him the truth, and that has done to him what it has done to many a one—offended him. Now, Mr. Editor, as regards your so-called sporting offer, which I have no doubt you put forward to try and 'choke me off,' I am quite willing to put my knowledge of tapping against Mr. Morris' calling of a peal of London from an inside pair of handbells.

I must have a word with Mr. J. Parker. He has been up against me for years, and never loses an opportunity of having a personal 'dig' at me. He speaks of the sorry figure I cut when I rush into print, and about my defective memory. Perhaps I have, but I can keep in my head his doings since he came this way. It may be argued that I should not introduce personalities, but as he has made a personal attack on me it is only fair that I should point out that in my opinion his attitude is one of jealousy. After he threw in his lot with the Middlesex Association, he was quite content while he could be first in the field, but when I called the first peal of London for the association in the county it turned the frying pan over, and he has been dead against me ever since. Mr. Parker picks me up over my first peal of London. I never said that none of these men had ever rung a peal. One of them had rung a peal several years before, but I challenge Mr. Parker to show me where this ringer had ever rung a peal of Cambridge. The other member was in neither the Superlative nor the Cambridge, and only came into the band when we started for the peal of London, and, if he had been to Brighton, and elsewhere, to practise, he was the weak member of the band, and had not benefited by his experience. We were certainly novices at Surprise methods. Mr. Parker asks if I can point to a footnote showing a local Surprise peal. I cannot, because I am not so fond of footnotes as he has been, although I have rung a double-handed Surprise peal with local men, and at the tower with which I was connected for a good many years, if we generally had an outsider or two in a peal it was not because we could not do without them; it was due to unselfishness. Our door was always open to visitors, and many appreciated it and rang their first peals in different methods. We did not do as he has done, almost forbid members to ring a peal with anyone else. As long as men put in their best work while they are with me, I do not care who they ring with. According to Mr. Parker's talk, I have never done anything for ringers; but has he done what I have done, travelled 75 miles after a day's work to teach ringers Surprise methods, and that many a time? He talks about my scouring the British Isles for men to mount my pedestal. If I have done so it has been at my own expense. If I should live to an age, when I am beyond active ringing, I shall be able to look back with pleasure to the happy hours I have spent among ringers in various parts of the British Isles, and not upon the unpleasantness I have caused among ringers and association officials.—Yours, etc., W. PYE.

We regret that we have been compelled to excise some portions of Mr. Pye's letter, not because we did not wish him to have the fullest scope for his reply, but because the consequences of an infringement of the law of libel may fall upon the publisher as well as upon the writer.

As the letters which we are receiving have now got beyond the subject originally under discussion, it is time to add: 'This correspondence must now close.'—Ed. 'R.W.'



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for the evening service, at St. Paul's Church, Bath Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, Wm. Lawrence 2, C. Tricker 3, H. Folkard 4, A. Price 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, J. Milner 8.

**MARKET DEEPING.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 30th, for evening service, 720 of Double and Single Court (spliced): J. London 1, W. Tilley 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, E. Wright 4, W. A. Day 5, G. Wells 6. First 720 of these two methods (spliced) by all the hand.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On Oct. 30th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Barker 1, A. Shuffelbotham 2, G. Schleuter 3, H. Emery 4, H. Redgwell 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.

**ST. MARY'S, ILMINSTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Novell 1, Charles Gummer 2, David G. Taylor 3, Harry Bungay 4, Victor Crabb 5, Walter Coombes 6, George Sibley (conductor) 7, Harry Raison 8. Composition by Shipway. Incidentally it was the 20th birthday of the elder daughter of the conductor who conveyed the ringers' congratulations.

**PENSHURST, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Banks 1, A. Reader 2, M. Lambert 3, E. King 4, O. Baker 5, H. Seal (conductor) 6, P. Denton 7, H. Baker 8. For evening service, a quarter from Holt's Original was lost near the end through a miss-call.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Holderness 1, W. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, H. F. Morris 4, W. Sear (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Whitehead 8.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.** On Sunday, Oct. 9th, for harvest festival morning service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: J. Heasman 1, A. Belton 2, W. Leigh 3, W. G. Bull 4, E. Leigh 5, A. Lewis 6, J. W. Steddy (conductor) 7, E. Collison 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Heasman (conductor) 1, R. Jenner 2, O. Eastman 3, W. Leigh 4, E. Leigh 5, T. Wallis 6, J. W. Steddy 7, A. Belton 8.

**BOREHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 9th, the anniversary of the death of the late Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Yonge, with the bells half muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: S. E. Edwards 1, A. Joslin 2, A. Edwards 3, W. Allen 4, A. Church 5, J. Roote 6, H. Edwards (conductor) 7, S. Setch 8.

**ALVERSTOKE.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Nobes 1, C. Barron 2, W. Wheeler (conductor) 3, F. Barron 4, F. Nobes 5, A. Noble 6, E. Noble 7, G. Gunston 8. Also 112 conducted by F. Barron. After service, another 336 of different calling to the first.

**LINCOLN.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter-at-Archies Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., by the following ringers attached to the church: C. McGuinness 1, R. Chester 2, L. Snell 3, A. R. Chester 4, C. B. Chester 5, G. C. Almonds 6, H. L. Pask (conductor) 7, M. Marcon 8. This is the first quarter-peal away from the tenor for the ringer of the second.

**CIRENCESTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, W. J. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. C. Cuss 4, J. Butler (conductor) 5, H. T. Gardiner 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

**SIBLE HEDINGHAM.**—For the harvest festival, on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: N. Vagg 1, Lewis Wiseman 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, R. Rayner 4, F. Wiseman 5, S. Hale (conductor) 6, A. Bowell 7, W. Cross 8. For evening service, 504

Grandsire Triples: N. Vagg 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, B. Pettitt 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hale 5, A. Wash 6, S. Wilding 7, W. Cross 8.—On the previous Thursday, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples; on Sept. 29th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): N. Vagg 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, H. Cooper 4, B. Pettitt 5, F. Wilkin 6, A. Wash 7, W. Cross 8.

**HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.**—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, 1,440 Minor, being 360 each of Kent Treble Bob, Collego Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob: J. Spearman 1, T. Martin 2, S. Robinson 3, A. Spearman 4, J. Masters 5, R. Parkinson (conductor) 6.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Sadler 1, A. Shuffelbotham (conductor) 2, H. Bowers 3, G. Melbourne 4, H. Redgwell 5, G. Lidlridge 6.

**HORLEY, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Sherlock 1, A. Bull 2, A. Songhurst 3, S. Kenward (conductor) 4, P. Etheridge 5, G. Hollingsbee 6, F. Sadler 7, W. Hunt 8.—At the opening of the festival on the previous Friday, 1,200 Bob Minor, conducted by G. Ilman.

**NORTH STONEHAM.**—For harvest festival, on Oct. 2nd, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, W. G. Edwards 2, G. Williams (conductor) 3, W. G. Rowe 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Marks 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.—On Oct. 9th, for evening service, a course of Cambridge Surprise: also two courses of Double Norwich and a course of Kent Treble Bob: O. Giles, R. Brown, G. Pullinger, W. U. Rowe, C. J. Fray, W. G. Edwards, W. T. Tucker, G. Williams (conductor).

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering: D. Phillips 1, C. Bone 2, C. Baker 3, W. Watson 4, J. Jarvis 5, E. Riseley 6, J. Dale (conductor) 7, H. Grimwood 8.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.**—For evening service, at the Church of St. Vigor's and All Saints', 720 Bob Major, in 25 mins.: E. Webb 1, J. Stalley 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, J. W. Ward 5, A. Page 6, C. M. Patten (conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE.**—At St. Matthew's, for afternoon service, on harvest thanksgiving Sunday, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Smith 1, J. E. Ashcroft 2, E. Jenkins (conductor) 3, L. Bostock 4, J. Wilson 5, J. Davenport 6. Longest length on the bells and by ringers of 4th and 6th. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Taylor 1, S. S. Jenkins 2, E. Bostock (1st 720) 3, I. Bostock 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5, J. Davenport 6.

**BLAXHALL.**—At St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Smith 1, W. Smith 2, A. A. Ling, junr., 3, J. Smy 4, A. Ling, junr. (conductor), 5, A. Smith 6. At Benhall Church, in the afternoon, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: Fredk. Whalting (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling 6; and 720 Bob Minor.

**SAXMUNDHAM.**—For evening festival service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Whalting (conductor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Avis 3, J. Smy 4, A. Smith 5, A. Ling 6. For morning service, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Flemings 1, W. Drew 2, J. Avis 3, F. Whalting (conductor) 4, H. Phillips 5, G. Hardy 6.

**HARLOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Mary's, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. Parish 1, H. Perrin 2, F. Bird 3, W. Hobbs 4, C. French 5, B. Copping 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, E. Rixon 8.

**BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 25th, for harvest festival, 1,260 of Doubles (comprising Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Myall, E. Self, G. Self, J. Ford, T. Ford, C. Cook, J. Spalding, J. Spence, J. Larter.

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## NOTICES.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. The Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) and the local ringers invite members to tea, and the undersigned would be glad to hear from all who intend to accept the invitation. The bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, will be available for ringing from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bredon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Bells: Bredon (5), Bredons Norton (6).—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Nov. 5th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members who can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints', Ryde, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock.—W. Upton, Hon. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Glodwick on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Memorial to Fallen Ringers.—The two new treble bells, by Gillett & Johnston, recently added to the peal of ten at the Cathedral, Winchester, will be opened on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 2.30. The tablet containing the names of 42 fallen members will be unveiled at 3 o'clock. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea in Guildhall at 5, to be followed by District business meeting. All ringers heartily welcomed.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards in the school. All ringers invited.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 2 p.m.

Service at 4. Tea at 4.45 (1/3 per head). Business meeting. More ringing.—H. Miles, Hon. Sec., 'Cargen,' Victoria Road, Oxford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices on Mondays at 7.30 p.m.—St. John, Wilton Road, S.W., Nov. 7th; St. Clement Danes, Nov. 14th and 28th; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Nov. 21st. Sundays at 10 a.m.—St. Clement's, 1st and 3rd; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th; St. Magnus on Nov. 10th and 24th; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Nov. 15th (election of officers); and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Nov. 17th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above District will be held at Milton-Ernest on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45, business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Nov. 7th? All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Next meeting at Bromham on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All wishing to attend tea please let me know as early as possible.—H. F. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 to 8.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. —Kitcat). Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for 5.30 for those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walkden on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available, 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Estab. 1637).—The 284th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8/6 each, from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young, or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. The towers of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, Idol Lane (8 bells), St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10 bells), and St. Giles, Cripplegate (12 bells) will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the Schoolroom.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to Sec. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—East Suffolk Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Room, Framlingham, on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 3.15. (Bus leaves Ipswich at 1.30, arriving at Framlingham at 3.10.) Will ringers (including round ringers) wishing to join send names now? Subscription for 1922, 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Business meeting as usual.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 12th, by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst). The bells will be available for ringing from 3 till 8 p.m. Will members please note that Double Norwich is 'on the agenda'?—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on November 12th for election of district officers and other business. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Rev. J. A. Evans. Tea will be provided at the Club, room, 1s. each, to those only who send me notice not later than Monday, Nov. 7th.—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due, viz., 1/6 instead of the usual 1/-. A good attendance requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 21, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Please notify me on or before Nov. 7th how many intend to be present from your Tower.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The November meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral Church of St. Peter on Sat., Nov. 12th. Twelve bells from 3 o'clock.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells, Holy Trinity (8), and St. Nicolas (10), available at 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicolas' Church at 4.30, when an address will be given by the Rev. Canon Cooke-Yarborough, Rector of Puttenham. Tea at Brett's Restaurant at 5.30. Business meeting after, followed by a social evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hill Crest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Alveston (6 bells), and Almondsbury (8 bells), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m., Alveston. Tea 1/6 at 5 o'clock. Almondsbury ringing to follow. Please notify Branch Sec. by Nov. 7th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Mayfield on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend to be present kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The Annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas Room, Newbury, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringers intending to be present kindly notify the Rector, Newbury, on or before Nov. 14th. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—E. M. Thorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The Central Committee will meet in the Rochester Cathedral Choir School on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at 4 p.m.—Fred W. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 19th. St. Michael's Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Cottage, to be followed by business meeting. Sixpence allowed towards tea to all members informing me by Sat., Nov. 12th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at St. Paul's Church, Wood Green, Wednesbury. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Guild Service in church at 4.30 with an address. Tea (at a nominal charge) and meeting will be held in the Church Institute. Will those who require tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, latest?—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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The keenest friendly rivalry between these two societies was manifest in Kent on October 14th, when two peal attempts were made, a band of College Youths being collected together for Swanscombe for Stedman Triples, and of the Cumberlands for Double Norwich at Northfleet. These two towers are not a mile away from one another, and both starts were made for 4 o'clock. The various members, all ringing friends together, met previous to starting at Northfleet Station, and wished each other success. Fred Mitchell piloted his band across the fields to the beautiful peal of eight at Swanscombe, and Mr. Sergt. Jimmy Bennett led his band in full marching order to the tower at Northfleet. The Cumberland Youths were represented by the aforesaid Jimmy Bennett and Fred Richardson from Chatham; George and Harry Wilson and Bill Dudley from Prittlewell, Essex; Teddy Barnett, senr., Crayford; Bert Audsley, Dartford, with Jack Cheesman, Greenhithe, as conductor. The Collegers were Alan Macdonald, Jimmy Walsom and Horace Belcher from Ealing; Will Harper, Swanscombe, the 'eternal' youth, Ex-P.S. Jack Avis, Reuben Copelin and Fred Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend, and 'Grandpa' Haigh, of Rochester Cathedral, as conductor. Both peals of bells were set going true to time, 'that's all' being called at Northfleet at 7, to be followed 17 minutes later at Swanscombe, which was rather a slow peal, but the ringing was perfect, and well upheld the traditions of the ancient society. The conductor at Swanscombe consoled the band on the slowness, that there were some 'old crows' in it. Both bands were heartily congratulated on the ringing by those that had gathered round to listen. After limited refreshment, the London contingent were seen safely in their train, Alan promising them a feed of crab sandwiches upon their arrival home. The remaining members of the bands met at the new Tradesmen's Hall at Northfleet, and an hour was devoted to conviviality, mirth and melody. The true spirit of friendship prevailed, the handbells were brought into use by members of the Northfleet band who had joined the ringers, and a course of Grandsire Caters by F. Mitchell 1-2, R. Smith 3-4, F. Richardson 5-6, J. H. Cheesman 7-8, W. Haigh 9-10, was rung. Jack Avis' policeman's song was enjoyed, and Fred Richardson was in humorous mood. Honours were easy at ringing, singing, and handbells, and Mr. Percy Clark, of Ealing, in congratulating the Cumberlands on their peal on behalf of the College Youths, said that on the day's run there was only one thing that his society would admit defeat on, and that was the 'oiling.' Altogether a very successful time was spent, and at the conclusion Mr. Cheesman offered as a suggestion that the two towers be reversed at a future date, the Cumberlands to ring Stedman at Swanscombe, and the College Youths Double Norwich at Northfleet, and this was agreed upon. The promoters are to be heartily congratulated upon arranging such a unique performance, and long may the true spirit of rivalry prevail, and spur the members of the two societies on to higher achievements. It is interesting to note that nearly the whole of the ringers were members of the Kent Association.

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