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WANTED: COUNCIL FOR CARE OF BELFRIES

There is a Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; there is a Central Council for the Care of Churches. The former carries great weight with the latter and with all Diocesan Advisory Boards; indeed, except for the purely ecclesiastical element, members of the former, we believe, predominate on the latter. The Central Council for the Care of Churches is an official body, and its findings govern the issue of faculties in something the same way as the rulings of the Court of Appeal settle the findings of the Courts below. Can we not have some similar organisation for the Care of Belfries? We shall, of course, at once be told that this is part of the function of the existing Council; that its supervision covers the tower and bells as well as the rest of the fabric and its contents. That may be so, but the supervision is too one-sided; it is too much confined to 'don't' and too little to 'do.' What we want in connection with our belfries is an authority with more power to enforce the execution of really needful repairs.

In every diocese there are cases to be found of real neglect—despite all that has been done in recent years in the way of belfry restoration—neglect which the local authorities themselves would refuse to tolerate in any other part of the church, neglect not merely of the bells themselves, but often of the general arrangements in the tower. But it is to the neglect of that valuable church property, the bells, that we are here chiefly concerned. However ruinous the condition may have become, there is no power to compel necessary work to be carried out, and while Rural Deans and Archdeacons may occasionally make formal representations, it is seldom anything comes of these recommendations—usually because there is so much else that requires attention. The absence of money is always an effective answer to ecclesiastical pressure.

We would like to see a Central Council for the Care of Belfries set up which would have power to investigate complaints of serious neglect in towers and call for estimates of the work necessary, and when that has been done to discuss with the Central Council for the Care of Churches any schedule of other repairs needed in the church in question. An order of priority could then be arrived at, and no faculty granted for any restoration work outside the priority schedule until the schedule had been completed. That would remove any chance of prejudicing the carrying out of any other really urgent scheme, but it would scotch the old trick of delaying bell restoration 'until we have got a new organ,' or 'until we have reseated the nave,' when the organ is a perfectly useful instrument and the seats capable of another fifty years of use.

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Of course, all this is far too 'advanced' for average ecclesiastical thinking; it savours too much of Mussolini or Hitler, but it will need something like it before some of the clergy and parochial authorities will be brought to a sense of their responsibilities. There are scores of towers left with derelict bells and no ringers simply because there is no means of compelling the execution of essential restoration. We believe more could be done than is now accomplished by Rural Deans and Archdeacons, but few of them know much of the subject of bells and the upkeep of a tower. Failing our suggested Central Council for the Care of Church Belfries, whose duties could be carried out by the Ditto Ditto Churches—if they were given the power and would exercise it—ringers might do well if they brought extreme cases to the notice of the responsible Rural Dean or Archdeacon.

TEN BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR,

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ADAM DEAS 6
*JOHN ANDERSON 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 2	GEORGE HOWCHIN 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 5	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Royal 'inside.' First touch on ten bells by the ringers of the second and third.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. BRITTAIN ... Treble	JACK BRAY 5
*HERBERT I. MINGAY 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY 6
STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 3	*GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
*GEORGE W. MOODY 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Grimsby.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.	
*JOHN S. FULFORD Treble	*WILLIAM A. ROMAINE ... 5
WILLIAM T. T. DANIELL ... 2	WILLIAM SHUTE ... 6
†FREDERICK C. SMITH ... 3	FRANK W. ROMAINE ... 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	*EDWARD QUINTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. ROMAINE.

* First peal. † First on 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY PLATT Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
IVAN KAY 2	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 6
HARRY MELLOR 3	HERBERT BARLOW ... 7
FRANK LAWTON 4	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by H. PLATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. V. Sykes.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	JAMES BETTS 5
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by P. O. BIXLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

A birthday compliment to Messrs. Poppy, Betts and Rumsey, also to Geo. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, who was to have taken part but was prevented from doing so by the sudden illness of his daughter. The ringers of the 2nd is 82 years of age.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.	
ERNEST F. CROWDER Treble	GEORGE E. RAWLINGS ... 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 6
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 3	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ... 7
JOHN FOSKETT 4	ARCHIBALD F. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

First peal by Ernest F. Crowder (14 years of age) and John Fokett. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Hilda Gertrude Whatley to Edward Harold Bland (a member of the St. John's, Deptford, Ringers' Society).

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
CHARLES WEBB 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by C. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Dowding, who kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON ... 6
ALFRED T. FOULTON ... 3	JOHN J. WEBB ... 7
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 4	WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	JOHN W. WARD ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 2	ERNEST G. BAILEY ... 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Messrs. White, Bullen and Bailey, who belong to Coventry, Langley and Stockport respectively.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
*FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 50th peal. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Miss Margaret Pack.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH Treble	JAMES H. SPENCER ... 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 2	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 6
†GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... 3	JACK STUBBS ... 7
WALTER COPPERWHEAT ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Ringers of 3 and 5 are local, treble man is from Anstey, the rest are from Raunds, Northants. The Raunds men wish to thank Mr. I. J. Wade, of Anstey, for making all the arrangements connected with this peal.

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MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 2	*HERBERT E. READ 6
WALTER C. MEDLER 3	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG 7
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed and conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Major. Miss Angwin and A. S. Roberts are from Truro, and S. E. Armstrong from Brighton.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is the 14th tower the conductor has 'circled.'

WALKDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble	WILFRED J. MOSS 5
JOHN POTTER 2	† FRED DUNKERLEY 6
*STEPHEN PARRY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
THOMAS JONES 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

EDWARD G. TALBOT Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
RONALD H. DOVE 3	TONY PRICE 7
*GEORGE L. GROVER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal on eight bells.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	FRED DUNKERLEY 5
THOMAS JONES 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	CHARLES OLLIER 7
*EDWARD F. MAWBY 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
JOHN W. WARD 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOSEPH WAGBORN, JUN. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

SCUNTHORPE, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST BRITAIN Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY 5
*MRS. J. BRAY 2	WALTER AYRE 6
*GEORGE W. MOODY 3	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7
*FRANK LORD 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First of Cambridge Major as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ARRANGEMENT OF H. COOPER'S ODD BOB AND SINGLE TWO-PART (C. VARIATION). Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	JAMES S. HOITCHBY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This variation is now rung for the first time.

ECCELES, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, ☐

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED J. MOSS Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	THOMAS JONES 6
WILFRED HALLIWELL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE W. STEEL 7
GEORGE W. SLACK 4	HAROLD WALKER Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method on the recast bells. Arranged for Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT HEAZEL Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
*CHARLES STREET 2	BERTRAM HINES 6
ALFRED RAINBIRD 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
HAROLD PENNACK 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Harry Turner, one of the local ringers.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR ALFORD Treble	W. GLYN SHAW 5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS 2	CHARLES L. SADLER 6
REV. C. CAREW COX 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... Treble	JAMES GROUNDS 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	TONY PRICE 5
*MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6
ROYDON DAVIES 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 4	EDWARD G. TALBOT Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 5
*WALTER E. PRIDDLE 2	JACK ROY 6
†ALBC A. WALKER 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG 7
WILLIAM A. SIVIER 4	SYDNEY PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First away from tenor. † First peal. The trebleman's 100th peal for Association.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
HARRY WINGROVE 4	CRCIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

A birthday compliment to Master R. Welling, of Old Windsor, son of the ringer of the 5th.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	WILFRED WILLIAMS 6
KEITH HART 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

FELSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
AMBROSE MASON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
CHARLES W. BURTON 3	*JOSEPH WOOD 7
ALBERT WIFFEN 4	GEORGE GREEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First in the method as conductor. The monthly peal for the division. Rung on the 57th birthday of W. Lincoln, who afterwards kindly entertained the band.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Pro-Cathedral of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY J. TUCKER 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
ERNEST G. WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Chichester. The tenorman is from Cranbrook, Kent.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	GEORGE KING 4
*FRANK ROLF 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by W. GORRINGE.

* First of Minor. First of Minor for the Guild.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JOHN E. ALLEN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, who were on holiday in Lincolnshire.

BARLEY, HERTS.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Grandsire and 480 Oxford Singles, twice repeated.

WALTER CHAPMAN Treble	WILLIAM A. TACK 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	FRANK HAYES 5
WALTER MANSFIELD 3	VICTOR G. LEE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

Rung with the bells fully open (by special request) to the memory of Mrs. William Howard, who passed away on December 8th. Mrs. Howard was the mother of Mr. Robert Howard, president of the Herts Association, 1932-33.

CASTLE BROMWICH, BIRMINGHAM.—On August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by: J. L. Stokes 1, J. Wilkinson 2, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 3, H. Brown 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, E. Smith 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6, and first by a local band.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS E. M. P. FETHERS ... Treble	WILLIAM GAYES 4
JOHN WORTH 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK 5
STANLEY NOBLES 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal and first attempt by the treble ringer. She is to be congratulated on the way she handled the bell throughout the peal. She is 14 years of age.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MRS. PEILLIS HUMPHREY ... 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

WEST DEEPING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) York and Durham, (2) Primrose and Norfolk, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Norwich, (5) London, (6) Hull, (7) Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN E. ALLEN Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
*MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	†CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in ten methods. † First Surprise peal in ten methods. Believed to be the first Surprise peal in ten methods in which a lady ringer has taken part. A birthday compliment to Mr. James H. Mussom.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 13, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8
*GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Witness: Mrs. W. Ayre.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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

On Monday, August 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp

WALTER AYRE 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Saturday, June 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,792 Superlative Surprise Major in 1 hour 5 minutes: J. D. Harris 1, V. E. Swift 2, G. E. Bassett 3, J. Topp 4, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 5, R. Swift 6, F. S. Bayley 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. It was intended to ring a peal, but, owing to the 6th rope becoming frayed, the bells were called round.

RINGERS v. POLICE.

ANOTHER ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT BOLTON.

On Saturday last Lancashire ringers, their wives and friends again took advantage of the invitation of the Bolton Borough Police by visiting their bowling green and athletic ground. The weather was ideal, and an added interest was a wonderful pageant held by the local hospital in the same grounds. It was the finest pageant ever held in the town, but the bowling green was reserved. It was here that battles were fought over again, and old scores wiped out.

The president of the association (Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.) sent an apology for his absence.

During the evening a 'free and easy' social was kept going until nearly eleven o'clock. A concert party, arranged by ex-P.C. Hayhurst, assisted by Miss A. Potter, and touches on handbells provided the entertainment.

Mr. John Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Police for their kind invitation. In replying, Mr. Hayhurst extended a further invitation to the winter quarters later on in the year.

A SUSSEX VILLAGE RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. H. W. JONES, OF RINGMER.

By the death of Mr. Henry William Jones, the band at Ringmer, Sussex, has lost one of its oldest and most respected members. Mr. Jones passed away recently at the age of 63 years, after a long illness, patiently borne.

Mr. Jones was one of a young company formed at Ringmer Church well over forty years ago by the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was then assistant curate of the parish. Under this expert tuition excellent progress was made, and Grandsire and Stedman ringing was mastered. Then came Mr. Davies' departure, and ever afterwards that village band had a dour struggle for existence. Mr. Jones and Mr. Charles Painter were then, and remained through the years, the backbone of the little company—unable to do much change ringing unaided, but seldom failing to maintain a Sunday service band. Of a reticent, almost shy, nature, Mr. Jones was a safe ringer in the methods he knew—just one of those content to do his own bit to the best of his ability.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' salutes the passing of an old friend and early mentor.

The funeral took place on Friday week, when the coffin was borne from the house to the church by bellringers: Messrs. C. Painter, A. Carpenter, J. Geall and E. W. Geall. The Vicar officiated at the service, and referred to Mr. Jones' Christian characteristics and his faithful service to the church as ringer and sidesman.

The bells were rung muffled in the evening.

THE FOUR STROKES OF AN OUTING.

A MERRY BRISTOL PARTY.

On Saturday, August 12th, a merry party set out from SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, Bristol, at 1.30 p.m., for a short tour in Somerset. The first stop was Wymall Church, where the party was met by Mr. H. C. Windsor, and some touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung on the excellent peal of eight there. The feminine element of the party was particularly pleased about the 'go' of the bells, one damsel remarking, 'I could ring this bell for a week.' However, time would not permit too long a stay, so on to Backwell, where another stop was made for a ring on the fine peal of six (tenor 19½ cwt.) to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire, after which the Vicar of Backwell, the Rev. H. S. Urch, an old acquaintance of several of the party, took part in some rounds, in which the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, also took part.

By this time everyone was feeling a trifle 'peckish,' and the inner man and, of course, woman too, must be attended to, so the journey was resumed with 'Old Sol' still in attendance to Weston-super-Mare for tea, after which the party split up for a while, some to sun themselves on the beach or stroll on the 'prom' and view the mud, while one spark went for a swim. Everyone satisfied, the nose of 'the old bus' was turned toward Clevedon, where a very enjoyable hour's ringing took place. Grandsire and Treble Bob Major were brought round, and another 'peal of rounds' in which the ladies had to show the mere men how to ring the back bells. However, all good things come to an end. Time was getting on, and bidding 'Au Revoir' to Clevedon, the homeward journey was commenced, broken only by a short stop at the pump, or, to be more correct, the Bristol Hotel, and a very welcome stop, too, after such a hot afternoon. Then 'up in the cart' for the last time, accompanied by the faint aromatic odour of 'fish and chips,' which seemed to hang about in the vicinity of a certain elderly lady of the party with the austere countenance, who seemed to be trying to conceal a suspicious-looking parcel. Bristol was reached eventually, and so ended a delightful afternoon of handstrokes, backstrokes, crawl-strokes and sunstrokes, and the St. Philip's ringers take this opportunity of thanking those in charge at the various churches, who helped to make the trip such a successful one.

PINNER BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Mr. Plummer in 'The Ringing World' of August 10th about a half-muffled peal at Pinner, the tea rooms he speaks of are right underneath the tower, and have been the source of the chief objections to ringing since pre-war time, as the bells hit them hard.

In Mr. Plummer we have a man with a musical training and an alleged 'ear,' sitting under the bells for at least half an hour, and unable to recognise a common octave! The method was Stedman Triples, not Major, and was a slow, well-struck peal. I rang the seventh and Cecil Mayne the tenor. These are the sort of people whose word is sometimes the deciding factor on bells and ringing, as they have 'a musical ear' (P).

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 19th, at the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex, the marriage took place of Miss Mary Beckwith, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beckwith, of Coggeshall, and Mr. Partridge, of Braintree. The following ringers met at the church and rang 608 Double Norwich as the bridal party left (the church: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, A. Mason 2, C. W. Burton 3, F. Claydon 4, F. Ridgwell 5, W. Elliott 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, D. Elliott 8. The bells were also 'fired' three times. Afterwards 576 Kent Treble Bob was rung. The Rev. F. Pickford (Vicar) officiated at the ceremony.

The ringers were most hospitably entertained at the residence of the bride's parents. They desire to express their cordial thanks for the hospitality, and wish the bride and bridegroom long life, health and happiness.

WEDDING OF WOOLWICH TOWER SECRETARY.

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Woolwich, on Monday, August 7th, of Mr. Cyril Palmer and Miss Winifred Crussell. The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Grey, assisted by Rev. P. Rodeck, with Mr. Robert G. Sales at the organ. Mr. Stanley G. Harris, of Woolwich Central Old Boys, ably carried out the duties of best man.

Mr. Cyril Palmer has been tower secretary of St. Mary's Church for the past five years, and the following ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Triples: Messrs. H. Finch, J. Lamb, H. James, J. Dafters, A. Rowe, T. H. Culver, B. W. Aldridge, E. Thraves.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTERN DIVISION.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brightling on Saturday, August 12th, when about 25 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), St. Leonards, Ringmer, Rotherfield, Mayfield, Battle, Heathfield, Frittenden, Kent, and members of the local band.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by the Rev. Canon J. C. Le P. Hatten, Rector of Dallington, who gave a most interesting address.

Tea was served at the Church Room, and at the business meeting which followed the Rector of Dallington occupied the chair and was made an honorary member of the association.

Mr. W. Franks proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Dallington for so kindly taking the service and for presiding at the tea and meeting, and also to the Rector of Brightling (the Rev. A. H. Huxtable) for the use of the bells and for providing such a splendid tea.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going until eight o'clock.

FINCHLEY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**PRESENTATION TO MR. W. WEBB.**

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, of Finchley, an attempt was made on Saturday, August 19th, for a peal, but unfortunately this came to grief. However, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the occasion.

Mr. Webb has been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mary's Church, Finchley, for 57 years, and during that long period has never once missed taking part in the Christmas ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb kindly entertained the local ringers and several ringing friends at their residence, and during the evening a silver bell inkstand, suitably engraved, was handed to Mr. Webb from the local band.

PEAL RINGING.**AN ALTERNATIVE OCCUPATION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At last somebody has had the pluck to ask whether peal ringing should be abolished.

My answer is emphatically Yes! Perhaps the men would be able to be useful on a Saturday afternoon and evening, instead of rushing away directly after dinner and coming home last thing at night, pleased at their efforts of torture upon the public.

A RINGER'S WIFE.

John Taylor & Co.**LOUGHBOROUGH.**

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent seeks information as to whether there is any Sunday service ringing in Jersey?

Two interesting weddings are shortly to be solemnised. At the Cathedral, Guildford, on Saturday, September 2nd, Mr. Charles H. Kippin, of Beddington, the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, is to marry Miss Jessie Melville, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melville, of Guildford. Mr., Mrs. and Miss Melville are all ringers.

On September 7th, at St. Martin's Church, Dorking, Mr. Alan Roy Pink, Dorking, who is at present attached to the staff of the Midland Bank at Eton, is to marry Miss Elsie Cleve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleve, of Dorking.

ANCIENT V. MODERN BELL HANGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mr. Trollope's letter this week referring to heavy bell performances in the 18th century. It made me turn back to the interesting comparison in your issue of July 28th (headed 'Ancient and Modern Bell Hanging') between the fittings on Bow bells as they were and as they are now.

These bells previously hung in the old style plain bearings, and all but one on wooden headstocks, whereas they are now all in ball bearings and iron headstocks, and very nice they look.

Notwithstanding the old-style methods, Bow tenor was turned in single-handed to London Surprise Major by Mr. Bob Newton, and to Treble Bob Major a few years ago by Mr. Chas. Kippin (neither of them heavyweights). Southwark tenor, also on plain bearings, was turned in to Superlative Major by Mr. Bob Newton, and was rung by Mr. Peck to the record peal of Stedman Cinques, in which I had the honour to take part. St. Paul's tenor (plain bearings) was turned in to Cambridge Maximus single-handed by Mr. Peck. I also know of an instance when a well-known London ringer pulled up the whole twelve at Bow single-handed previous to an attempt for a peal.

In reviewing these performances and those mentioned by Mr. Trollope, I cannot help being impressed by the great skill of some of the older bell hangers. It is a point one is apt to forget, and it sets me wondering—will it be as easy to turn in, for instance, Bow tenor to a peal of Major under its modern conditions.

One very seldom hears of bells hung on plain bearings in these days, and I am thinking it will soon become one of the lost crafts. I know that ball bearings are a very nice job. They get over the trouble of lubrication, keep out dirt, and are clean, but it all sets one thinking.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM HIBBERT (YOUNG BILL).

Reading.

SUNDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Is it not time some protest was made against Sunday peal ringing? I can scarcely conceive any occasion when a peal rung on Sunday does not break the spirit of the Lord's Day—a day of rest and peace. It is possible that some great national or Church celebration might justify a Sunday peal, if the commemoration were clearly and unmistakably associated with that day. To me there seems no other justification for a Sunday peal.

To utilise the day as merely another opportunity to add a peal to already glowing lists far outweighs, in my opinion, any 'excuse' that can be put forward, while to do so in the course of peal ringing tours, such as that which has recently taken place in the North, has nothing behind it but selfishness and the gratification of personal vanity. When Sunday is one of nine days available for peal ringing, and peals are to be attempted at the rate of two a day, why need these men deny themselves a full day's rest at the beginning of the most strenuous period of their tour and rob the inhabitants of the most prized hours of peace in the whole week? We may be told that the Church authorities readily welcomed the ringers, said they were pleased to have them there, or even asked them to come. That makes no difference to my point of view. With a programme that included eight other days' ringing in fifteen other towers I say that a Sunday peal in the circumstances is peal ringing and tower grabbing gone mad.

The ringers on that northern tour carry distinguished names; I hope they will pardon my outspoken remarks. I don't suppose I shall be far wrong if I say that this particular peal was arranged without any thought for the fact that it was Sunday beyond the consideration that it was necessary to fit it in between the services, but I suggest that men who are in a position in the Exercise in which they are looked up to for leading, should be careful of the example they set. I hope we shall read of no more Sunday peals, especially on tours of this kind.

OBSERVER.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the under-mentioned band: T. E. Thurland (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Hurrell 2, C. A. Bines 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. J. Lamb 5, G. Rawlings 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, G. Kilner 8.

OLD WINDSOR'S BELLS.

A CENTURY OF PEALS.

The 100th peal on the bells was recently rung at Old Windsor, Berks. It is, in a sense, a milestone in the history of the bells, and some particulars about them will probably be of interest.

The earliest records of St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, say that in 1184 the church was connected with Waltham Abbey, the Abbot being Rector of Old Windsor. The actual date of the building of the church is not, however, known, but certain extracts show that there was a church many years before that date.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, OLD WINDSOR.

The first reference to bells appears in the churchwardens' account book of 1774.

Expences on going to Oxford and Salisbury
and carrying old bells and bringing new
ditto from Longford from bell founders ... £6 18 9
Smith's bill for ironwork in tower ... £7 5 0
Bell founders' bill ... £175 6 6

Edward Lawrence, John Close, Churchwardens.

Up to that date it is not known how many bells hung in the tower, but from 1775 until 1872 there was a peal of five by Thos. Swaine. A treble was added by Mears and Stainbank in 1872 as a thankoffering for the recovery of the Prince of Wales (King Edward VII.) from serious

illness. The bells were not only unmusical in 1890, they were also in bad order, and it was decided to tune and rehang the whole peal, also to add two trebles and so complete the octave, the treble being given by the Rev. J. H. Hindson (Vicar of Wraysbury, and late curate at Old Windsor), himself a ringer. The second was given by Mrs. A. H. Moore in memory of her husband. The old third was recast. The work was entrusted to the Whitechapel firm, and the result was the pleasant peal of eight that hangs in the tower to-day. The same firm again rehung the bells on ball bearings in 1927.

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
Treble.	4	1	21.	
II.	4	3	24.	
III.	4	2	21.	
IV.	5	1	0 (approx.).	Thos. Swaine made us
V.	6	0	4 (approx.).	all five in 1775.
VI.	6	3	0 (approx.).	Thomas Swaine cast
				me 11th day of January, 1775.
VII.	8	1	0 (approx.).	
Tenor.	11	2	21 (G).	

The first peal on the bells was rung on December 22nd, 1890, after the dedication, and some well-known names appear in the record. It was Thurstans' 4-part peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lawrence 1, J. E. Hearne 2, A. Andrews 3, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 4, Rev. F. E. Robinson 5, W. Napper 6, R. Flaxman 7, Rev. G. F. Coleridge tenor. The thermometer, it is said, registered 5 degrees Fahr., and persons passed freely in and out of the tower from the body of the church during the peal.

Situated in the extreme corner of Berkshire, joining Bucks and Surrey, with Middlesex only a mile away, Old Windsor has figured in three ambitious feats. On April 27th, 1901, a band of College Youths rang three Surprise peals in one day: London at Old Windsor, Berks, conducted by J. N. Oxborrow; Superlative at Wraysbury, Bucks; and Cambridge at Staines, Middlesex. Again, on April 24th, 1905, the same society rang three peals of London, one at Old Windsor, one at Wraysbury and the other at Isleworth, while on April 13th, 1914, a Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Pye, rang the last of four Surprise peals in one day, the other three being at Egham, Chertsey and Staines.

It was at Old Windsor, too, that the ladies rang their first peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Miss E. K. Parker (now Mrs. Fletcher).

The following is the list of peals rung in the tower:—

Grandsire Triples	43
Stedman Triples	19*
Oxford Bob Triples	3
Bob Major	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	3
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major (Spliced)	1
Superlative Surprise Major	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1
Painswick Surprise Major	1
Lincoln Surprise Major	1
London Surprise Major	6
Bristol Surprise Major	4

Total ... 100

* Included first by a band of ladies and one non-conducted peal. In all, 31 conductors have shared in the calling of the peals. Mr. William Welling has for many years had these bells under his care, and all those who have visited the belfry must appreciate the attention which he bestows upon them. He has rung in 69 of the peals, conducted 34, and took part in the one non-conducted.

DOUBLES.

THE SPLICING OF EXTENTS.

A few weeks ago we printed the results of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's investigations into the splicing together of extents of Grandsire Doubles by inserting into one extent other six-scores produced from a reversal of the rows. By this means an infinite variety of callings was obtained, each composed of complete extents welded one into the other.

Mr. Lindoff extended his investigations into Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles, and he gives below some of the results.

BOB DOUBLES.

This method allows little scope for splicing extents, and only one example appears worth considering, that of 360 spliced with bobs.

2345
3524
3542 —
5234
2453
4325
4352 —
3245
2534
5423
5432 —
4253
4235 —

Twice repeated.

This, started at a different lead, each time gives eleven extra variations.

STEDMAN DOUBLES.

This method, like Bob Doubles, must be spliced by calls.

The following are examples of reversed extents spliced into forwards, giving 240's, the notation being the number of sixes which separate the singles.

240's.
1 5 10 5 9 10
2 5 10 5 8 10
3 5 10 5 7 10
4 5 10 5 6 10
5 5 10 5 5 10
6 5 10 5 4 10
7 5 10 5 3 10
8 5 10 5 2 10
9 5 10 5 1 10

By starting each one at their different sixes some three hundred and forty are obtained, giving 81,600 changes. Below is given the 5.5.10.5.5.10.

23145	240. Continued.
34251	25341
34512	25413
41325	51234
41253	51342
15423 S	14523
15234	14235
53142	43152
53421	43521
32514	32415
32154 S	32145 S

Repeat.

One example, I think, worthy of special mention is that of 1.5.10.5, nine times repeated, giving 1,260 changes. Here are two parts:—

23145	240. Continued.
34215 S	34521 S
34152	42315
45321	42153
45213	25431
51432	25314
51342 S	51234 S
14523	51342
14235	14523
43152	14235
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'THE IDEAL CONDUCTOR.'

'MOST DISCUSSED' MUSICIAN SAYS IT IS THE BELLRINGER.

In the course of an article in the 'Daily Mirror' on 'This modern music,' Igor Stravinski, described as 'the most discussed musician in Europe,' says that the ideal conductor is the bellringer.

'The aversion which I feel,' he says, 'from sensational conductors explains my attitude to musicians who wish to interpret my works.'

'A conductor who conducts in a sensational manner—that is to say, who capriciously alters the "tempo"—imagines that he is expressing the feelings of the composer whose music lies before him.'

'Actually, his interpretation is quite different from the original feelings of the composer.'

'People have often cited my saying that the ideal conductor is the bellringer. The man who pulls ropes that set bells in motion—for example, the famous Bow bells—has no immediate idea of what is taking place at the other end of the ropes. He cannot influence either the tone or the rhythm of the bells.'

'The music lives in the bells and is not born of the expressive power of man. For that reason, the bellringer seems to me to be the ideal prototype of conductor who has not to depend upon his own feelings.'

'It is the same with individual performances in orchestra.'

'For some time I had intended replacing the four pianos by four pianolas for my cantata, "Noces," because this technical instrument has complete musical precision and is not influenced by any nervous musician!'

FINCHAMPSTEAD RINGING ROOM IMPROVED.

PINE PANELLING AND NEW SEATS.

A pleasing ceremony took place on a recent Sunday evening in the ringing chamber of Finchampstead Church, when the Rector, Rev. R. D. Weller, M.A., dedicated the new work lately carried out to make the ringing room more comfortable and worthy of the fine tower and ancient church. The Church Council generously defrayed the cost of the work, which consisted of panelling all round the walls in Oregon pine 5ft. high, thus eliminating the contact with the white-washed wall when the ringers are seated after ringing. The uncomfortable forms have been removed and seats fixed in the recesses of the walls, thus giving more room as well as comfort. A table has also been provided, made from the old oak frame which was taken out when the bells were rehung some years ago.

The Rector was accompanied to the belfry by the churchwardens and the builders who carried out the work, and before the dedicatory prayers thanked the ringers (all young men) for their painstaking and consistent service to the church.

The Foreman (Mr. W. J. Paice) thanked the churchwardens and Church Council for their interest and generosity. The churchwardens remained for the ringing for evensong, and expressed their pleasure and interest in the ringers' work.

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Any part can be reduced to six changes by omitting the calls in that part. Each part-end comes into the plain course in regular order, and can therefore be brought round from any part-end.

It can likewise be started at different six ends, giving a number of variations.

I might state that it consists of nine and a half reverse extents spliced into one forward extent.

THE SPLICING OF GRANDSIRE AND STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to see the articles by 'Quick Six' in your two last issues, as I spent some time a short while ago experimenting with Spliced Doubles. There is one 'snag' in splicing Grandsire and Stedman which he does not mention, however; that is, that as in Stedman the single is made at the back and in Grandsire on the front, it is impossible to get a six-score exactly half of each. I found it possible to get over this by changing method just before the single, then both singles come at the back or both at the front. As two or three rows at the half-way single are the same, whether Grandsire or Stedman, it runs out quite true.

I found that Plain Bob and New Doubles can be rung in alternate leads, as can also Union and Grandsire, as 'Quick Six' points out.

R. D. St. J. SMITH.

Heanor, Nottingham.

WESTMORLAND AND CUMBERLAND.

JOTTINGS OF A RAMBLE AMONG THE FELS AND THE BELLS.

BY W. H. F.

O Christ, be Thou our strength, for though the day be long,
For old and young the bells at length must ring to evensong.

KENDAL HISTORY.

It was my privilege to make one of the party joining in what has recently become known as the 'Bennett Annual,' and having made a few notes during the week I beg to submit some of them, briefly, for the approval of our editor. A list of 17 towers was announced in 'The Ringing World,' of which 'ventures' 13 were successful, as recorded in the peal columns last week, three lost and one abandoned. To avoid the crowded 'Lakes Express' at mid-day the advance party from the London end left Euston at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, August 4th. This necessitated a change at Crewe, where they were placed in the wrong part of the train and were almost despatched, at Carnforth Junction, to Barrow-in-Furness. The new summer holiday tickets issued by the railway companies were a great boon to us. There was a certain amount of dressing to be done at the end of the journey, as we had removed our coats owing to the heat wave. Kendal was duly reached at five o'clock by the same train we had planned to avoid. Troubles are sent to try one, and the next disappointment was the absence of Messrs. E. Jenkins, of Bradford, Leslie Morris, of Leeds, the former having injured his hand at work that morning, and the latter called away on urgent duty at short notice. The other members of the team having safely reported themselves, it was decided to ring Major in a ten-bell tower for the want of another mate.

KENDAL CHURCH.

Some day this handsome building may be the Cathedral of the diocese of Westmorland. It measures 140ft. long by 103ft. wide, and is reputed to be the third widest church in the kingdom. It can seat upwards of 1,500 people. There are double aisles on either side of the nave, the four rows of Early English columns, with tall, pointed arches, forming a most graceful interior, beneath the timbered roof, with hammer beam trusses. Readers who have seen Abingdon Church, Berks, have only to place its campanile at the west end of the nave to find its resemblance to Kendal.

The local guide tells us: 'There is a peculiar charm about an ancient parish church. It occupies a large and prominent place in the outward life of those who live within sight of the tower and within hearing of its sweet-toned bells. It lights up memories of days long passed away. There arise unbidden in the mind pictures of the comings and goings of generations of parishioners of whom no record now remains, save on chiselled gravestones, in many cases moss-grown or undecipherable. It is not many country towns that possess a church at once so striking and with so many claims upon the affections of its people as Kendal Parish Church, which stands on the fringe of the town near the riverside. It catches the eye at once as something out of the common. There is nothing quite like it in England. Its prototype may be seen, however, in the Church of St. John of Jerusalem at Rome.'

Last year we rang a bell used for the 'Devil's knell,' and I have fondled the bell at Shrewsbury marked with the Devil's claws. On the walls of Kendal Church hang the helmet and sword of 'Robert the Devil,' of Belle Isle in Lake Windermere, who came on horseback to the church on Sunday in quest of his enemy, Col. Briggs, and, not finding him, hastily rode out again and struck his head against the arch of the west door. His helmet was knocked off and has since been kept in the church. Scott has made use of the tradition in Rokeby, and historical lines have been recovered from tradition, entitled, 'Dick and the Devil.' A brass tablet let into the floor tells us that Ralph Tiler, late Vicar of Kendal, died A.D. 1627:—

'London bred me, Westminster fed me,
Cambridge sped me, my *sister wed me,
Learning brot me, Kendal caught me,
Death oppressed me, and Grave possessed me.'

* Found him a wife.

A very notable list of Vicars exists, commencing from the year 1190. It is known that the first Baron of Kendal made a grant of the tithes of his estates in Westmorland to St. Mary's Abbey at York, subject to the Abbey making provision for the due performance of divine service in the churches, including Kendal.

In 1848 Mr. Crowther, a prominent Manchester architect, by invitation of Vicar Barnes, visited the church, and was shocked at its condition. He described it as 'presenting about as melancholy a spectacle of neglect, ruin and irreverence as the imagination could conceive.' The following year saw the beginning of a great restoration, which occupied two years, other sections of the spacious building being restored in 1860 and 1868.

In Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' appears a view of the Kendal ringers standing in their original bell loft, the floor being level with the sill of the west window. A doorway—cut from the stairs, now used to reach the new and higher room—is still left in its old place, its well-worn stone threshold reminding one of the old Kendal pioneers of change ringing in the North of more than a century ago. The men and their belfry—and the jug—have gone for

good, but very interesting facts are preserved that tend to prove the old adage that Jack could take his fill as steadily as his master, and perhaps carry it better.

Local chronology mentions:—

1089.—There was one dark day when the people of Kendal were assailed by a Scotch Army, with Duncan, Earl of Fife, at the head, who entered the town and put to death a large number of the inhabitants who had fled to the church for protection.

1232.—An indulgence was granted for the restoration of Kendal Church, which had been allowed to fall into ruin.

1302.—Robert de Wessington, a direct ancestor of President Washington, is mentioned in a grant of land.

1517.—In the Will of W. Parre, dated November 7th, 1517, he wills that a Gilt Cross be given to the Parish Church of Kendal.

1553.—Sir Roger Bellingham at his own proper cost and charges built the Chapel of Our Lady within this Church of Kendal.

The old sanctus bell of this chapel is now in the tower in use. It is a pre-Reformation casting.

1576.—The Aldermen, Burgesses and 24 Assistants of this Burgh shall be ready to accompany the Alderman, before or at the time of ringing the third peal, to the Church, both morning and evening Prayer.

1584.—It is ordered that butchers shall close their shops and cease to offer flesh for sale after the ending of the third peal of bells on Sundays.

1653.—Some leading Quakers came to Kendal Church and pretended they had a commission to pull down the steeple.

1658.—There were five bells in the steeple at this date.

1688.—Henry Hunter, who had been sent by Mr. Braithwaite and the Mayor to stop the bells ringing, was assaulted by the crowd and knocked down in the churchyard.

1699.—Many would tarry at home rather than go to the church.

1745.—The Scottish Army marched thro' Westmoreland. At Kendal they halted over the Sabbath and attended divine service in the Parish Church. The news of their approach frightened the Vicar away, and his place was filled by the Grammar School master.

1745.—During the same year, on the Rebels' retreat from Derby, combatants who were killed or died from their injuries were interred in Kendal Ch'yard near the river. A public subscription provided the stone to commemorate the event.

KENDAL BELLS.

A ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. 13 lb., was supplied by Pack and Chapman, of London, in 1775; the trebles were added in 1816 to commemorate the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo, the treble being known as the 'Nelson' bell, and the second as 'Wellington.' Subscriptions by the townspeople were promoted by Nathaniel Wilson, who took part in the first peal on the old octave in 1796, and by direction of Thomas Strickland, aldermen, and other leading townsmen, with a committee appointed by the vestry of the parish, and Thomas Symonds, D.D., the Vicar, as chairman.

With reference to the original ring of six, the first three were removed in 1775 to Crosthwaite Church to make room for the six new bells, and the two smallest of these were 'casten' in 1695 by Christopher Hodson, bell founder, in the ancient bellhouse, at Kendal, demolished in 1790. The aforesaid Nathaniel Wilson was reputed to be one of the first scientific ringers in the North of England, and usually did the conducting or 'bob calling.'

At a vestry meeting, September 29th, 1790, it was agreed that the buildings in the churchyard called the Bell House be removed, and the slate and timber be sold and the moneys arising therefrom appropriated to erecting 'new seats' in the middle cross-aisle of the church.

In 1658 mention is made of the five bells and certain ropes, but in 1695 the treble or fifth bell being casually cracked, it be 'recasten' and a sixth bell is to be added.

On behalf of our party I would here mention that our headquarters for two days was the 'Waverley' (Miss Braithwaite) close by the church, where the frequent bus service from Leatherfield Bridge was of great assistance during our stay. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jennings not only planned our route but kindly gave us a welcome on arrival, and a 'send-off' when we left the county.

Musicians will be glad to know that the 'organist' is remembered. At Kendal Church the list from 1708 gives four in succession, putting in 53, 31, 47 and 31 years' service respectively. The Braithwaite who wished to stop the bells was Mayor six times. The John Jennings, who rang the tenor to the first peal in Kendal, was a forefather of the present leader at Holy Trinity, and our 'mascot.'

'A quaint old town, with venerable church,

Around whose tower in solemn harmony

The cawing rooks would flap their dusky wings;

The sunbeams lingered on the grassy mounds

And danced upon the ancient moss-grown tombs.'

(To be continued.)

THE PEAL AT EGREMONT.

Mr. G. W. Tembey, of Cleator, writes that the footnote to the peal rung at Egremont is not quite correct. It was not the first Surprise peal on the bells. That was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung by the local band conducted by W. Norman on November 19th, 1928.

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 to his general secretary, who will pass it on 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.

Any corrections to the subjoined list should be forwarded for publication:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.
 Barnsley and District Society: Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, Rotherham.
 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.
 Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.
 Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. W. R. Ingham, Middlewich, Cheshire.
 Cleveland and North Yorks Association: Mr. T. Metcalfe, Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.
 Cumberland Association: Mr. W. T. Holmes, 31, Wordsworth Terrace, Cockerham, Cumberland.
 Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver, 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.
 Doncaster and District Society: Mr. E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.
 Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.
 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association: Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.
 East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association: Mr. J. W. England, Welwyn, The Common, South Normanton, Derbyshire.
 Ely Diocesan Association: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Watlington Rectory, King's Lynn.
 Essex Association: Mr. F. J. Pitstow, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.
 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. E. Guise, 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.
 Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Southover, Hockerling Gardens, Woking.
 Halifax and District Association: Mr. L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.
 Hereford Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford.
 Hertford County Association: Mr. G. W. Cartmel, Duffield, St. Albans.
 Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Road, S.C.R., Dublin.
 Kent County Association: Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.
 Lancashire Association: Mr. W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.
 Leeds and District Society: Mr. H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.
 Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.
 Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones, Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.
 London County Association: Mr. C. O. Moore, 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.
 Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, 103, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.
 Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.
 National Police Guild: Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester.
 Norfolk Guild: Mr. A. L. Coleman, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.
 North Notts Association: Mr. R. W. Stockdale, c/o Mr. W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.
 North Stafford and District Association: Mr. C. S. Ryles, 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.
 North Wales Association: Mr. W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, North Wales.
 Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.
 Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.
 Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
 St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham: Mr. T. H. Reeves, 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.
 Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.
 Scottish Association: Mr. W. F. M. Stenhouse, 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.
 Sheffield District Society: Mr. M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on August 31st at 7.30 p.m. William T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colaton Raleigh on Aug. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of a new secretary takes place at this meeting. Bells at East Budleigh and Otterton available. —M. Powell, Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale and Manchester Branches. — A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at St. Mary's Church, Radcliffe (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (moderate charge) and business meeting to follow. It is hoped that members of both branches will make a special effort to attend.—J. Bracewell and D. Brown, Branch Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (6 bells) in the evening. Please attend in good numbers. — A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Other arrangements as usual.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth (12 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting between 5 and 5.30, the Vicar, Canon R. Aubrey Aitken, presiding.—J. Harwood, Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the West Tyne Division will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) will be available during afternoon and evening. Ringers who intend visiting this Northumberland beauty spot are assured of a good time. Anyone requiring tea should let me know as soon as possible. — R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blayden-on-Tyne.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby Don on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will members please make own arrangements for tea? — E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Windsor Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Denney's, but please send your name. Old Windsor (8) bells available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pilton on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. — F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Tone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., after.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Frampton on Thursday, August 31st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea to follow. The bells of Bradford Peverell, Cattistock, Charminster, Maiden Newton and Sydling also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Hawkshead on Sept. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Bells (6) available at 1 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 29th, please. All ringers welcome. — E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Long Crendon on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Invitation tea by the Vicar, Rev. D. R. A. Williams, to those who let me know by Wednesday, Aug. 30th. Good bells and a warm welcome to all.—W. Simmonds, Hon. Sec. (please note new address), 27, South Street, Headington, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair). Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea, 5.15, and business meeting. Election of officers and other business. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury, near Saffron Walden, on Saturday, September 2nd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Metheringham (eight bells), on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Names for tea to reach me by Wednesday, August 30th.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Panther, 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Crawley on September 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in St. Andrew's at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court, Tichborne Park, at 4.30. Please, I don't know who is coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eastham (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open at three o'clock. Service probably at 5.30. Tea will be provided only for those who send word not later than 28th, to Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon on Saturday, September 2nd. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Antelope. The bells of the following towers are also available: Netheravon (2.30 p.m.), Fittleton and Enford, in the above order. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several outstanding subscriptions. Will those in arrears kindly make an effort and pay up and be sports? Tea can be arranged close to church.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Courteenhall on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who will require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 29th?—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Weston on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Balderstone on Saturday, September 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Will tower secretaries please send me a full list of members of their tower who are members of the L.A.C.R.? Full names, please.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec. 4, Nail Street, Milnrow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middleton-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, September 9th. Bells (6) available from two o'clock. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. Joseph Dunn, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, by September 7th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Talaton (six bells) on Saturday, September 9th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North-Eastern Division) and SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Mistley on September 9th. Suffolk towers available are Stutton, Harkstead and Holbrook. Bells at Mistley available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, and tea at 5. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Essex Association, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Horsham on Saturday, September 9th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, September 9th. Bells from 3. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please advise me without fail by September 6th. All members and friends welcomed. Next meeting at Willesden on October 7th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held this year at York on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Further particulars later.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

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