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## RINGERS WHO PUT MONEY FIRST.

There are some things in connection with church bell ringing which definitely ought not to be done. It ought not to be possible for a band of ringers to make themselves a closed society; still less ought paid ringers to stoop to the practice brought to the notice of a Guildford Diocesan Guild meeting on Saturday. There is one church in the area where there are six bells and six ringers. The ringers are paid a quarterly sum for ringing for service and the amount is divided between them, but instead of all the band turning up Sunday by Sunday and discharging the duty for which they are paid, the bells are only chimed by three of the members, who take alternate turns with the other three. We cannot imagine any grounds upon which such a course can be justified. It is argued, we believe, that the public do not know the difference between ringing and chiming; that as long as the bells are sounded they answer the same purpose whether chimed or rung, and that there is no purpose served in having six ringers present to perform what half that number can do.

The whole conception of this argument is wrong, and, what is more, it appears, if the facts are as related, that the ringers are taking money to which they are not entitled. To begin with, if the remuneration is given for the ringing of six bells, that condition is not complied with when they are only chimed and if the chiming is done because the appointed people are able to attend only on alternate Sundays then the obvious duty is either that the band should themselves recruit their strength or that the authorities should take such steps as will provide the necessary ringers. We say nothing here as to advantage claimed by having a paid band, but this case provides an excellent example of what can happen when a company is kept together by remuneration. They apparently only retain office for what they get out of it and they give in return as little as is possible. It is not surprising to know that on special days, such as Royal celebrations and weddings, for which there is additional payment, there is always a full muster and the bells are properly rung.

It is possible that the state of affairs mentioned is not peculiar to this tower—we wish it was. It is seldom that paid bands are of any benefit to the cause of change ringing. The trifling sum which they usually earn in return for ringing for Sunday service seems to be a bar to all progress. For fear of having to share the money with someone else, ringers of this type form themselves into a closed circle to which they take care no one else is admitted, and it is only when circumstances over which they have no control removes one of their number that

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they grudgingly teach another, purely out of self protection. And it is a curious thing that in many of these cases the ringers, and particularly the foreman, exercise such a strange influence over the incumbent that he seems afraid to move in the matter. New parsons are loath to interfere with traditional usages; old ones have either grown into the tradition themselves or are past caring. There is usually only one effective remedy, and that is to make a clean sweep. But, as we have said, the paid band is usually so well 'dug in' that the authorities have not the courage to dislodge them, even if they appreciate the error of their ways. We wish there was some method, first of making ringers, of the type referred to, realise their responsibilities, or, failing that, getting the church authorities to realise the duty which rests upon them.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS' 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 6
GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 2	Cecil J. MATTHEWS ... .. 7
*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 9
RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Caterers. Rung after meeting short for Cinques, Mr. G. H. Cross kindly standing out. This peal was a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Pelly), this being the first successful attempt since his induction in June, others having failed owing to the 'go' of the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS' 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*ALEX GAMMON ... .. Treble	ROBERT GREEN ... .. 6
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW ... .. 2	†FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 7
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS... 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 8
ARTHUR HAWES ... .. 4	EDWIN HIMS ... .. 9
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 5	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caterers.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY COMMON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TOWERKEEPERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN., St. Nicholas', Chislehurst ... Treble	
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE, St. Mary's, Woolwich ... .. 2	
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS, St. John's, West Wickham ... .. 3	
HARRY WARENETT, St. Mary's, Lewisham... .. 4	
JIM HURRELL, St. John's, Eltham ... .. 5	
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES, St. John's, Deptford ... .. 6	
JOHN E. LYDDIARD, St. Luke's, Bromley ... .. 7	
WALTER SMITH, St. George's, Beckenham ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES.

\* First peal of Grandsire. A birthday peal for W. J. Jeffries. Rung in honour of the Vicar of St. Luke's (the Rev. F. W. Hassard Short, M.A.) being made a Canon of Rochester Cathedral. The above is the first towerkeepers' peal for the Kent County Association, and was rung entirely by members of the Lewisham District.

## HEADCORN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble	* JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 7
* WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 25th peal together. The composition, No. 403, is rung for the first time.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	GEORGE KING ... .. 5
JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 6
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 3	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... .. 7
* ERNEST WELLER ... .. 4	* BRYAN BOOTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local secretary, Mr. G. Pont, who was 60 years of age on this day, and also to celebrate the completion of his 47 years in the G.P.O. service. Mr. Pont was unable to stand in the peal owing to illness. The ringer of the treble has rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 6
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 4	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Prince George of England to Princess Marina of Greece.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES A. LEVETT ... .. 5
ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 6
* CYRIL DRIVER ... .. 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 7
FREDERICK DALLAWAY ... .. 4	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

\* First peal in the method.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Metcalfe 1, R. Sperring 2, J. Griffiths 3, F. Hartman 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Morgan 6, S. Jones (conductor) 7, P. Swindley 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 4, both of whom come from Mold.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES; MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

* BERNARD ADAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE RASEBROOK ... .. 3	* FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... .. 7
WILLIAM DENT ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in the method.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... .. 5
FRED HAYES ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 6
CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 3	EDMUND G. KETT ... .. 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... .. 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on attaining his 75th birthday. He has rung a peal on these bells for his 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th birthdays.

## ROYSTON, HERTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ROBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	WILLIAM TACK ... .. 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 6
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 7
FRANCIS GLEAVES ... .. 4	JOHN W. WARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCE.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 30, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BEEBE ... .. Treble	* LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 2	W. HARRY BUCKLER ... .. 6
WALTER H. THOMAS ... .. 3	D. HAROLD ARGYLE ... .. 7
ERNEST YORKE ... .. 4	† JACK MARTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. HAROLD ARGYLE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

* WILLIAM HOEDEN ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
* NORMAN HOBDEN ... .. 3	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... .. 7
W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Kippin.

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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 1 treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
*JAMES FULLER ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7
L. JOHN EVANS ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Midwinter and also on his retiring from the L.M.S. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Peglar for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WORCESTER.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5
JAMES WOODYATT ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 6
*REGINALD ROWE ... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. J. JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method away from the tenor. Rung as the quarterly peal for this branch.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR NEWTON ... .. 5
*REGINALD BLABY ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	PERCY NEWTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

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

\* First peal of Major 'inside.'

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... Treble	JAMES POWELL ... .. 5
JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 4	*CYRIL HAMMOND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, parents of the treble ringer, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ted Hadlow.

BIRSTWITH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*JACKSON EWBANK ... Treble	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... .. 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 3	KENNETH W. CHERSMAN ... .. 7
*GEORGE GILL ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON

\* First peal of Major. † First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast into a ring of eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in November, 1933. The thanks of the visitors are due to Mr. and Mrs. Ewbank for their kind hospitality after the peal.

HALDSOWEN, WORCS.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	THOMAS GREENBALL ... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 7
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sommers and Mr. and Mrs. William Lloyd on the anniversary of their weddings.

ELTHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5
JACK DAFTERS ... .. 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Jeffries, the conductor; also to Miss Doris Brett, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on her 21st birthday.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM ... Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
JAMES ROSE ... .. 2	JOHN J. GREASY ... .. 6
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Tenor	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOT ... .. 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM R. MADGWICK

\* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EPHING UPLAND.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED RUMSEY ... Treble	FREDERICK SEYMOOR ... .. 4
CHARLES SANIS ... .. 2	EDWARD ROCHESTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM WEDLOCK ... .. 3	JAMES MANSFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.

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BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Double Milton Surprise, Chester Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Bucknall, Knutsford, Duke of Clarence and Combermere Treble Bob.

*STANLEY BOOTE... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON ... 4
CHARLES PRESTON ... .. 2	*JOHN WHEELDON, JUN. ... 5
*FREDERICK GROCOTT... .. 3	GEORGE HENRY BILLINGS... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES PRESTON.

\* First peal and first attempt. The peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Reginald O. Preston, one of the ringers of St. Mary's, who was married on the previous Saturday.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven extents, viz.: Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

AMBROSE MASON ... .. Treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 4
CHARLES W. BURTON... .. 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 3	CHARLES BUTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday (August 30th) of W. Elliott. The conductor has now 'circled his native tower,' it being 38 years since he rang his first peal on these bells.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 4
HUBERT SMITH ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. BOWDITCH ... 5
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 3	WILLIAM J. GROVES ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Specially rung in honour of the wedding of H. Dennis W. Bishop to Edna M. Rutley (both are members of the local band), which took place at this church previous to the peal.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY... 2	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mrs. Humphrey, it being her first Surprise peal 'inside.' It was also a birthday peal for her and H. M. Day.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACENELL ... Treble	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. 4
BERTIE CHILVERS ... .. 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTILL ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal of Minor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Willesden, Marple, Newdigate, College Bob VI. and Old Oxford; (2) Braintree; (3) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood; (4) Kent; (5) Ockley, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (6) Norbury and College Exercise; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 6 cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4
*KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 2	*ALBERT V. REES ... .. 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in 21 methods. The ringer of the fifth had not previously rung any of the methods outside the Oxford group.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S GUILD, SYSTON.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*ALBERT E. HUBBARD... .. Treble	HARRY LIFFE ... .. 4
THOMAS W. FOSTER ... .. 2	J. ARTHUR TALHOOT ... .. 5
*GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. PAYNE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Payne, of Syston.

STOKE LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 2, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 21 different 240's by Lindoff, Pitman and Morris. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES DAVIES ... .. Treble	†ERNEST SALMON... .. 4
*JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 2	*G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. 3	ALBERT E. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* 50th peal together. † First peal. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first association with the above church, and his 100th peal as conductor for the Guild. G. J. R. Price's 50th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT LACEBY.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Laceby on Saturday, August 25th. There was a poor attendance, just a few 'regulars' being present. Towers represented were Bigby, Burton-on-Sather, Scunthorpe, Grimsby, Barrow, Barton-on-Humber, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby and the locals, also Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover. The bells were kept going during the afternoon till service time. Owing to the Rector, Canon Knight, being on holiday, the Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Great Coates, who is a great friend of ringers, kindly conducted the service and gave an interesting address. Mr. H. Rushby presided at the organ. After the service members adjourned to the Village Hall, where an excellent tea was served, 16 sitting down.

In the absence of the president, who was on holiday, Mr. C. W. Taylor was voted to the chair. It was decided to cancel the Barrow-on-Humber meeting till next year. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Atkinson to the Rector for the use of the bells and for arranging with the Rev. J. Barber to take the service, to the Rev. J. Barber for taking the service, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, to Messrs. Graham Bros. for catering, to the chairman and also those who had made the arrangements. On behalf of the members, Mr. Bray welcomed Mr. J. Flint. After the meeting the hand-bells were made good use of, while some adjourned to the tower. The bells were lowered earlier than usual, in order to avoid undue annoyance to the Post Office.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****'QUARTERLY' MEETINGS REARRANGED.**

The annual meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association was held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st, when members attended from Ashford, Aldington, Bromley, Headcorn, Hythe, Newington, New Romney, Sevenoaks, Tenterden, Tonbridge, Willesborough and Wye. Some splendid ringing of the standard methods was much enjoyed, interspersed with rounds for the beginners.

The association service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Lance, assisted by the Rev. G. S. Long, of Aldington, Mrs. Spencer presiding at the organ. After the service an excellent tea was provided by the association in the Parish Room. A collection was taken for the Benevolent Fund and amounted to one guinea.

At the business meeting Mr. P. Page was elected to fill the post of Ringing Master, Mr. E. S. Ruck having resigned after several years of useful work. Messrs. C. Tribe and E. S. Ruck were re-elected to serve on the Central Committee, and F. Conley was re-appointed as hon. secretary.

Owing to the quarterly meetings at present being far from what is usually meant by 'quarterly,' it was decided to hold them in future in March, June, September and December, instead of February, May, July and September, as this gives five months between September and February, and then three meetings in little over six months.

A by-meeting is to be held at Newington, Folkestone, on October 6th, with the object of bringing the band into the association. They are extremely keen, and it is, therefore, hoped that as many as possible will be present to give them a real welcome and to show them what the association stands for. Due notice of this meeting will appear later.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who did and some who did not deserve them, and were responded to by those concerned. After the business, a return was made to the tower, there to enjoy some more good ringing.

**CANTERBURY DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT WICKHAMBREAU.**

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at Wickhambreau by members of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association on Saturday, August 25th. The occasion was a by-meeting by the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Abbey Tindall), who is a life member of the association.

Members attended from Broadstairs (St. Peter's), St. Lawrence, Littlebourne, Eythorne, Slurry, Ashford, Canterbury (Cathedral and St. Alphege), Brabourne, Goodnestone, Wickhambreau and one member from Huntingdonshire.

The bells were started at 3 o'clock in rounds by some of the younger probationer members, of which the Canterbury District boasts a good complement. Later the association service was held in the church, at which the Rector officiated, assisted by Canon F. J. O. Helmore.

The Rector gave an appropriate address and afterwards welcomed the ringers to Wickhambreau. Mr. W. E. Pittman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ. During the service a collection was taken for the association's benevolent fund.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Rectory, where the Rector had provided a splendid tea on the lawn and 40 members sat down.

At the conclusion of the tea Canon F. J. O. Helmore, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rev. Abbey Tindall for his very generous hospitality.—The Rector suitably replied.

Before adjourning again to the belfry, various touches were rung on handbells, and most the visitors took advantage of the Rector's invitation to walk round the beautiful Rectory grounds.

The next meeting is to be held at Throwley on Saturday, September 22nd.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**DOVER.**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evensong at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. R. Millway 1, J. Eagles 2, R. T. Clark 3, H. Whitehead 4, E. J. Walker 5, F. Pervin, Coventry (conductor) 6, C. Turner 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

**LYME REGIS.**—On Sunday, September 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Hiscock (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, C. W. H. Powell 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, W. Tyler 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. The Vicar called this quarter-peal as a farewell to the Rev. R. L. Higham on the eve of his departure and in honour of his preferment to the benefice of St. Aldhelm's, Franksome, after nearly 12 years' ministry as assistant priest at Lyme Regis.

**DAGENHAM, ESSEX.**—At the Parish Church for evening service, 1,300 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Chaplin 1, G. Playle 2, T. Sparrow 3, F. Berry 4, J. Bullock 5, A. Chaplin (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, for Sunday service, 1,344 Bob Major: F. Chaplin (first quarter-peal) 1, L. Porter 2, T. Sparrow 3, F. Berry 4, A. Chaplin 5, G. Playle 6, J. Trimmer 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8. Rung for the reopening of the church after repairs to the roof.

**RINGERS ENTERTAINED IN STAFFORDSHIRE.****GUESTS OF MR. W. W. WORTHINGTON.**

On Saturday, August 25th, by the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, a band of ringers met at the grand Norman Church of St. Mary, Tutbury. By the generosity of Mr. Worthington, who gave a treble bell, and of Mr. Newton (Tutbury), who gave the remainder of the money, the peal has been increased to six. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have retuned the old bells and rehung them in ball bearings, etc., and have made a splendid job.

The bells were raised in peal, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. The bells were then lowered in peal. Some visitors remarked upon the remarkable change effected in the bells since they first remembered them about 50 years ago.

A quick run was next made to St. Mary's, Utoxeter. Mr. George Burrows, the towerkeeper, met the visitors and had kindly raised the bells for them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and, as time was limited, Mr. Burrows kindly 'dropped' the bells again. Then, travelling via Stone and Eccleshall, a visit was paid to Broughton, Staffs. Here is a fine peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt. approx.) hung in ball bearings and with all the latest improvements, acknowledged by the visitors as one of the finest products of the Loughborough Foundry. Mr. William Wetherby (Market Drayton), who had kindly raised the bells, met the visitors, and touches of Stedman Triples were rung, in which Mr. Wetherby took part. The party then reluctantly left Broughton and proceeded to St. Mary's, Stafford. After inspecting the beautiful interior of the church and the 'leather bottle' at the side of the organ, on which are inscribed the names of the Stafford ringers 1750-1786, the visitors made for the ringing room. Mr. J. Warrilow and his son had raised the bells in readiness, and a touch of Stedman Caters and three leads of Treble Ten, in which Messrs. Warrilow took part, were rung before the bells were lowered in peal. Then a quick run was made to the charming residence of their host. A visit was paid to the gardens, which are a beautiful sight at the present time. A sumptuous repast followed, after which Mr. J. Jaggar proposed the health of Mr. Worthington and added the thanks of the company for the splendid outing. Mr. J. Austin seconded and Mr. Worthington briefly replied.

During the evening Mr. Jaggar said he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., to ask Mr. J. George to accept a present from a lady who had heard of the performances of this 'young' gentleman.—Mr. J. Oldham stated the lady wished to remain anonymous, but that she was dressed in blue.—Mr. George gratefully accepted the present, which he acknowledged in a vigorous speech.

A move was then made to another room, where tunes and touches on the handbells were rung. Mr. M. Swinfield tapped a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano, conducted by Mr. George, and also two courses of Duffield Major.

The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Burrows, W. Wetherby and Warrilow for their efforts to make the outing a success.

**RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY E. W. TIPLER.

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Bob 17864523

The first peal in the method was rung at Warfield, Berks, on August 22nd, 1934.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD****USEFUL CHERTSEY DISTRICT MEETING.**

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Chobham on Saturday. During the afternoon and evening some 18 or 20 ringers put in an appearance from various towers—mostly outside the district. The district hon. secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) and the Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) attended, and some really useful practice was put in in the simpler methods. The local foreman came to open the tower, but nothing was seen of any of the other Chobham ringers, following their usual practice of studiously keeping away from any meeting held at their church. The Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Robinson), however, gave the visitors a cordial welcome and conducted the Guild's service, filling, in addition, the post of organist. He presided at the tea which followed at the White Hart Hotel, when 14 sat down. At one time it seemed as if the company would number only 13—much to the perturbation of the general secretary, who said this would be so unlucky that he would feel compelled to cancel his passage to Australia. But the fourteenth individual having been 'dug up' by the district secretary, all was well.

There was little business to do at the subsequent meeting, but the general hon. secretary took the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Hawthorne upon his recent marriage, and, on behalf of the Guild, wished him and his bride 'long life, health and happiness.' Mr. Goldsmith also offered similar congratulations to the late district secretary (Mr. H. Hancock), who was recently married to Miss M. Thompson, also a member of the Guild.

The Vicar referred to the forthcoming visit of English ringers to Australia, and extended to the hon. general secretary of the Guild, who is one of the party, the good wishes of the members for an enjoyable tour and a safe return.

A discussion took place with regard to one of the towers in the district, where the bells are chimed instead of being rung on Sundays, although there is a full band sharing a quarterly payment. The hope was expressed that the new Vicar, who had shown some interest in the bells, would take steps to have the bells rung on Sundays.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Nye, to the Vicar of Chobham for permission to ring, for conducting the service and for presiding at the tea and meeting.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry and the Vicar was taken up the tower and shown the movement in the bell frame, which badly needs screwing up—if nothing else. The Vicar welcomed the information and advice offered.

**THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Having read the history of the first peal of Grandsire Triples in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' I take the pleasure of sending the account I received and also the figures I had sent to me some years ago from my friend, the late Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and trust it will be of some interest to ringers. Here are the figures of two peals and footnotes:—

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253764	—	—	253764	—	S
354267	—	S	534267	—	—
547362	—	—	347562	—	—
472563	—	—	472365	—	—
723465	—	—	723465	S	—
234765	S	—	235764	—	—
435267	—	S	354267	—	—
357462	—	—	457362	—	S
572364	—	—	572463	—	—
724563	—	—	723564	—	—
245763	S	—	234765	—	—
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437562	—	—	537462	—	S
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These parts to be five times repeated with a hob instead of single at the third and sixth part ends.

Peal No. 1 is taken from Dr. Mason's MS. in the library of Downing College, Cambridge, where it is marked 'Vicars' 5,040.' This peal was the first peal composed true in the method and was rung at Norwich.

Peal No. 2 composed by Benjamin Annable.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Queen Camel bells, Somerset, the heaviest ring of six in the country—the tenor is 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.—have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Percy Amos is, we regret to say, lying in the accident ward of Northampton General Hospital as the result of a fall while working on his allotment on August 21st. He has a fractured leg and injured ankle, but the injury is progressing favourably.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, the Kent veteran, although 71 years of age, rang the 24 cwt. tenor at Headcorn to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on Saturday week, and rang her well throughout. The ringers congratulate him on his performance.

Any youthful ringer capable of ringing a peal of Stedman Triples and whose age will be less than 16 years on December 31st next should communicate at once with Mr. F. E. Dawe, Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking, Surrey.

Mr. Richard Woodley, of Lowestoft, who will be congratulated by everyone upon having attained his 75th birthday, has had the distinction of ringing a peal on his own Parish Church bells for each of his last four birthdays. We hope the sequence will not be broken for some time to come.

The peal at Bangor, North Wales, on Saturday, marked the birthday of Mr. James Midwinter, an old ringer at St. David's Church, and his retirement from service on the L.M.S. Railway. The band expressed their good wishes to him for better health and their hope that he would soon be able to stand in a peal again.

The district secretary has persuaded the Vicar of Milton Regis to rearrange the service of dedication on Saturday, September 15th, for 4 p.m., an hour later than previously advertised, to enable as many ringers as possible to attend.

This very fine tower, dating back to 1320, now contains a fine peal of six, and all members of the I.O.T.M. and kindred orders are specially invited. There is plenty of room for at least a hundred people in the ringing chamber, which is of massive proportions, and reputed to be one of the largest in England. Bus or train to Sittingbourne.

## TWO PEALS ON RINGING MACHINE.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks, has subjected his ringing machine to another searching test. He has performed on it a peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks' Variation of Thurstans'), which definitely demonstrated that the bob making mechanism is entirely satisfactory, and on Wednesday of last week he got a 5,024 of Cambridge Surprise Major (one of Mr. J. W. Parker's compositions).

Mr. Woodhouse missed a peal of London Surprise after 4,000 changes through going to sleep and running past a bob.

It is really all very wonderful, but even with this marvellous machine the human element must not fail if perfection is to be achieved.

## OXFORD TREBLE BOB AT FINCHINGFIELD.

HOW AN OLD RECORD DISAPPEARED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Finchingfield in Essex was recorded, and the report stated that it was believed to be the first peal of Oxford on the bells.

About 23 years ago we made up a band and went one Sunday from Coggeshall and rang at Wethersfield in the morning and Finchingfield in the afternoon and evening. We had dinner at the Green Man in Finchingfield, and in the room where we had dinner there was a splendid old peal board recording a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 5,280 changes, rung by the Saffron Walden Company on Finchingfield bells. I cannot remember in what year it was rung, but the same men took part in it who rang the Double Norwich at Saffron Walden in 1817, conducted by E. Miller. How that board came to be in that public-house I could never understand. After a while the Green Man was burnt down and the peal board was burnt with it. Perhaps someone else may throw some light on it, but it was a shame that such a peal board was ever taken out of the church. I doubt if there are any ringers in that district who remember anything about it.

D. H. ELIOTT.

Boxford, Suffolk.

## A KENT RING AUGMENTED.

Mr. Alfred Howell, of Ipswich, has recently rehung the five ancient bells and added a new treble to make a ring of six at the very historic and interesting old Parish Church of Milton Regis, near Sittingbourne, Kent. On Friday, August 24th, at the invitation of Mr. Howell, there was a 'try out' when 720 Bob Minor was rung: A. T. Boar 1, E. J. Dobbie 2, A. Howell 3, A. N. Olier 4, G. Kenward 5, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 6. The go of the bells was found to be excellent.

Particulars of the dedication of the bells and of a ringers' meeting at this church appears in our notice columns.



## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### RINGERS' DEPARTURE NEXT FRIDAY.

Next Friday afternoon the P. and O. liner 'Barrabool' leaves King George V. Dock, London, for Australia, taking with her the ringers who are to visit the Commonwealth in connection with the Melbourne Centenary Celebrations. The boat train leaves Liverpool Street Station at 1.50 p.m.

Those who constitute the party are the following, and they will meet at Liverpool Street Station at 1.15 p.m. :—

Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, of Seafeld Park, Hants (Cambridge University Guild).

Mr. W. H. FUSSELL, of Slough, Bucks (Royal Cumberland Youths), (organising secretary).

Mr. J. S. GOLDSMITH, of Woking, Surrey (Guildford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. J. HARDCASTLE, of Bradford, Yorks (Yorkshire Association).

Mr. W. LINTER, of Fareham, Hants (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild).

Mr. G. MARTIN, of Maidenhead, Berks (Oxford Diocesan Guild).

Mr. R. RICHARDSON, of Surfleet, Lincs (Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

Mrs. R. RICHARDSON (Ladies' Guild).

Mr. C. SHARPLES, of Blackpool, Lancs (Lancashire Association).

Mrs. Sharples is accompanying her husband, and they intend to visit their son in India on the return journey, detaching themselves from the main party at Colombo.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are taking their daughter Enid, who, although only ten years of age, is already able to handle a bell.

The party will also be accompanied by Mr. Maude, a son of Mr. Tom Maude, of Pudsey, Yorks. Mr. Maude, sen., is well known to ringers not only in Yorkshire, but also in many other parts of the country, for he is the organiser of the Yorkshiremen's party which usually spends the Whitsuntide week-end with the Central Council representatives wherever they meet. His son, mayhap, will be a ringer by the time he returns from Australia.

### THE ROUTE.

The route which the tourists will take is one which should be full of interest. After leaving London, the 'Barrabool' calls at Plymouth on the following afternoon, and then crossing the Bay of Biscay and passing through the Straits of Gibraltar, enters the Mediterranean Sea. There is a brief call at the island of Malta (2,300 miles from London) on September 21st before going on to Port Said, in Egypt, a distance of about 900 miles, where the vessel is due on September 24th. After passing through the 90 miles or so of the Suez Canal, the journey is continued through the Red Sea, reaching the sun-baked port of Aden on September 29th and going on across the Arabian Gulf to Colombo, in Ceylon. From Port Said to Aden is 1,400 miles, and from Aden to Colombo, where the boat is due to October 5th, 2,100 miles. There will be an opportunity to go ashore at Colombo and see something of the city and probably the spice gardens for which Ceylon is famous.

After this comes the longest 'leg' of the journey, for the next call is Freemantle, in Western Australia, 3,120

miles away without sight of land between. It is farther than from Southampton to New York and this section occupies ten days. It is on this stretch that the equator will be crossed.

The stay in Freemantle, which should be reached on October 15th will, it is hoped, be long enough to permit a preliminary visit to Perth, the capital of Western Australia, to try the eight bells at the Cathedral. The next stage of the journey lands the party in Adelaide in South Australia, a sea trip of 1,350 miles. A short stay here and then the 'last lap' of 500 miles to Melbourne, where the vessel is due on October 22nd and the party disembark.

There the serious business of the expedition will begin. The first week will be spent in and around Melbourne; the next ten days in visiting Tasmania (Hobart, their headquarters on this picturesque island, is more than 400 miles by sea and rail from Melbourne), returning to Melbourne in time for Armistice Day and the ceremonies in connection with it. Afterwards they will visit the cities of Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo in the State of Victoria.

On November 16th the tourists join the ss. 'Esperance Bay,' of the Aberdeen and Commonwealth line, and complete the journey to Sydney, which will be reached on November 19th. There will be the best part of five days to spend in and around this city, with a number of towers to visit, and then, on November 24th, the party sail for home on the P. and O. liner 'Bendigo,' which will give them opportunity of renewing acquaintance with Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Colombo, perhaps making an excursion to the Egyptian Pyramids, while the vessel passes through the Suez Canal, and reaching London, if all's well, on January 5th. From Sydney to London by this route is 12,270 miles.

It is almost a staggering programme for a band of ringers, and naturally every one in the party is looking forward with the keenest anticipation to a delightful and interesting time, full of new experiences.

Not only will readers of 'The Ringing World' be able to follow the doings of the tourists through the reports which will appear in these columns, but many ringers, it is hoped, may, after the return of the party, be able to see something of the tour, for some of the incidents will also be recorded on films, and Mr. Richardson's 'movies' will doubtless prove a source of great interest.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

#### NEXT MEETING SUGGESTED AT NON-AFFILIATED TOWER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Rettendon on Saturday, 30 members being present. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. H. Woodfield, of St. George's, Manchester, in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. W. Norman). A splendid tea was served in the Parish Room, at which the Rev. Woodfield presided.

As there is a long interval to the annual meeting in late November or early December, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Pleshey on October 13th if permission could be obtained. Although this tower is not affiliated to the association, it was thought a meeting might be an encouragement to local ringers. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. Woodfield for conducting the service and presiding at tea and business meeting, the organist for accompanying the service, the ladies for serving the tea and the local band for having everything in readiness.

The following towers were represented: Ipswich, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Springfield, Maldon, Great Totham, Broomfield, Fryerning, Corringham, Rettendon, Danbury and Ford End. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, New London, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and College Exercise.

## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I have been deeply interested in the correspondence that has appeared in 'The Ringing World' regarding the condition of the bells of St. Benedict's, Cambridge.

Our bells at Stagsden, Beds, underwent a similar scheme of rehangng two years ago, the oak frame was dismantled and new struts inserted throughout; a reinforced concrete corbel course was constructed to carry the reconstructed frame, and the bells rehung in completely new modern fittings.

Since that time the frame tie bolts and the main beam bolts have been regularly inspected and tightened when necessary once a month and the bells 'go' delightfully, while the frame is now perfectly rigid.

This proves that had the bells at St. Benedict's had the same attention there is no reason apparently why they should not 'go' as well to-day as they did when the work of rehangng was completed, and that the bellhangers are in no way to blame for what is after all due to neglect of maintenance.

It is to be hoped the authorities will see that the bells get the attention they need, after the ready response to the appeal to restore this famous ring.

PERCY C. BONNETT.

Stagsden, Beds.

## OLD PRINCIPLES QUESTIONED.

Sir,—The case of St. Benedict's, Cambridge, leads one to ask:—

1. Is there any need in these days of scientific bellhanging to hang bells on the old principle with straps and wood headstocks?
2. Why was so much importance attached to the cannons of St. Benedict's bells, while there are hundreds of others up and down the country that have had them taken off and seem none the worse for it?
3. Had the cannons anything more than a sentimental value, and did Stedman himself attach any importance to them?

Some time ago we heard something about commonsense before sentiment, but this does not seem to have been the principle in the case of St. Benedict's.

'RINGER.'

## RINGERS VISIT TO SAPCOTE.

### FIRST 720 OF SURPRISE ON THE BELLS?

On Saturday, August 25th, several of the Rugby ringers paid a welcome visit to Sapcote for an afternoon's ringing on the fine peal of six bells. They were met by the local captain (Mr. C. Brown) and other members of the band, which includes four lady ringers, all of whom were present, and rang a touch of Bob Minor with but two men to make up the band.

Mr. L. Woodburn and Mr. A. E. Rowley, of Higham-on-the-Hill, joined the party, as did Mr. H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton.

Included in the ringing was what is thought to be the first 720 of Surprise ever rung on these bells. This was the extent of Cambridge Minor by C. Underwood 1, L. Woodburn 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. Fenton 4, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 5, L. G. Watkins 6. It was the first 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 6.

So successful was this venture that a return fixture was soon suggested and just as readily accepted.

## SHIPLEY AND IDLE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 25th, the ringers of Shipley and Idle with wives and friends joined in a half-day run into the country by the way of Culverley and Headingley to Wetherby, where the bells were rung to touches of Minor and Major. The party went on to Knaresborough for tea and afterwards the grand peal of bells at the Parish Church was placed at their disposal. Double Norwich, Superlative and Plain Bob were rung before setting out for Birstwith, where some of the local company gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The ringing on this fine peal made the visitors wish these bells were 'a bit nearer home.' Touches were rung in various methods, in which some of the local company took part. This opportunity is taken to thank the incumbents of the churches and also those who met the visitors and had everything in readiness.

## KIDDERMINSTER BELLS.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY WORK.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—An appeal is being made by the St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, with the support of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, in connection with the proposed peal of 12 bells at Kidderminster.

There are, no doubt, many ringers in various parts of the country, members of the association and otherwise, who would like to be associated with this effort, particularly those who have pleasant recollections of this tower and the men who made it historical some 30-40 years ago—to whose deeds 'The Ringing World' referred a week or two ago.

Donations should be sent to me as soon as possible.

K. SALTER.

The Berwyns, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

The appeal, which is signed by Messrs. C. H. Woodberry (Ringing Master, St. Mary's Society), K. Salter (secretary, St. Mary's Society), W. Short (Ringing Master, Worcs. Association) and J. R. Newman (lay hon. secretary, Worcs. Association), states that the present peal of eight is to be rehung in self-aligning ball bearings in the existing frame, and four new trebles, hung in a new wood frame above the present one, added to make a peal of twelve.

The sum of £500 has already been raised in Kidderminster for this tower and a contract placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon; the work to be commenced almost at once.

Certain items (e.g., new iron headstocks and fittings on the existing eight bells) are not included in this contract, and it is felt that if this work can be carried out it will make a thorough and lasting job. The amount required for these additional improvements is approximately £100, and a donation towards this amount from all interested is earnestly solicited.

The opportunities of members of the association to ring on twelve bells are extremely limited, and it is suggested this augmentation will fill a long-felt want and be an advantage to ringers in general and the association in particular.

An early response will be appreciated, as it will be necessary to decide in the very near future how much of this work can be carried out, and this can only be done in the light of promises or donations received.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association, through the Central Committee, strongly support this appeal, and have donated a sum of £5 towards these improvements.

## HINCKLEY DISTRICT RINGERS.

### TO HOLD A 'QUIET AFTERNOON.'

At the monthly meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association at Broughton Astley on Saturday, the question of holding a 'quiet afternoon' for ringers (as distinct from a ringing meeting) was discussed. The Rev. William Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth, spoke of one held at his church, and said he thought, if one could be arranged, he was sure that it would do a considerable amount of good in bringing ringers to realise the important part they played in the work of the Church.

It was decided to hold such a meeting at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, November 3rd, the Rev. R. P. Farrow kindly giving his consent. This will be conducted by the Rev. Grome-Merrilees, and further details will be announced later. It is hoped that the clergy will make an effort to encourage their members to attend.

The routine business of the district having been completed, Cosby bells were available, and many members made the short journey necessary.

## IPSWICH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 25th, the members of the Rushmere, St. Andrew (Ipswich) band of ringers and friends had their first outing. The party included members of St. Clement's, St. Matthew's, St. Mary-le-Tower and Sproughton companies, who had assisted them at various times. The party left Rushmere by motor-coach for a tour of the Essex towers. After picking up the Ipswich party they proceeded via Holbrook and Stutton to Great Bromley (Essex) for a first ring on this good old peal of six (15 cwt.). After a short stay and look round from the top of the tower, a move was made to Thorrington (six), where the ringing was much enjoyed on this good 'going' peal. The next stop was at St. Osyth (six), where the bells were soon in use. After a look round the fine old Priory Church and the village and partaking of tea at the nearby cafe, a move was made, via Great Clacton and Holland-on-Sea, to Great Holland to ring on the eight bells there. The return journey was made to Tendring (six), where the party were met by the local men. The noise in this tower is rather great. The last stop was at Mistley (six), where again the local men greeted the visitors. The 11 mile run home was made in good time. It had been a most enjoyable trip of 66 miles, and it is hoped it will be possible to continue these excursions annually. The ringers would like to thank all who met them and had the bells ready. They also thank their secretary (Mr. F. E. Wiseman) for the able way he had arranged the programme.

## GLORIOUS DEVON.

### NOTES ON A RINGING TOUR.

Poets, artists and tour guides all speak in glowing terms of this favourite English county, but none refer to the glorious bells stored in the old church towers scattered throughout its broad acres. During the week ending August 25th a team of church bellringers gathered together to enjoy its scenery, its harmony and its edible produce, by kind arrangements made by Mr. C. J. Pulett, of Paignton, where headquarters were ably provided for the week at the Pendragon Hotel.

The long journey down by car was made on Friday, some 230 miles being covered in 8 hours, and relieved by a 'hectic' half-hour at the White Swan at Trowbridge, where 'Wilshire Sam' drew attention to his new tenor bell striking 4 p.m. at the Parish Church.

The local Press described the visitors as Middlesex men, but later they became known as Jesse's 'Puplets,' and they are all duly recorded by name in the peal column. With three private motor-cars available, there was no difficulty in carrying out the full programme provided, in safety and with punctuality, and, thanks to the care and caution of the drivers, without a hitch all round to and from London. Readers will easily imagine, by reference to the list of towns visited, that the country lanes were not easy to negotiate in many places. Up over and down under are all very well, I prefer the former, but when you find 'in and out' tacked on to a section of 'round about,' it makes one wish to be seated in an aeroplane.

The majority of the men—having been 'past masters' on tour—soon settled down to the daily round. There were no 'beavers' with us, so the time table was as follows: Shaving water 7, breakfast 8, garage 9 a.m. Dinner at 8 p.m., clapping at 9, a moonlight walk on the sea front until 10 o'clock brought bedtime, or a half-hour's 'whist' before 'turning in.' Peal operations began on Saturday, August 18th, at Dawlish Church in the morning, where a stone in the belfry on the ground floor records: 'This church was enlarged and beautified in the year of our Lord 1825. John Davis Perkins, D.D., Vicar; Samuel Hill and John Tuckett, Churchwardens.' The present Vicar, the Rev. F. Simmonds, M.A., met us with good wishes, and the foreman (Mr. George Marchant) believed that our peal was the first on the bells. The dedication of this church, formerly St. Michael's, has recently been changed to St. Gregory. From 1729 the Rev. T. Prowse held the living for 60 years. The old ring of six bells was cast in 1784 by the Penningtons and rehung later by Aggett, of Chagford, and the parishioners got into trouble for sending their old ring of five bells away without a faculty. Trebles were added by Stokes, of Exeter, in 1912 for the Coronation of King George V., the cost being raised by public subscription.

Before ringing began here business had to be attended to, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Bennett, seconded by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, the following were elected life members of the Devon Guild: Messrs. G. R. Newton (Liverpool), S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), A. E. E. (Seven Kings), W. Henley (Farnham Royal), H. Wingrove (Beaconsfield) and G. Lindoff (Dublin).

### 'CATCH AS CATCH CAN.'

In most undertakings a good send-off is everything; 'good wishes' for a successful week were personally given to the team by Miss Norah Bibby, of Frodsham, on her way home after holidays; by the Misses Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, staying at Minehead; and by a letter of welcome from the president of the Devon Guild, the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Bramford.

Our meals at midday were generally taken in 'catch-as-catch can' style. At Dawlish the hunt of our appetites were softened by a caterer of the name of Brunt at about 2 o'clock, and the journey resumed to Kingsteignton, where we arrived at 3.30. This church is dedicated to St. Michael, like a good many others in Devon. It stands upon a prominent bank, has a tall grey stone tower of modern restoration, but the church retains its warm red sandstone masonry, reputed to be 600 years old. The south porch has rare features in the shape, its rich carvings of the jambs and its iron studded door.

The bells are all new, with frame and fittings, by Gillett and Johnston, and were dedicated April 20th, 1929, the old six bells by Mears, 1746, with a 10 cwt. tenor, being absorbed by the new octave. The total cost was £580, including muffles and ropes complete. Mr. Richard Cornell is steeplekeeper, and started chiming here at the age of 11 years. He is now over 70, and having, with the help of the local ringers, collected all the money for the job, it was his privilege to hand the cheque to the firm. The Rev. H. R. Cooke is Vicar and gladly consented to our visit. We found a well-kept ringing room, with boarded walls, matted floor and a false ceiling to soften the sound of the bells. It was an enjoyable peal—the first of Major on the bells—although our Devon warrior, on the tenor, had the bother of his rope-end becoming untucked early in the peal. Mr. Pulett broke a long rest in his peal performances and thus brought back memories of ringing in the London area 40 years ago.

Not a cloud all day, a very high temperature, and outside the tower a beautiful clear spring of water constantly flowing, reminding us of Tennyson's lines: 'For men may come and men may go, but I flow on for ever.'

### THE DAY OF REST.

Sunday was devoted to service ringing at Paignton in the morning, Buckfast Abbey in the afternoon and Babbacombe in the evening, in the area of the Mid-Devon Branch, which we visited under the guidance of Mr. H. J. Hole, the hon. secretary. My notes of the respective towers are as follows:—

Paignton.—Vicar, the Rev. H. Mackworth Drake, M.A. In the Parish Magazine appeared a friendly announcement of our visit, a coming event which cast its shadows 'behind.' In any case, it gave the heads of the hospital adjoining the church due notice to make allowances for the peal attempt on Thursday. Steeple foreman, Mr. Charles F. Austin, met us with the local men and Mr. F. Reeves, of Tring, and we raised the bells in peal, but not by any means with true Devonian efficiency. A good course of Yorkshire and of London Major were rung and the fine ringing room admired. Here is the only method ringing band in the district, due to the work of a Londoner with whom I frequently rang nearly 50 years ago, and whose work is commemorated on a brass plate as follows: 'In memory of A. M. Gover, and in recognition of the great services he rendered to the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.'

Of the local band we learn that Mr. A. L. Pope's family can be traced back to 1440, and Mr. Austin's as far as Domesday Book. One of the veterans, Mr. C. Drew, celebrated his 85th birthday on July 7th, 1923, by ringing to complete 60 years' service with Mr. E. W. Marsh, of Plymouth, as conductor.

Adjoining the churchyard is the ancient palace yard. A fine red stone tower is still left of the old ecclesiastical buildings. The tenor bell of Paignton was cast in the yard 300 years ago, and in the tower, some antiquarians state, Coverdale translated part of the Bible. The old ring of six were cast by T. Bilbie, at Collumpton, the treble being inscribed:—

'When I begin, then all strike in.'

Buckfast is reached by a delightful riverside drive amidst well-wooded hill country. We were shown over the Abbey by one of the monks and met by Mr. A. L. Bennett. The central tower is enclosed with scaffolding above the roof level, as this part of the building is being raised another 40ft. This will allow of a new ringing room and a better outlet for the sound of the bells. Several of our own cameras were busy, and nearly every visitor of the many coming and going took a snap of the west door. The whole building is a valuable record of steady perseverance from the date it was begun in 1882, yet on leaving the precincts I saw on the opposite side of the road a plain small Devon cubicle, having a stone in its gable bearing the words, 'Wesleyan Methodist Church. Erected A.D. 1881.'

As there could be no ringing until 5 p.m., we did not stay at Buckfast, having made other fixtures, and went on to Babbacombe, the drive taking us through Ashburton. All Saints' Church was built in 1867 to meet the needs of a growing population, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford. It is of handsome, uncommon design, various marbles having been employed in the font, pulpit and columns. James Hewett was its first Vicar, 1865 to 1910. To him is due the building of it, and his is the only tomb in the small tree-lined churchyard that surrounds the church. The bells are a good ring of eight by Warner and Sons, London, tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. They were rung for the first time in 1874. Mr. W. H. Weeks (foreman) met us at the church. He has been here for 48 years. Touches of Major and Stedman were rung for another diamond jubilee. A well-kept and furnished ringing room, with good light, good circle of ropes and draught. The four large windows of the bell chamber have the lower half filled with stone panels instead of the familiar louvre. This barrier prevents the metallic clash of the clappers on the bells being deflected below. Some of the party viewed Babbacombe Bay from the cliffs, and the three cars came home after a round of some 40 miles by 8 o'clock, but I will not let my 'pen-dragon' by saying where they were lost in Paignton.

W. H. F.

### RINGERS MEET AT LEA.

#### A LINCOLNSHIRE GATHERING.

A very successful meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. Helen's, Lea, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringers were present from Brantson, Gainsborough, Misterion, Upton, Willingham and the local tower, and the visitors included lady ringers from Gainsborough and Sutton-on-Trent. Some good practice was had by all, and the methods rung included Grand-sire, Stedman and St. Clement's Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Primrose and London Surprise Minor, and rounds for the less advanced.

The Rev. Nugent-Wilson, of Upton, gave a very interesting address at the service. He reminded ringers that, although they often work out of sight, they are not out of mind, and, realising the high calling of their work, should not make this an excuse for not attending the services.

Canon Fookes (Rector of Lea) and Mrs. Fookes kindly entertained the ringers to tea and invited them to stroll around their charming old-world garden.

At the business meeting hopes were expressed that the condition of the bells might be improved in the near future as a result of the recent visit of Messrs. Taylor's representative.



## AN ESSEX TOUR.

## LOUGHTON AND WOODFORD RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING.

Glorious weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday, August 25th, when a party of nearly fifty, including Mr. W. H. Theobald and Mr. J. Moule, of the Leytonstone band, toured the Eastern and North-Eastern parts of Essex.

Danbury was chosen as the first halting place, and was reached via Brentwood and Chelmsford. As the coaches purred up the winding hill a noble prospect met the eye and the flatness of Essex began to be questioned. It would be hard to find a lovelier and more interesting situation. Danish raiders hailed this position for one of their strongholds and utilised and enlarged this prehistoric camp. The older part of the village clusters round the Church of St. John the Baptist with its tower and lofty spire, together 120ft. high, a landmark which has guided tired pedestrians as well as storm-tossed sailors.

Mr. W. Spokes, the vergor, welcomed the ringers, and in quick time the bells were going to touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob. The new treble by Mears and Stainbank has made the original five (cast by Miles Gray in 1622) into a tuneful six, tenor 11 cwt. The church is famous for its archaeological associations, and an interesting history of it has recently been written by J. M. Bull. The unique features are the three well-carved oak effigies, of the thirteenth century, which lie under recesses, two in the north wall and the third in the south. The effigies, all clad in ringed mail covered with a surcoat, are said to represent members of the St. Clare family who flourished in the reign of Henry III. Also the late sixteenth century Mildmay funeral hehn, with its rampant lion crest; the carved images fixed to the pews, many of them representing badges of the British regiments quartered in the neighbourhood during the late war; and the fourteenth century hagioscope through the east wall of the north aisle.

On leaving the church, the Rector (the Rev. R. E. Fanshawe) gladly welcomed the party to the Rectory grounds, where the distant view embraced the valley of the Crouch and Langdon Hills to the silver streak of the Thames and the far shores of Kent.

Great Holland was the next objective, via Maldon, Totham, Tiptree, Colchester and Thorpe-le-Soken. Winding roads, country gardens, fruit farms and quaint old farm buildings, with freshly gathered corn stacked close by, provided passing thrills that are not experienced in crowded streets.

Mr. T. Bareham welcomed the party at All Saints', Great Holland, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on a new peal of eight by John Taylor and Co., given by the Barron Bell Trust in memory of the founder of the trust, Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, who died in 1930. The ringing floor, open to view, is reached by a perpendicular ladder and trap door, a novel if somewhat awkward arrangement. The stately early fifteenth century brick tower, the spacious chancel, the single row of well-proportioned pillars separating the nave from the north aisle, and the south porch are features that make the building interesting.

After dinner at Corby's Restaurant, Clacton, and a general survey of the sea front and its amusements, including the Martello Tower, no longer used by coastguards, the 'right away' was sounded for Coggeshall, via St. Osyth, Thorington and the new 'Avenue of Remembrance,' Lexden. On approaching Coggeshall, 'Dick Turpin,' out for quick business, proclaimed that the local carnival was being held, and the one-time famous place for cloth was rising to the occasion in good style. Thanks to Mr. E. Beckwith's assistance, the bells of St. Peter's ad Vincula, one of the outstanding churches in Essex, were soon going to Grandsire Triples, followed by Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major—a musical eight, 20 cwt.

The outstanding features of this well-proportioned edifice of flint and large pebbles, dating back to the 13th century, with fine Early English and Perpendicular workmanship, are the great number of stained glass windows, rich in design and colouring, dedicated to members of well-known local families; the alabaster reredos and the wonderful wood carving that adorns the beautiful chancel. Four brass figures are set into the north wall in memory of John Oldam, of East Tilbury, who died in 1599, and members of his family. Above these is a marble monument to Robert Townsend, who took part in Marlborough's campaigns and who was highly esteemed.

Tea was served at the famous 15th century Woolpack Inn, and at the conclusion Mr. W. Rule and Mr. J. Chalk voiced the thanks of the visitors and ringers respectively to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and to Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), the organisers of the very successful outing, and to Sgt. Thorpe (Loughton), who so energetically co-operated with the drivers throughout the day.—Mr. C. Morss suitably replied, and said that both he and Mr. Rann would be pleased to offer their services again, and invited those present to join in next year's excursion.

After a short interval the coaches sped along to High Ongar, via Wilham, reaching St. Mary's as the sun was setting. The bells are hung in a fairly modern brick tower, solid in design, erected on the south side of the ancient flint church renowned for its Norman arch and 13th century lancet windows. After another trap door experience, with Mr. H. Ordish as the local guide, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung on a well-sounding six, tenor 11 cwt., the

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## A TOWERKEEPERS' PEAL.

Eight towerkeepers of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Bromley Common.



THE EIGHT STEEPLE KEEPERS.

They are Messrs. T. Groombridge, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst; B. W. Aldridge, St. Mary's, Woolwich; A. S. Richards, St. John's, West Wickham; H. Warnett, St. Mary's, Lewisham; J. Hurrell, St. John's, Eltham; W. J. Jefferies, St. John's, Deptford; J. E. Lyddiard, St. Luke's, Bromley, and W. Smith, St. George's, Beckenham.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BARNES.

A meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, August 25th, at Barnes, when, in very fine weather, members and friends to the number of about 40 attended during the time at the disposal of the association. A little known tower, ancient, of old red brick (1212), subsequently restored at some time in the Tudor style, there were till 1897 three bells, which were augmented to eight in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. In 1933 these eight, tenor about 12½ cwt., were rehung and tuned by Mears and Stainbank, with most pleasing results. The 7th bell was cast in 1575 by Robert Mot.

The proceedings commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples under the conductorship of the District Master, Mr. H. Mance. Other touches in various methods were rung until 5 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. W. Patrick Bott) held a short service and in an address briefly sketched the history of the church and bells. He pointed out that the south aisle is the remaining portion of the original church built in the 12th century. This has been restored to be as near as possible to the original work, although two tie beams have been preserved intact. These, in fact, are oak trees squared by adze.

Tea was partaken of at a local restaurant, and at the meeting which followed the Rector was elected a member.

The secretary was requested to write a congratulatory letter to Mr. F. Hawthorn, of Thames Ditton, assistant secretary of the association, who had been married that afternoon.

A movement was afterwards made to the tower for further ringing, and during the evening among the touches was a course of London, which was stated on almost indisputable authority to be the first ever rung on the bells.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in allowing the bells to be used for this occasion, and for his nice address at the service. Thanks also were expressed to Mr. Charles Hunt, steeplekeeper for many years, who welcomed the company in his usual breezy and pleasant way. Visitors came from Bletchley, Hillingdon, Ruislip, Enfield, Croydon, etc. At 8.30 the bells were lowered and a very pleasant function came to an end, the hope being expressed that acquaintance with such a 'topping little lot' might be renewed next year.

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treble having been recently added and the 5th recast, another testimony to Taylor's good workmanship.

By nine o'clock the day's ringing had ceased and the run home via Abridge soon followed. A happy day had been spent, the spirit of comradeship had been strengthened, and confidence gained by those who were setting out to master the art of change ringing. All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who greeted the party at the towers visited.



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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). — W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. — J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3 Nail Street, Milnrow.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. F. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool. Archdeacon Howson wishes to meet as many members as possible at this, his farewell meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. — C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gullesborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Usual arrangements.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please send names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Roman Catholic (8) bells available from 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) from 6 to 8 p.m.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Sept. 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The dedication of the new bell at Milton Regis, which has been added to the existing five, through the generosity of J. Dixon, Esq., will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th, during the evening service, which begins at 6.30 p.m. On the following Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening. All ringers are invited to be present on each occasion, and those desirous of being provided with tea on Saturday are kindly requested to notify me in time to make the necessary arrangements.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Special practice at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Monday, Sept. 10th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Bob. Plain Bob and Double Norwich. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will members who intend to be present notify the secretary at the undermentioned address? — W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Wednesday, September 12th. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Turkey Cock. All ringing friends heartily invited. Tickets for the Herts County Jubilee Dinner will be available.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts: H. Wacey, Essex, Dis. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m. Please advise F. L. Lowes, Arnsby, Preston, Hull, by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 19, Medlock Road, Handsworth, Sheffield 9, by Thursday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Election of officers takes place at this meeting.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Staines (near G.W.R. Station), on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in the Church Room, Bridge Street. Book also Oct. 6th for Hillingdon (joint meeting and social with Oxford Diocesan Guild).—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting follows. Other towers open: Whitechurch Canonorum (8) and Chardstock (6). Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 11th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Davanty and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's Restaurant, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Sec., Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratton-St.-Margaret on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please advise for tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Brigg on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 5d.) 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. W. Atkinson, Bigby Road, Brigg, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Easton on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by first post Wednesday, 12th.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will intending visitors please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday previous?—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The September meeting will be held at Kirby Wiske on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells 6 (tenor 10 cwt.) available for ringing during the afternoon. Teas provided at 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify secretary not later than Wednesday, 12th.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenthall on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3. Short service at 4.45, with address by the Vicar, the Rev. Wilfred Goode. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Reports ready for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Usual arrangements for ringing, etc., with tea in the Church Hall. Please let me have numbers for tea and notification of any business for the agenda by Sept. 19th.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec., Tudor House, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Northampton, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, to commemorate the bi-centenary of the bells. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. Taylor, 43, Edinburgh Road, Northampton, by Sept. 17th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, when the eight bells will be available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the Parish Room at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Wombwell's Café at 5 p.m., and it is essential that all requiring tea should notify Mr. A. Hill, 51, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, by Wednesday, Sept. 19th. The general meeting will be

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Throwley, near Faversham, on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. As the Vicar has kindly arranged to entertain the ringers to tea, it is particularly requested that all those intending to be present notify Mr. W. J. Page, Post Office, Throwley, near Faversham, on or before Thursday, Sept. 20th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The Vicar of Rochdale has promised to address the meeting.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, with meeting following, 5 p.m., at the Victoria. All ringers heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey, not later than Thursday, Sept. 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th. Arrangements are being made for ringing from 2 p.m., conducted tours and a good social programme. The dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel. Please book the date and watch 'The Ringing World' for further announcements.

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