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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

'Should a peal of Grandsire Doubles consist of forty-two true six-scores; be rung with not less than ten different callings, and be conducted by a single conductor ringing a working bell?' This is not our question: it is raised by a ringer who has spent much time in helping country ringers in places where they have to start from nothing and where a peal of Grandsire Doubles is something of an achievement. It is prompted by the fact that there have been recently rung peals with one calling, peals with two conductors and peals conducted by a ringer who did not ring one of the working bells. Our correspondent claims that these things are no encouragement to ringers who struggle to do the 'right thing' in scoring a peal and he expresses the opinion that, at any rate, no peal of Doubles should be recognised which does not include all the possible ordinary callings, or of Minor, unless seven different 720's are rung.

There is a good deal in the last contention put forward if the question is looked at from the point of view of raising the standard of peal ringing, but we do not see how the forms of peals quoted can be ruled out if we accept the fact that a peal of Doubles is the extent on five bells rung forty-two times. As long as each composition of the six-score is true it does not, at present, matter in what order the changes are rung, and while the qualification rests upon the number of true six-scores, and not upon the callings, a one-calling peal ranks for recognition equally with one of ten callings. Until the basis of what shall be recognised as a peal is changed a one-calling peal cannot be ruled out. When the Central Council, at the Hereford meeting, endeavoured to find a definition for peals of Minor and Doubles, an argument in favour of insisting upon the maximum number of callings, according to the method, was put forward, but turned down as being unduly restrictive.

The other points raised by our correspondent as to the actual conducting can hardly enter into the recognition of peals. Peals depend upon the truth of what is rung, by whom or how the bobs are called can hardly count. If peals with two conductors are ruled out, so must be peals in which all the ringers share the conducting, and if that be done when the ringers call the bobs, the logical conclusion would be to rule out peals in which the ringers do not call the bobs, but each is his own conductor—that is, a non-conducted peal. After all, the sharing of bob calling in a peal is a rare occurrence. On the other matter of whether the conductor should ring a working bell, there can, we think, be little division of opinion. There are occasions

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when calling a peal from an 'outside' bell may be an even more meritorious performance than from an 'inside' bell—on the other hand, of course, it may not be. Then, too, there are circumstances when calling the peal without ringing at all may be even more difficult than calling from the tenor. Here, again, as long as the conductor calls the peal without any aid to memory, it is difficult to see how it can logically be rejected, but that is not to say that conducting peals by someone who is not ringing should be encouraged. Grandsire Doubles ringers, however, need not, we think, worry about any unorthodox conducting, and can rest assured that when their peals are rung with ten callings they will always be valued at a higher standard than the peals with only one calling.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES	Treble	*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 7
*JESSE HARRISON	2	FRED BIGGS 8
RALPH COLES	3	ROLAND BIGGS 9
JAMES W. WILKINS	4	REV. C. E. WIGG 10
FRANK WEST	5	EDWARD R. COLES 11
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 6		WILLIAM PLUMRIDGE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung in honour of His Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES	Treble	*ALAN R. PINK 7
*MRS. A. E. LOCK	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 8
RALPH COLES	3	EDWARD R. COLES 9
JOHN P. PELLOE	4	LEONARD STILWELL 10
JAMES W. WILKINS	5	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 11
FRANK WEST	6	EDWARD R. CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN W. WARD	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 8
HARRY HOSKINS	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 9
JAMES E. DAVIS	5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD BANCE 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
FRANK E. DARBY ... 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... 8
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	JOHN F. GALYER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Alfred J. Trappitt, a member of the local band, who was buried the same day.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

RUSSELL W. CURSON <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 6
HANBURY F. CARTER ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 7
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER ... 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 8
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... 9
WILLIAM J. WASEY ... 5	NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First attempt for a peal of Royal by ringers of the second and third, members of the local company.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED BUCKLEY <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6
GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 2	WALTER R. HUGHES ... 7
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 3	THOMAS HILL ... 8
HARRY T. HIGGINS ... 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 9
HOWARD HOWELL ... 5	WILLIAM WALKER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of His Majesty the King.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON <i>Treble</i>	JOHN GODFREY ... 6
*ERNEST G. SHORTEN ... 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 8
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... 9
WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 5	F. NOLAN GOLDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. CROSS. Conducted by BEN S. THOMPSON.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of His Majesty the King's 70th birthday.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE <i>Treble</i>	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	*STANLEY A. CARTER ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	HAROLD V. FROST ... 8
GEORGE GRAY ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 5	ALBERT LAWRENCE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. First peal as conductor on ten bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

TOTTENHAM.—At the Church of All Hallows for morning service on June 2nd, as a farewell to William J. Ellis, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. G. Peck 1, Mrs. E. H. King 2, E. H. King 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 6, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED PEARCE ... 6
HENRY PRING ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 7
F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 8
RICHARD CLARK ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
GILBERT PEARCE ... 5	JOHN H. LAMBLE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. A. J. KNIGHT. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung to mark the coming of age of the daughter of Harry Bennett, sidesman and ringer at St. Stephen's.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... 6
*CECIL J. KAZER ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 4	WILLIAM CROSS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* Elected a member before starting. First peal in the method as conductor. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS <i>Treble</i>	PERCY J. JERVIS ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 3	*HERBERT N. CRADDOCK ... 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 4	THOMAS E. LEE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. The composition was rung for the first time.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FREDK. DENCE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First 'blow' in London Surprise Major. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

SWINSEHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BURRELL <i>Treble</i>	HARVEY E. BURRELL ... 5
*MISS LOIS M. NEAL ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 6
HARRY JOHNSON ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... 7
ARTHUR YOUNG ... 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. KEEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss L. M. Neal.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM WATREN 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
TOM SANDERS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	A. PATRICK CANNON 7
HARRY BAKER 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Rung for Empire Day. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The composition (No. 405) is rung for the first time.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HENRY L. LANGLEY Treble	*BARNABAS G. KEY 5
*GEORGE BUTLER 2	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	DAVID HINGLEY 7
GEORGE OLIVER 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Composed by C. WALLATER.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Kirk.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
*CHARLES POWELL 4	†WILLIAM A. JONES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First attempt for an eight-bell peal. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal for H.M. Queen Mary, by kind approval of Canon E. A. T. Roberts. It is 23 years since a similar performance was rung on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LADD Treble	GEORGE W. SIMPSON 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 2	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 6
GEORGE W. MILLS 3	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
JOHN CURRY 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Jarvis, churchwarden, on attaining his 99th birthday.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HARRY W. YOUNGMAN Treble	*SIDNEY A. BLOOMFIELD 5
WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD 2	JOHN ALDISS, SEN. 6
ARTHUR POINTZ 3	JOHN ALDISS, JUN. 7
LEONARD POINTZ 4	GEORGE POINTZ Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE POINTZ.

* First peal. This is the first peal by the local company since 1912.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 5
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 2	GEORGE WHITING 6
JAMES ROSE 3	KEITH W. WHITTELL 7
*JACK FORD 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM 5
JOHN H. CHESMAN 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	JOHN S. MORTON 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung prior to a special service held for the delegates of the C.E.M.S.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BENJAMIN BAKER Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
*THOMAS GRICE 2	*FREDERICK LEESON 6
*GEORGE POUND 3	LEONARD MANNERING 7
ERNEST SPILLER 4	THOMAS RANDALL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD MANNERING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM S. BUTLER Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 146). Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES

First peal in the method on the bells.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 2	JOHN NOBES 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	ALFRED H. WEBB 7
WALTER V. WEBB 4	ERNEST MOLFORD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE W. T. BRIGGS Treble	FRANK E. MITCHELL 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	CHARLES POTHECARY 6
†RONALD I. HALL 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
‡LAWRENCE GREENHOW 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES POTHECARY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method with a bob bell.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D

JAMES MARSH Treble	*WILLIAM C. PILKINGTON 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON 6
JOHN BROWN 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method.

ARMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY Treble	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR 2	HARRY MARSDEN 6
*FRANK RAYMENT 3	*HARRY LOPTHOUSE 7
*MISS OLIVE RENTON 4	*LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

C. W. WOOLLEY Treble	*CECIL KAZEL 5
EDWARD ASHEY 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	STEPHEN H. HOARE 7
MISS ELSIE FULTON 4	JOHN E. ROOYES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. G. PAUL.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The tenorman has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WOLLASTON.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MISS ETHEL E. REED Treble	JOHN BASS 4
*WILLIAM HODNETT 2	†JOHN PAGETT 5
PERCY RICHARDS 3	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PAGETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell, also as conductor.

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*R. STEVENS Treble	O. WILLS 4
†A. BROOKER 2	J. MEDHURST 5
A. HIBBIN 3	†F. OTTAWAY Tenor

Conducted by J. MEDHURST.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Specially arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who had not rung at this tower for over 30 years.

MARKET DEEPPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Chester, Alnwick, Munden, Newcastle; (2) London, Cuneastre, Wells; (3) Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Stamford, Rossendale; (5) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (6) Hexham, Berwick; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY GIBBARD Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
*VERNON TAYLOR 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal. First in 26 methods by all.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Sunday, May 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3
FRANK H. HICKS 2	ARTHUR J. HART 4

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

First peal on five bells by all the band.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and eight of Oxford Singles.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. J. Frome Wilkinson, late Rector of Barley, who was laid to rest there on that day.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON Treble	*T. WILKES 4
*HARRY JOHNSON 2	†WILLIAM FARR 5
RICHARD TREHERNE 3	†GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the ringing jubilee (50 years) of R. Treherne.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*JOSEPH W. COTTON Treble	WILLIAM H. T. KING 4
FRANCIS COXON 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER 5
CHARLES DAVIES 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in three methods as conductor.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

FREDK. MATTHEWS, SEN. ... Treble	KENNETH NEWMAN 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
FREDK. MATTHEWS, JUN. ... 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUCKENHAM.

DONHEAD ST. MARY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
A. JOHN GRAY 2	WILLIAM C. SEUTE 5
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of H.M. the King's birthday (June 3rd).

FREISTON, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS L. NEAL Treble	JACK YOUNG 4
HARRY JOHNSON 2	*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods. First extent of London Bob by all the band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. CHAPLIN ... Treble	FRANK BERRY 4
THOMAS SPARROW 2	ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 3	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Trimmer. The ringers of the 5th and 6th have now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

CYRIL H. W. SPEED ... Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN 4
*MISS ADELINA A. STOKES ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

* First peal of Minor, and first 720 of Minor in any method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Helena Lavinia Alcock, sister of Mr. W. Alcock, one of the local ringers, and Mr. Hugh McMurchie.

ALFORD, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT I. MINGAY ... Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	*CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... 5
STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B.

*BRYAN O'NEIL (age 14) ... Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 14) ... 4
†GEORGE J. BERRY 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
EDWARD T. BARRETT ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First attempt for peal. † First peal in three methods. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd belong to Hitcham, remainder to St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks. Rung as a bicentenary commemoration peal to Thomas Hearne (diarist), to whose memory a tablet was unveiled at White Waltham, Berks, that day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—Stephen H. Hoare.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Taylor.

GLANDFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 2, 1935, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM R. WEST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 14 in C.

ROBERT J. WISKER 1	NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
WILLIAM COPEMAN 2	WILLIAM R. WEST 5
LESLIE V. PAGE 6	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal ever rung in Glandford. The ringer of the second is only 14 years old.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) with different callings: G. Hastings 1, C. Pearce 2, W. James 3, F. Gosling 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5, C. Williams 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6. First quarter-peal on the bells. All the ringers are local except the conductor, who hails from Newbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENT WELCOMED.**

The recently augmented peal at All Saints', Harrow Weald, proved an attraction on Saturday, May 25th, when some fifty or so members and friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met for ringing and a talk. The weather, after an unpromising morning, was very kind, and an enjoyable meeting was held. The bells, restored and augmented by Messrs. Taylor and Co. early this year, are now a very pretty ring of eight (tenor 8 cwt.), and the two trebles which were added are an excellent splice.

The Master of the association (Mr. A. W. Coles) looked after the ringing requirements of all present until service time. The Vicar (the Rev. O. S. Durham) preached an interesting sermon and afterwards presided at tea. Previous to his departure, before the actual business meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher thanked him for the use of the bells, and congratulated the Harrow Weald ringers on their very fine peal.—The Vicar, in his reply, welcomed the association, and said that he hoped it would now not be long before another visit was made to his church.

At the commencement of the business meeting, Mr. C. T. Coles (joint hon. secretary) welcomed the new vice-president of the district (Mr. George W. Fletcher), and said he was sure that all would join him in wishing Mr. Fletcher a happy time in the chair at their meetings.—Mr. Fletcher expressed his appreciation of the honour done to him, and said that he would always do his best for the association.

Seven new members were elected, including several members of the North Minims (Herts) band, whose joining was stated by the hon. secretary to be a real sign of the goodwill and fellowship existing between the Herts and Middlesex Associations.

St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, June 29th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of Stanmore for the use of his bells; to the organist and choir; to the several ladies who had prepared an excellent tea, and to Messrs. Goodship and Hughes for having the bells in readiness.

Ringling on handbells afterwards included courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, whilst full use was made of the bells at Stanmore and Harrow Weald churches until about 9 o'clock, when the last of the company dispersed.

During the evening the pretty garden belonging to Mr. Hart, father of one of the Harrow Weald ringers, was placed at the disposal of members, who found it a fine vantage point to listen to the bells.

SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR.**A NEW PLAN IN A FOUR-METHOD PEAL.**

BY A. J. PITMAN.

Following are the figures of a composition of Spiced Surprise Major in the four methods, viz.: London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative, upon a new plan. It is the first of Spiced Surprise Major in which the whole of the work of three methods can be rung by every bell, including the tenors, in one peal. In this peal all the bells can do all the work in the course of London, Bristol and Superlative.

23456	M.	W.	H.	5,280.	Methods.
65432	1	1	1		L C L
34256	1	1			L C L
32546		1	2		L C L B
62345	2		3		L B(S) L B B
54326	1	1	1		L(S) L
43526			2		L(S) L B
53246		2	1		L C B L
45236		1			L C L
62534	1		1		L C L
26435	2		2		L B C L B
43265		1	1		L(S) L
(36245)	1	Before			S S S B B B
24365		1	1		B B B S S S
32465			1		L C L
54263	1		1		* L L L L L L L
25463			1		L C L
46253		1	1		L C L
52364	1	1	3		L(S) L B B
46325	1	1	1		L C L
25634	1	2	2		L(S) B L B
54632	1		2		L C L B

(S) These leads may be rung to Cambridge. * Or L S L only (which cuts out four leads). Repeat as from 34256, omit the last two bobs Home, and the lead of Bristol for 23456. Cambridge must be rung where shown to ensure truth of the peal.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At St. Katharine's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: A. Cheaseley 1, G. Welch 2, K. Birt 3, C. Killick 4, B. Wells 5, J. Batters (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There was a very unusual coincidence in connection with the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Marden, Kent, on June 4th. For no fewer than four of the ringers it was the one hundredth peal they had rung together, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker having now rung a hundred peals with C. H. Sone and T. E. Sone. It was also the 150th peal which the two last named had rung together, and Mr. T. E. Sone's 150th peal as conductor. In addition he completed his third time 'round the circle' with the calling of Holt's Original, including one peal rung 'non-conducted.'

The peal at Halesowen on May 18th was rung for the Worcestershire Association.

The late Rev. S. H. Viggars, who died on May 29th, and to whose memory a half-muffled peal was rung at St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Staffs, was formerly Vicar of that parish. In 1926 he became Rector of Bridport, Dorset, and Rural Dean of Bridport. He was Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen at Barry and Antwerp from 1931 to 1933, and afterwards organising secretary for the South-Eastern District.

A correspondent challenges the accuracy of a peal of Doubles which has been rung. If he will send his name and address his letter will be published.

The new peal of twelve at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, will be dedicated on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by a garden party at the Vicarage, tickets 1s. each, which includes tea. The bells will be available for touches from 5 p.m. onwards: all ringing friends welcome.

This will be a great event in the annals of Aston, where so many famous peals have been rung in the past.

RINGERS' MEETINGS.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

We very much regret that the extraordinary pressure upon our space in the last few weeks has necessitated the holding over or omission of many reports sent to us for publication. We give below the most important points from recent meetings, the reports of which we are not able to produce in *extenso*. We hope those who have been kind enough to send these reports will realise our difficulties and accept our apologies.

Over 30 members attended the meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at East Dereham, when it was decided to hold the next meeting on September 14th, at Upper Sheringham, or Cromer, or Wiveton.

The South Norfolk Branch elected the Rev. B. M. Pickering (Rector) as an honorary member at a meeting held at Redenhall. Steps for teaching a band at Blo' Norton were discussed.

A peal board of fine workmanship recording eight peals in various methods has been unveiled at St. Mary's Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire. These peals record the good progress made by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association since its inception 12 years ago. About 30 different names appear on the board, with about five or six different conductors.

The Towcester District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will hold a series of Saturday evening combined practices, and at future annual meetings only 6d. will be charged for tea and 1s. 6d. for lunch. It is hoped this will enable more members to attend.

Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild elected the Rev. A. F. G. Farmer, Rector of Yattendon, as an hon. member.

The Vale of White Horse Branch had the satisfactory balance in hand of £4 6s. 10d. in the general funds at the annual meeting, and £3 8s. in the Restoration Fund. More young members are wanted.

The May meeting of the Middlesex County Association's South and West District at Isleworth, a Thames-side town, was anything but a 'summer outing.' An interesting programme of meetings was provisionally drawn up: July 13th, Twickenham; August 10th, Rushlip; and joint meetings with the Guildford and Oxford Guilds at Staines and Egham on September 28th and with the Oxford and Ladies' Guilds at Hillingdon on October 12th. Peal organisers and secretaries of neighbouring Guilds are requested to avoid clashing with these dates if possible.

Fourteen towers were represented at the summer meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association held at Grimley. Those present included Mr. J. D. Johnson, the new hon. secretary of the association.

A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Lincoln Districts of the Lincoln Guild was to have been held at Alford, but Lincoln District was not able to raise a sufficiently large party to charter a coach. Despite the inaccessibility of the village, however, there was a large attendance. The Master of the Guild (Mr. Rupert Richardson) congratulated Alford on the fine peal of six bells which they now possess. A welcome to Bigby for the next meeting was offered.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints', Arksey, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Clark 1, G. Clark 2, *W. Fay 3, H. Arrand 4, *H. Goodale 5, W. E. Lloyd 6, E. Cooper (conductor) 7, *F. Newton 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung with half-muffled bells as a last token of respect to Mrs. Peill, daughter of Mr. T. Revill, a member of All Saints' company.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

The Central Council met at Shrewsbury on Tuesday. It was the third session of the fifteenth Council, and 90 members were present.

By the kindness of the Mayor and Corporation of Shrewsbury, the meeting was held in the fine old Council Chamber at Shrewsbury Castle.

The following members were present:—
Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Mr. H. W. Brown, Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. King and Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Cambridge University Guild: Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mr. E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. Norbury and Mr. T. Wilde.
Devon Guild: The Rev. E. S. Powell, Mr. T. Laver, Mr. E. W. Marsh and Mr. G. C. Woodley.
Dudley and District Guild: Mr. F. Colclough.
East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.
Ely Diocesan Association: The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake and Miss K. Willers.

Essex Association: Mr. E. J. Butler and Mr. G. R. Pye.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. J. Austin and Mr. W. Rose.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. C. Hazleden and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.

Irish Association: Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association: Mr. T. Groombridge, Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. R. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shaker and Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Mr. G. Chester and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mr. J. W. Jones.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. E. Dawe.

Middlesex County Association: Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Mr. W. H. Hollier.

Midland Counties Association: Mr. E. C. Gobey, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, Mr. E. Denison Taylor and Mr. W. E. White.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Mr. A. L. Coleman.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. W. Evetts, and Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society: Mr. W. Collett.

Oxford University Society: The Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Mr. T. Tebbutt and Mr. F. Wilford.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. S. Hillier, Mr. C. H. Jennings and Mr. F. W. Romaine.

Shropshire Association: Mr. W. Saunders.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. G. H. Cross and Mr. J. Parker.

Stafford Archdeaconry Guild: Mr. T. J. Elton and Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild: The Rev. H. Drake.

Surrey Association: Mr. D. Cooper and Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Truro Diocesan Guild: The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella.

Warwickshire Guild: Mr. J. H. W. White.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Mr. H. Barton, Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. G. Williams.

Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. R. G. Knowles.

Yorkshire Association: Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, Mr. J. Hardcastle, Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members: Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. A. A. Hughes, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. J. A. Trollope, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

The Council was welcomed to the diocese by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, who also had been requested by the Lady Mayor to welcome the Council to Shrewsbury on her behalf.

The President (Mr. E. H. Lewis) read a letter from the Mayor expressing regret at her absence.

CONGRATULATIONS TO HIS MAJESTY.

The President then read a telegram which it was proposed should be sent to H.M. the King. It was as follows:—

'The Central Council of Church Bellringers, assembled for its annual meeting in Shrewsbury Castle, respectfully offers its congratulations on the attainment of your Majesty's Silver Jubilee, in the happy celebration of which the ringers of Great Britain and Ireland have taken their part, and on their behalf the Council expresses the earnest hope that for many years to come your Majesty's reign over a loyal and united people may be prolonged.—Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

Later in the day the following reply was received:—

'The message of good wishes contained on your telegram was much appreciated by the King, whose sincere thanks I am commanded to convey to you and all who joined in these congratulations.—Private Secretary.'

The message was received with applause.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the total membership of the Council was 128 members, representing 51 associations and 15 honorary members.

The retiring honorary members, Messrs. W. A. Cave and A. Walker, were re-elected.

New members presented to the president were Messrs. E. C. S. Turner (honorary), J. Hardcastle (Yorkshire Association), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Oxford University Society), Mr. G. Cross (Royal Cumberland) and Mr. W. Saunders (Shropshire Association).

The President mentioned past members of the Council who had died during the year, and the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect: Mr. J. Cotterell (1918-1934), Mr. William Pvo (1912-1923), Mr. G. R. Fardon (1906-1911), Mr. E. P. Debenham (1894-1902), Mr. F. F. Lindley (1891-1897), and Mr. E. Bishop (1922-1923, 1932-1935).

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith reported that the Council's greetings were conveyed to the ringers of Australia and New Zealand by the English tourists and that the publications sent out by the Council and distributed at the various towers were greatly appreciated. The tourists brought back fraternal greetings and good wishes from Australia, which they were asked to give to the Council and the ringers of England.

SATISFACTORY SALES OF PUBLICATIONS.

The hon. librarian reported that there had been no trade depression in his department. The record of the last year's sales had not quite been reached, but the demand for all publications had been good. A number of county bell histories had been added to the library by purchase and other books by gift. A complete catalogue would soon be available. The number of publications sold was 1,818, representing £35 15s. 6d. in value. Of this, £5 2s. 6d. value was accounted for by the gift of publications sent to Australian towers. The account showed a balance on the year of £24 10s. 4d.

The report was adopted and the Council authorised the reprinting of the pamphlet on the Law Affecting Bells, after reference to Alderman Pritchett with regard to the insurance of voluntary ringers; and the reprinting of the Doubles and Minor Methods Collection, after revision by the Methods Committee.

FINANCES.

The Council's accounts showed receipts from affiliation fees of £31 for 1934-35 and 10s. arrears 1933-34; hon. members' subscriptions £2 2s. 6d.; interest on Conversion Stocks and Consols £5; sale of publications £24 10s. 4d.; making a total of £63 2s. 10d. Expenses of new publications were £32 7s.; on library books £4 1s. 9d.; donations to memorial funds £13 13s.; other items £18 7s. 2d.; making a total of £68 19s. 5d. The balance of £64 11s. 9d. in 1934 has thus been reduced to £58 15s. 2d. in 1935, with £100, in addition, invested.

The accounts were adopted.

The report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine was received, and the Council then passed on to the consideration of the reports of the various committees.

COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS.

The report of the Peal Collection Committee stated that the committee were in the midst of making the selection of compositions for publication. On account of the number of peals of Grandsire Triples received—about five times as many as were authorised—it was suggested that a larger quota of these should be allowed.

The report was adopted, and the committee given power to include additional compositions in any one method, but it was suggested that the total number should not be increased.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE'S WORK.

The Methods Committee's report, which has already been printed in our columns, was presented and received, but a long and acrimonious discussion took place over the committee's recommendation: 'That the Methods Committee be authorised to prepare a book on the Surprise Major methods, and to hand the same to the hon. secretary; and that the hon. secretary be authorised to take the necessary steps for publishing the same.' This was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, after having, at the suggestion of the president, withdrawn an amendment to omit certain paragraphs of the report, proposed the following amendment to the recommendation: 'That it be an instruction to the Methods Committee to prepare a MSS. collection of 500-800 Surprise Major methods, which shall include an adequate proportion of methods representing the most recent research, and that this collection be made available to members of the Central Council through the library for their suggestions and criticism with a view to the ultimate publication of a book containing 100-200 representative Surprise Major methods.'

This was seconded by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, but eventually defeated, and the committee's recommendation adopted.

THE PRESS AND BELLRINGING.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee represented a long report dealing with references and articles on ringing which had appeared in the Press during the year, including quotations from Australian journals during the ringing tour in the Commonwealth. There was also a statement on broadcasting, and the committee re-

commended that a letter be written to the B.B.C. congratulating them on the broadcasts given at Christmas and at the royal functions, and on the interval signal, but expressing regret at the omission of bells at Easter and at the discontinuance of the transmissions from the Midlands, and chiefly from Birmingham.

The report was adopted.

HONORARY MEMBERS INCREASED.

The President proposed and the hon. secretary seconded an alteration of the rules governing the constitution of the Council to enlarge the maximum number of honorary members from 15 to 20.

The motion was agreed to.

BELLS IN NEW CHURCHES.

The following motion was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings:—

'That an address be presented by the Council to the diocesan Bishops, requesting them to take measures to ensure that the designs prepared for churches to serve new centres of population shall include due provision for the ultimate erection of substantial towers to accommodate peals of bells properly hung for ringing, at such points as to place every group of houses within hearing of a peal of bells; at the same time directing their lordships' attention to the fact that all cause of annoyance from the sound of bells can be effectually eliminated if architects' designs conform to the recommendations of the Towers and Belfries Committee.'

Mr. C. Jennings seconded the motion, which was carried, after Canon Elsee had suggested conveying the proposal to the Bishops in a modified form.

PEALS IN 'SPICED' METHODS.

Mr. C. T. Coles, whose seconder was Mr. E. C. S. Turner, had given notice of the following motion:—

'That in view of the extension of the practice of splicing methods this Council resolves that the term "spliced" shall be applied only to those peals in which not more than the length of a normal course in any method is rung in any part of the peal without a change to another method being made. Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing, shall be called "combined" peals.'

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is produced by a special call, such as in peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be called "spliced" peals.'

'These decisions shall apply to peals on all numbers of bells.'

Mr. Coles asked permission of the Council to amend the second paragraph of the motion to read as follows:—

'That as splicing involves changes of methods at plained, bobbed and singled leads alike, it is further resolved that peals in which the change of method is not made at the lead end, such as certain peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, shall not be termed "spliced" peals.'

This was agreed to.

Notice of amendment had also been given, and which had been accepted by the proposer and seconder to substitute the following for the first portion of the motion:—

'To delete all the words in the first paragraph after the word "which" in line 3, and to substitute the following:—

'There are at least as many changes of method as there are courses in the peal, subject to the following stipulations:—

(a) In peals in even-bell methods in which singles are used, the number of changes of method before a single shall be at least equal to the number of courses preceding the single, and, similarly, after a single, equal to the number of courses which follow it.

(b) In peals in odd-bell methods, the number of changes of method shall be at least equal to the number of changes of the bell in the hunt, or of the courses in the peal. Subject only, in peals in which less than six methods of Triples are rung, to any reduction of the number necessitated by two or more hunt bells, relating to the same method, being consecutively called into the hunt.

(c) The conditions relating to even-bell methods shall apply in peals of Minor to each 720 individually, and for the purposes of this rule each 720 with a Treble Bob hunt shall be considered to have six courses, and each 720 with a Plain hunt, or with an Alliance and Little hunt, twelve courses.

(d) Peals of Doubles shall be deemed to comply with this rule if there is at least one change of method within a 120 and not more than half a six-score is rung without changing into a different method.

Peals which contain more than one method, but which do not conform to the foregoing shall be called "combined" peals.'

After a long discussion, the subject, together with an amendment by Mr. J. Hunt, was postponed for future consideration, the following resolution being carried on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. Tom Clarke: 'That all peals which contain more than one method shall be called "spliced peals." That reports of all spliced peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another.'

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THE AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND TOUR STORY TO BE PUBLISHED.

We are pleased to be able to announce that the demand for the story of the Australian and New Zealand Ringing Tour in book form has been sufficiently large to justify the publication being undertaken.

The articles which appeared in 'The Ringing World' will be supplemented by further material and the whole will be illustrated by numerous pictures.

The edition will be a strictly limited one, and those who have not already ordered their copy should do so at once, to save disappointment. The price of the book will be 2s. post free.

Send a postcard to-day to

The Editor, 'The Ringing World,'

Woking, Surrey.

to reserve a copy.

The date of publication will be announced later.

RINGING IN CAMBRIDGE.

'A DISGRACEFUL STATE OF AFFAIRS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association held at Sawston, Cambs, on Saturday, June 1st, a good deal of criticism was levelled at certain members of the Branch Committee for celebrating His Majesty's Jubilee by ringing a peal on that day. As I am not often able to attend these meetings, owing to my employment, will you please allow me to reply through 'The Ringing World.' As one who helped to organise the peal, I offer no apology. I have noticed we were not the only band who rang a peal on that day. I see visions of 'the green-eyed monster' at that meeting.

Mention was also made of the lack of ringing done in Cambridge on Jubilee Day. How can bells be rung when there are no ringers, or very few, in a town of 70,000 people? This is the direct result of the policy, spreading over years, of the Cambridge Youths, who control the only tower where it is possible to teach beginners. I have myself many times heard would-be ringers told to 'clear off.' A noise (an apology for ringing) is made when payment is forthcoming. When it is not, as, for instance, on Sundays, the bells are silent. A more disgraceful state of affairs I do not know of.

23, Hemingford Road, Cambridge.

E. G. HIBBINS.

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OLD PEAL RECORDS.

Mr. W. H. Hollier had given notice of the following motion: 'That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that a record should be made of old peal records contained on tablets, boards or otherwise in the church towers of the country, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work, the records to be collected being those up to the year 1825.'

This was seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles and carried.

A committee, consisting of Mr. W. H. Hollier, the Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre, was appointed.

PEAL REPORTS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. G. L. Grover seconded a motion in the following terms:—

'That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's peals analysis and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press are urged to denote all "first peals" and "first peals in the method," both by any of the ringers and "as conductor."'

This was adopted.

PROPOSED RECORD OF PAST MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. K. Fletcher proposed and Mr. G. R. Pyc seconded:—

'That a record be prepared of past members of the Council, giving a short account of their work, and, where possible, a photograph, and that a committee be appointed to undertake this work.'

This was agreed to, and a committee, consisting of Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. W. A. Cave and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was appointed.

At an interval in the business in the morning the Council welcomed the returned Australian tourists, who were later entertained to lunch. The President proposed the loyal toast and afterwards a feast to the Australian party, which was acknowledged by Mr. W. H. Fussell.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the president and the hon. secretary and his able assistant (Mrs. Fletcher). Also to the Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber; the Bishop of Lichfield; the Shropshire Association for their hospitality; Major Trevor Corbett, Mr. R. R. Pole and committee for their excellent arrangements; the incumbents of the various churches for the use of bells; and all towerkeepers.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members and friends were entertained to tea by the Shropshire Association.

THOMAS HEARNE.**MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT WHITE WALTHAM.**

Thomas Hearne, scholar and historian, to whose diaries we owe most of what we know of early ringing in the City of Oxford, and who died on June 10th, 1735, has been commemorated at White Waltham, the place of his birth, by the Berkshire Archaeological Society. A mural tablet has been erected in the south transept of the church, and on Saturday, June 1st, was unveiled by Dr. Salter in the presence of a large number of members and many parishioners. The tablet bears a carved portrait of Hearne, and the inscription:—

Thomas Hearne, M.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, who studied and preserved antiquities, was born at Littlefield Green in this parish and baptised in this church, 11th July, 1678. He died 10th June, 1735, and was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford.

This memorial was erected by the Berkshire Archaeological Society on the bicentenary of his death.

Dr. Salter gave an extremely interesting address on Thomas Hearne. The knowledge which they had of him, he said, they got principally from the letters which he preserved—thousands of them, some sent to him and copies of others which he sent. In addition there was his diary, running to 125 books, which contained entries—some of them very lengthy—for the last 30 years of his life. Hearne was the son of the parish clerk of White Waltham and a clever boy—so clever that he attracted the attention of the occupier of the Hall, Francis Cherry, who paid for his education. He came under the notice of Henry Dodwell, a professor of history at Oxford, and one of the greatest scholars of England. Hearne entered St. Edmund Hall in 1695, took his degree of B.A. in 1699 and his M.A. in 1703, and Mr. Cherry made him an allowance until he became M.A. He proved himself a thoroughly good scholar, especially in Latin, and soon after he had taken the B.A. degree was made assistant librarian at the Bodleian. He edited various works published by the University Press and of two works which appeared in London, and was 'well on his feet' by the time he was 27, when he began his diary. Before he was 30 he began what was his main work in life, to print ancient texts which had never been printed before, and for which he retained only a limited number of about 160 subscribers. In 1715 he was elected to a new office called Head Printer of the University, and had what might be called a nice income from various sources. Then suddenly, in January, 1716, came the blow. Hearne had taken sides against the Whigs, but on the death of Queen Anne, the Whigs came into power and the Duke of Brunswick became King George I. Those who held office under the Government were called upon to take new oaths, and Hearne, whose character was tenacious, on the ground of consistency, refused. The result was that he lost his appointments. For the remaining 20 years of his life he only carried on the work which he had begun of printing the hitherto unpublished chronicles of England, and his income was, perhaps, only about £40 a year. Hearne was a man of stupendous energy and persistence, but unsocial to a degree. It is said that he never spoke for ten years to anyone in St. Edmund Hall, where he lived, and what friends he had he made outside. He spent much time in writing his diaries, giving details of his daily affairs and events going on around him, but seldom failing to belabour the Whigs. This seemed to be the one thing out of which he got real pleasure. The last entry in his diary, which towards the end got shorter and shorter, was on June 1st, 1735, and he died on June 10th. He was buried at the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East. They honoured him for his industry and his contempt of wealth. He only quarrelled with people who might and could do him an injury; he never quarrelled with those below him. He (Dr. Salter) was glad that Thomas Hearne was honoured that day in the place where, he was sure, he would like to be honoured above all places.

Dr. Salter made only one reference to Hearne's interest in bells, and that was to a mention of an occasion when the diarist walked to Blotchley. His host had ordered the bells of the church to be rung in honour of his arrival, and that gave Hearne very great pleasure.

Dr. Salter was thanked for his address, and Mr. F. M. Underhill, who was responsible for the arrangements, read an interesting paper on White Waltham Church, practically rebuilt last century, but incorporating some of the original Norman structure.

It was expected that ringing, in which Thomas Hearne was interested, would find a place in the programme, but very few ringers, and none from Oxford itself, attended. The local men rang before the service, and afterwards three visitors took part with them in a 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

ABERDARE BELLS RESTORED.**IRON FRAME DISPLACES VERTICAL POSTS.**

The bells of St. Elvan's Church, Aberdare, which have been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by Dr. C. A. Green, Archbishop of Wales, on Thursday, May 16th.

Before the restoration the bell frame rested on four vertical posts, and, working in collaboration with Mr. Roderick (who is himself a prominent member of St. Elvan's Church), Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have replaced these with a massive iron frame and have equipped the bells with the latest type of fittings. The eight bells (tenor weighing 17 cwt.) have been retuned, a chiming apparatus fitted, provision made for a semi-tone bell and the clock restored. Close attention has been paid to the acoustic properties, both inside and outside the tower. The results, as testified by nearly 50 ringers from a dozen different towers in South Wales, including the ever young and famous 'Jack Jones,' of Newport, are that Aberdare has now a magnificent peal both in tune and 'go'; both inside and outside the tower the sound is well modified, and every bell can be heard distinctly.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Richard Ward, B.A., Rural Dean, and the Rev. Vivian Thomas. The lessons were read by the Rev. A. Lloyd Jones, Rector of Llanconnor, and Canon R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missionary.

Later a reception was held at the Memorial Hall, Aberdare, where Dr. Green renewed acquaintance with many old friends.

After the bells had been lowered, the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was played by Mr. S. R. Roper, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the bells were rung after the service until a late hour, in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, and ringing concluding with a splendidly struck course of Double Norwich. Many congratulations were received by Mr. Roper on the successful manner in which the work had been carried out.

The complete restoration, which included repairs to the church tower, was made possible by the generosity of Miss Rees, Glendare, as a memorial to her brother, the late Mr. Robert T. Rees, and was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Roderick and Mr. Edwards, churchwarden.

JOHN JAGGAR'S JUBILEES.**VETERAN'S INTERESTING RECORD.**

Jubilee Day was a red letter anniversary for Mr. John Jaggar. Not only did he ring on May 6th this year at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the King's Jubilee, but he participated in 1887 and 1897 in the ringing for the Golden and Diamond Jubilees of Queen Victoria, and it was on May 6th, 1867—68 years ago—that he started to ring at St. Thomas' Church, Oxford.

The ringing at Christ Church on Jubilee Day opened with some plain ringing, firing and short touches of Grandsire Triples at 11 o'clock, when the Mayor and Corporation officials and other clergy of the town attended service. After the service the bells were rung, and again in the evening, Mr. J. Screen being the conductor. Mr. Screen and Mr. J. Walker had taken part in the 1897 ringing. Mr. J. Walker has been a ringer at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for 45 years.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The June meeting was held at Bromham on Saturday, June 1st, when 33 members attended and received a welcome by the Rector (the Rev. P. G. Phillips), who conducted the usual service. After tea, served in the Institute, a short meeting was held. The branch chairman (Mr. E. F. White) expressed his pleasure in seeing Mr. C. D. Heginbotham present, and, on behalf of those present, congratulated him on his election as a vice-president of the Guild.

Four life ringing members were elected as follows: W. T. Denyer and R. Whitford, of Aldershot, and H. Alexander, of Farnborough. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Trowbridge, if convenient, with Melksham as an alternative, on July 6th.

In thanking the members for their good wishes, Mr. Heginbotham sympathised with the Bromham members in the loss they had sustained by the late frosts, and this was acknowledged by Mr. J. Davis.

The usual votes of thanks were offered, the Rector inviting those present to visit the Rectory gardens before they left the village.

Methods up to Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening, and Rowde bells were also available. Representatives attended from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Chilton, Holt, Westbury, Melksham, Warminster, Rowde, Keevil, Seend, Bromham and Marlborough.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

HUNTING—AND HOW TO DO IT.

So much depends, in a struggling band, upon the way in which the treble is rung that, contrary to the idea of some people that the weakest man can be put on this bell, our view is that, in the long run, more progress will be made with the best man, and not the worst, on the treble. As a guide and steady influence, he will help more to keep the rest in their places than he will if he is ringing 'inside.' The treble needs to be rung with accuracy and confidence. Nothing upsets ringing in a 'hunt' method quicker than having the treble out of place. The trebleman, therefore, need not look upon his job as a menial one, rather is it the most important of all.

It is all very well for some people to say they can ring without the aid of the treble. Very likely they can when they have reached a certain stage of proficiency. But how much easier it is if the treble can be relied upon to be in its place! For those who are only just making a start the treble is one of the essential guides, and we doubt if anyone, however accomplished he may be, can afford to dispense entirely with the help of the treble.

We have said this much to show how important is the ringing of the treble and why every beginner should learn to 'hunt' properly. And apart from the help which it gives to others, good hunting becomes the basis of good ringing—it is the foundation, in fact, of all change ringing.

The simplest recognised method of ringing changes is that in which all the bells hunt, and a band of beginners cannot do better at the outset than practise a plain hunting course, changing to a different bell from time to time so that they can be capable of ringing any one of them, and sometimes ringing the hunting course backwards, to avoid, as far as possible, the process being memorised.

In the ordinary way, a hunting course is begun by all the 'even' bells—2, 4, 6, etc.—hunting down, and the 'odd' bells—1, 3, 5, etc.—hunting up. To hunt backwards, the 'even' bells begin hunting up and the 'odd' bells hunting down, the treble leading one blow to start with before hunting up. It is further good practice if the start is made at backstroke, sometimes, as well as at handstroke. If that he done it should be remembered that the whole pull which each bell makes at lead will be the 'wrong' way—backstroke and handstroke, instead of, as is usual, handstroke and backstroke.

A bell which is plain hunting moves one place in a given direction at each half-null and continues in the same direction until, if hunting up, all the other bells are in front of it; or, if hunting down, all the other bells are behind it. When all the bells are behind it it has to lead two blows, which is known as a whole pull—usually at handstroke and backstroke; or, as may sometimes happen, as is suggested above, at backstroke and handstroke.

When a hunting bell has got all the others in front of it, it has to turn round and come back again, and that turning round is called 'lying a whole pull behind.' It consists, like the whole pull at lead, of two blows—one at handstroke and the other at backstroke, or vice versa.

When hunting up, the ringer, as he pulls off in one place, should immediately look for the bell that it going to strike immediately after him. He will quickly recognise it by the action of the other ringers. The one who is pulling closest after him is the man he must follow at the next stroke, and as soon as he has pulled off after that one he must look for the next again. Thus he will go on until he finds there is no one left to follow him and he knows he is behind—the one exception being that if there is a covering bell it has to be ignored.

The hunting down, after lying the whole pull behind, is not so simply explained. Actually you pull next time in front of the one you pull after this time, but that is not an easy thing to do, and get your blow into exactly the right place. It is useful to remember the bell you struck over last when hunting up. He is your 'course' bell while hunting down. In other words, there is always one bell between him and you until he leads and you strike over him before leading yourself. This is sometimes a great help in finding the bells you have to strike over in hunting down. If you keep your course bell in the corner of your eye, so to speak, you can often easily pick out the bell which is striking over him and which is the one you want.

But here are some other helps. When hunting up try to remember the order in which you meet the other bells; you will meet them in the same order in hunting down.

Once you have struck over a bell, dismiss it; you will not cross its path again until you have led. This applies to hunting up as well as hunting down. Having once pulled after a bell when you are going up you will not meet it again until you have had your whole pull behind.

As soon as you have pulled your bell, look immediately for the next one to pull over, because nothing you can do will alter what you have done. If it was after the wrong bell, or if it was too wide or too close after the right one, it will be a bad blow, but you cannot alter it. If it was after the right bell and in the right place it will remain a good one. Once you have pulled, let that stroke take care of itself; your business is to think of the next and look for the bell you want.

And one other point—the greatest help of all. Count your places. After leading, you strike in second's, third's, fourth's and fifth's (in

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The 16th annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 1st, and those present had a jolly time. Ringing commenced with a merry send-off for a bride and bridegroom. A fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. Hamilton Douglas, who kindly came to the rescue in the unexpected absence of the Vicar.

The local ladies, as usual, prepared a good tea in the Parish Hall, and nearly 50 ringers and choirboys sat down to enjoy it.

The vice-president (Mrs. Bruce) distributed gifts of cigarettes and sweets, and much amusement was caused by some of the grown-ups endeavouring to light up and then discovering that some practical joker had carefully changed the contents of the real cigarette packets and the sweets.

As the Rev. Hamilton Douglas had an early engagement, a vote of thanks was accorded to him before he left.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting and carried it through quickly. Three new members were elected, viz., Miss Marjorie Luck and Misses Mildred and Alice Cank, all of Seale.

The officers and committee were all re-elected, and it was proposed to hold a combined meeting with the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Seale on July 20th, with the use of Puttenham bells if possible.

The next annual meeting was fixed for June 28th, 1936, at Bramley, Surrey.

The belfry was revisited and the bells kept going till about 8.30. Rounds and the usual standard methods were rung, including a touch of Kent and Oxford Spliced at the lead ends.

The Guild members present were Mrs. Bruce (vice-president), Mesdames Goldsmith, Melville, Read, Sarjeant and Steedman, the Misses H. Avenell, M. Cank, A. Cank, M. Dickinson, N. and G. Denver, A. Fisher, M. Kingdon, M. Luck, E. Southby, M. Smith, D. Viggers and B. Stewart.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

An enjoyable meeting of the Archdeaconry of Ely District was held at Chippenham recently. Ringers came from Chelmsford, Fulbourn, Newmarket, Sawton, Springfield, Trumpington and two of the local band were also present. The visitors from Essex were very welcome and added considerably to the success of the meeting.

Various methods were rung and the young people got some good practice. Mr. M. Simkins, of Chippenham, was elected a member of the association, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Will members please note that the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Sawston on June 1st. They are asked to look up Sawston Imperial and come to Sawston and ring it.

ELY AND SUFFOLK GUILD TO HOLD JOINT MEETING

At a quarterly meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association at Sawston on Saturday, June 1st, it was decided to visit Orwell on the evening of Friday, June 28th, and to hold a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Mildenhall on June 29th. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Hurry for arranging tea.

Although numbers were small during the afternoon, there was a good muster in the evening, and several people rang their 'first in the method.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Favoured with ideal weather, the last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Pelsall on Saturday, May 4th. This straggling village, covering a large area, lies between Walsall and Lichfield, amidst charming surroundings.

The handy ring of six bells were set going at about 3 o'clock and continued until service time. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. Armstrong, Vicar, who gave an encouraging address, prefixed by a warm welcome to the assembly. A nice tea in the adjoining Schoolroom, at which the Vicar presided, was prepared by the wives of the local band. This was followed by an apology from the Rev. C. Holroyd Barker, L.Th., honorary clerical secretary and treasurer, who was unfortunately absent through illness. It was unanimously agreed that a message of sympathy be sent to Mr. Barker, with the sincere wish for a speedy recovery.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address, use of bells, etc., also to Mr. J. Rock, who kindly presided at the organ, was received with applause. The Vicar briefly responded.

The next meeting, the annual, is to take place at Lichfield on a date to be announced later.

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Doubles, for instance), and then complete your whole pull behind, by counting again fifth's and then hunting down—fourth's, third's, second's lead. If you do this consistently you can never get far out, and it is of immense help when the other bells get into a muddle and you cannot definitely pick out—as you sometimes can't—the proper bell you should strike over.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th, St. Andrew's on the 20th, *St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. All ringers are welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A open ringing day will be held on Saturday, June 15th at Aughton Parish Church. The new peal (6 bells) by Gillett and Johnston will be open to visitors from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting of the above branch will be held at East Ilsley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lingfield on Saturday, June 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 at Lingfield Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Half travelling expenses (maximum 2s.) will be paid. I would like to receive all unpaid subscriptions before or at this meeting.—F. Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Tutbury on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. North Staffs and Derby District friends will be welcomed.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting and ringers' day will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at Mirfield. Bells (10), recently overhauled, available from 1 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Whitnash, one mile from Leamington, on Saturday, June 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Cottage, Ansty, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea at the Institute at 5 p.m. A meeting has not been held at this tower for many years. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, June 15th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All are welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at The Lindens. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting is to be held to-morrow, June 15th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Come prepared to ring rounds or Surprise Major. A special welcome to country members and visitors.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 8, Hugh Street, Victoria, S.W.1.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Ferriby, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6), recently rehung and augmented, available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 5.15, 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. W. W. Hanley, Wallinfen, North Ferriby, E. Yorks, by Thursday, June 20th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, June 17th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silvertown, near Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Meopham on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. It is *very important* for those intending to accept the Vicar's invitation to tea to acquaint me not later than Tuesday, June 18th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—124th Ringing Anniversary, Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2 p.m. A district meeting of the Suffolk Guild will be held jointly with this gathering. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me by 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Lavenham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells: Cathedral from 3 till 3.45, and again after the general meeting; St. Mary's and St. Michael's from 3. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wade Street. Fully paid-up members 9d., others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Salford, Manchester, on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen's presence appreciated.—L. Noel Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than June 19th. A lecture on Samuel Pepys is being given by the Rector at 3 p.m. All welcome. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — First quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 22nd, at North Wingfield. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet in Schools 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 3d. per head) must notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than 20th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at West Wycombe (8 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 17th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting of the above will be held at Great Coxwell (6 bells) on Saturday, June 22nd, at 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Will all ringers make a special effort to attend.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2 p.m. to 4.15, and after meeting to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the school at a moderate charge for those who send in their names by June 19th, to the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby; or the Hon. Dis. Secs., H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby; H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on June 22nd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before June 19th?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Whittlesey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (two towers of 8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will also be welcome.—S. Shipp, Dis. Sec., Wilburton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) & LADIES' GUILD (Northern Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, June 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, Alda, Heywood Road, Bawley, Middleton, not later than Wednesday, June 19th. A good muster is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby (8) on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, to those notifying T. E. Gardner, Stamford Street, Ratby, by Wednesday previous. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, Great Central Street.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells 2.30 to 5.30, followed by service and tea. Please advise me for tea by June 26th; 1s. each will be charged. Nearest station Wembley Park (Met.) and bus to Blackbird Cross. Willesden bells open from 7 to 9 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Upwey on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis bells also available.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above area will be held at Wath on Saturday, June 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Special preacher, the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church House, at 1s. 3d. each. Please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Wednesday, the 19th, for same. A very hearty welcome is extended by the Vicar and ringers of Wath to all ringers of the various associations to try out the new peal of 8. It is hoped a good attendance will be recorded.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—A ringers' meeting will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, at 3 p.m. (25th Anniversary of Opening of Peal). Bells from 2 p.m. and after Service. Tea arranged for those who notify by June 21st. A hearty welcome to all.—R. Clark, 33, Hamilton Road, Bishopstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, St. Thomas' Church, on Saturday, June 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Nominations are invited for Association Officers. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

RIPPINGALE, Lincs.—The Archdeacon of Lincoln will dedicate the bells on Saturday, June 29th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge to those who notify Mr. S. Laxton, The Post Office, Rippingale, Bourne, Lincs., not later than Wednesday, June 26th. The peal has been restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern division will be held at Ditchling on Saturday, June 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (plain 1s., salad 1s. 3d.). Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.), allowed to this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Purleigh on Saturday, June 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 26th, certain, so that adequate arrangements can be made for tea.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Members and friends are requested to note that NO MEETING will be held in June, owing to various difficulties.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 50, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Summer festival will be held at Shere on Saturday, July 13th. In consequence the meeting of the Guildford District at Ewhurst that day has been postponed.—J. S. Goldsmith, General Hon. Secretary.

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DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD.

At a meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Beedon, a peal board was dedicated. The following towers were represented: Beedon, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, Chieveley, Compton, East Ilsley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Pease-more and Shaw. Visitors came from Bradfield, Bramley and Oxford. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. Coles), who gave a very interesting address, and, assisted by the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, dedicated the board which records the first peal of Bob Minor rung at Beedon on July 14th, 1934. Tea was served at the Vicarage by Mrs. L. H. Coles, 27 sitting down. The Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman of the branch) presided at the business meeting, when the summer meeting was fixed for East Ilsley on Saturday, June 15th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. L. H. Coles for his address and welcome to the ringers, and to Mrs. Coles for providing the tea.

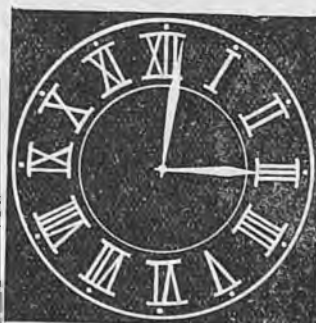
Several more ringers turned up in the evening, making the number present 35. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

In honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at All Saints' Church, Faringdon, Berks: J. V. Jones (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Wheeler 2, C. J. Pearce 3, J. Beasley (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. A. Edwards (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, B. Timms (first quarter of Triples) 8.

At Pinner, Middlesex, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of His Majesty's 70th birthday: A. J. Salmon (first quarter-peal) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, K. J. Guyler 3, J. E. Rootes 4, E. P. Ashby 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. Dolamore 7, T. Humphreys 8. A peal was attempted on Jubilee Day, but unfortunately broke down half-way after ringing 1 hour 35 minutes.

On the King's birthday, at St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen. 5, P. S. J. Thorpe 6, J. Moule 7, J. Rann, jun. 8. The day was also the 47th anniversary of the weddings of E. A. Bacon and J. Rann, sen., and the 18th of J. Rann, jun.



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