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## UNITY IN THE BELFRY.

Speaking upon experience gained in four different parts of the country, the Rector of Haslemere, Surrey, referred in a sermon the other day to a lack of unity which he had found among bellringers. Canon Jones seems to have had a rather unhappy experience, but it is not safe to generalise upon a few isolated examples. At the same time it is just as well, perhaps, that we should be reminded of shortcomings which other people see in us. It cannot be denied that most of us know of a band here, and another there, in which the spirit of true brotherhood fails to find lodgment. We believe that in the majority of bellringing companies there is to be found as much unity as is apparent in any other body of people drawn together for a common purpose or pursuit. Where can you find any organisation in which, in the course of time, differences will not appear—differences which, dealt with openly and honestly, probably lead to good in the end.

The differences which eventually lead to disunity in a band of ringers often spring from petty jealousies or some sense of grievance—and they usually occur in those places where the leader is tactless, autocratic, and probably impatient. There is no gainsaying the fact that ringers as a body are difficult to handle. Why is it? Frankly we do not know, but we suspect it is partly the spirit of indifference which characterises so many of them—indifference to progress, indifference to punctuality, indifference to the convenience or the sacrifices of others. When men profess to be part of an organisation which, more than most, depends upon successful team work, it is not a matter of inconsequence if one or two of a company are unpunctual by habit, indolent in their actions, and careless of their colleagues' time or patience. These are usually the men who show most resentment if their attitude to ringing is called into question; and here again may be the source of discord.

'If we don't hang together we shall hang separately,' once said a notorious rebel to his fellow-revolutionaries. If we do not pull together in ringing, we cannot pull separately—with gratifying results, at any rate. Canon Jones' appeal, therefore, is not out of place, and even in those belfries where all is for the best in the best of all possible worlds, it is just as well occasionally to be warned of the dangers that may arise from selfishness, indifference and sloth. Many bells are silent and many bands short-handed to-day from one or all of these reasons. Human nature being what it is, it is too much to hope that all such failings may be eradicated from all our belfries. But there are leaders who might well ask themselves if their tactics are right—whether that dictatorial

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manner which sometimes gives offence; that endeavour to make someone look small in the presence of others; that monopoly of the conducting, when some other member is anxious to learn to call, are, after all, in the best interests of the band and of the art of ringing. And there are ringers who could with advantage think more of what they owe to the other members of their band—that earlier start on Sunday morning; that new method that should be looked up for practice night; that little bit of extra keenness that would make all the difference to the interest and progress of the whole company. These are the things that would make for greater unity in many bellfries.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Treble	*REGINALD J. DAVEY ... .. 7
ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 2	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 8
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... .. 3	*HENRY TOOKE ... .. 9
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	*WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 10
*ALFRED J. MOY ... .. 5	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 11
*JOHN KENVON ... .. 6	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BEVERLEY, EAST YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

*ROBERT OWEN ... .. Treble	†JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	ALBERT E. SELLERS ... .. 7
GEORGE T. MILLER ... .. 3	†AMBURN WILSON ... .. 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 4	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. 9
CECIL CORRICK ... .. 5	JOHN W. HOBSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the East Yorkshire Regiment (the Snappers), the Duke of York's Own. Credit is due to the treble ringer, who lost his leg whilst serving with this regiment.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 2 VERSION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN SPARROW ... .. Treble	ROYDON DAVIES ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
*FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 3	FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 8
DANIEL COOPER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STERRE ... .. 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Arranged by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.  
\* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative Surprise Royal in the county, by the association and by all the band. Rung to celebrate the opening on the same day of the new Town Hall for Beddington and Wallington. Ringers of 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and tenor have rung a peal in the four standard Surprise Royal methods.

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## BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. Treble	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 8
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 9
FRANK SADLER ... .. 5	ROBERT LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on ten bells 'inside.' Rung for the festival of St. Matthew

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5
KEITH HART ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 3	WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE OLLIVER ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

At the Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdale,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Treble	HARRY GIBSON ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HARRY RODMELL ... .. 6
*DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	ARTHUR E. WEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 4	LEONARD RODMELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method; also first in the method on the bells.

## BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	†WILLIAM J. CHESTERS ... 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	†WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
THOMAS HURD ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Treble	FRANK C. TYSOR ... .. 5
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 6
CHARLES MORTIMER ... 3	ERNEST FREEMAN ... .. 7
H. L. HARLOW ... .. 4	HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the eight bells, which are by John Taylor and Co.

## STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT ... .. Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 5
WILLIAM WATHEN ... .. 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 7
P.C. HENRY J. VINCE ... 4	CARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

## HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*F. J. WILCOX ... .. Treble	†G. H. HART ... .. 5
MISS E. K. FULTON ... 2	†R. H. J. GOODSHIP ... 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 3	G. W. FLETCHER ... .. 7
MRS. E. K. FLETCHER ... 4	*W. HORROD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by MRS. FLETCHER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on the augmented ring. A 'farewell' to the ringer of the 6th, a boy entrant to the R.A.F., and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble	HAROLD S. HORDEN ... .. 5
ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 2	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Groves.

## EAST TETHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	*EDWARD B. HAMPTON ... 5
HARRY BALAM ... .. 2	LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 6
GEORGE POLLINGER ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 4	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Major. This is thought to be the first occasion on which three one-armed ringers have stood in a successful peal attempt. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th each lost an arm during the war.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR J. JONES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 5
REGINALD POSTON ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 6
ROBERT E. SOMMERS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
ALFRED T. POULTON ... 4	CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

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LISCARD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

*HUGH ROBERTS ... .. Treble	HACK COLLINGWOOD ... .. 5
DAVID HUGHES ... .. 2	*GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 6
*J. NORMAN BENSON ... .. 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. 7
*FRANK VARTY ... .. 4	JOHN BREESE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. Fiftieth peal together by ringers of 7 and 8, the latter of whom has now completed the circle in this tower.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	WALTER R. FARROW ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3	CHARLES E. LOVETT ... .. 7
*GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Ring as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Peggall. C. E. Lovett is on holiday from Jersey, Channel Isles.

STRETFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE ... .. Treble	*HARRY BIRCHALL ... .. 5
*CHARLES W. BIRCHALL ... .. 2	*WILLIAM BIRCHALL ... .. 6
*TOM BIRCHALL ... .. 3	MARK LANE ... .. 7
*C. NORMAN BIRCHALL ... .. 4	WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

\* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Mark Lane is from Bletchley, and, except him and the treble ringer, all are regular service ringers at this church.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... .. 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN ... .. 2	REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... .. 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 7
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 14) ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	JOHN W. EUSTON ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 4	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	KENNETH FORD ... .. 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 3	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

One extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... .. Treble	*WALTER TOMLINSON ... .. 4
MISS ADELINE A. STOKES ... .. 2	HARRY CARTER ... .. 5
*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

\* First peal in seven methods.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York; (2) London and Cuneacastro; (3) Ipswich; (4) Wearmouth; (5) Light-foot; (6) Wells; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 20 cwt.

DAVID TARGETT ... .. Treble	DAVID MACKAY ... .. 4
E. JOHN TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
LEONARD DUNFORD ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal in eleven Surprise methods of Minor by all the band and on the bells.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE CROSS ... .. 4
SEALEY WOODBURN ... .. 2	FRANK S. MERRITT ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. 3	GEORGE BREWER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. G. WILLIAMS.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. PADGETT ... .. Treble	EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 4
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3	*W. D. SHORTHORSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FOSTER.

\* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all. J. F. Milner has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ELISHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven spliced extents: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE L. HALL ... .. Treble	*GEORGE W. MOODY ... .. 4
MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 2	†GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 5
FRANK LORD ... .. 3	JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First spliced peal. † 50th peal. First peal in 14 methods as conductor and on the bells. In this peal there were 174 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, September 16th, at the Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): R. B. Tapp (first quarter-peal) 1, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, P. Twigg 3, L. G. Burgess 4, E. A. Jackson 5, P. Laffin 6, C. E. Tomkinson 7, H. Ashton 8.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Two Hours &amp; Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5-6
*CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY HODGETTS. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

\* First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

The following were rung during a week's tour in Wiltshire:—

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1935, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 1-2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 9
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, 3

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CALNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1935, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Four Minutes

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

First in the method on the bells. First of Major as conductor.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope's use of the word 'impertinence' would be excusable—if merited. His generalised charge of 'misstatements' is inexcusable—unless proven. I apologise to you for having repeated something which Mr. Trollope says is untrue. While I must have misunderstood what William Pye meant to convey, I am not alone in a clear recollection of what passed. Apart from expressed opinions, to which I have every right to adhere, and a figure of speech, there is not one 'statement' in my letter which is not literally true. Mr. Trollope dares to generalise, but not to specify.

By way of contrast I specify, item by item, flat contradictions to inaccuracies in his letter: 'Mr. Joyce' never mentioned 'stuff and nonsense.' The 6-5's page does not 'accurately' serve any purpose at all. It does not convey 'warnings regarding Standard Callings' (they are treated elsewhere, and it is headed 'Peals of Treble Bob'). There are not '262 methods' in the book. There is not 'a list' of the 6-5's (there are two, each distinct from the other). The errors on that page are more than the six given. The degree of necessity to 'warn against Northumberland' is not equal to that of Whitley (peals without 6-5's are possible in one and not the other). I did not 'bring in' Mr. Turner's name (it has 'especial' reference in the Preface, and is the only one there which bears no definite limit to work done).

Two facts emerge from this unhappy correspondence, which receive emphasis in two sentences of Mr. Trollope's letter. He says, about the 6-5's: '... Had we known at the time ...' And about 'Mr. Joyce's proof': '... I know nothing about it ...' The facts are these: The committee, like all other humans, are prone to err. And, in spite of Mr. W. G. Wilson's assertion, do not take kindly to criticism and outside assistance.

This committee has the responsibility of recommending the use of public money to finance publications for the general use of the Exercise. I state, most emphatically, that the best and sufficient outside help, toward the compilation of these works, is not sought. Mr. Powell spoke of this at the Central Council meeting this year. Every time I have met Mr. Trollope, in years, I have made myself a nuisance to him in the matter of one remarkable man's unrivalled knowledge of the Minor in all its phases. Within a few hours after receiving the book, Mr. A. G. Driver warned me against the mistakes. Here are those I remember: The statement that the book contains all Alliance Methods which can be spliced with Little Methods is untrue. They can be spliced otherwise than as stated. Five false methods were included, and other true methods omitted. Two false extents. Two lists of methods producing 6-5's, one inaccurate and the other incomplete. These would never have crept in had Mr. Driver seen the draft. I have told Mr. Trollope so. He has told you that the 6-5's list will stand, for reprint, in spite of its errors. This attitude toward the Exercise in general would, in myself, a non-member of the Council, be something more than 'impertinent'!

I asked that the committee consider a system of proof, even if they turn it down. You are told that the book is written and no material alterations will be made. A Mr. W. G. Wilson is privileged to read the draft. I gauge this gentleman's capacity for constructive criticism by his description of the system's capabilities, viz.: '... any surprise method ...' (The emphasis is his.) Fancy a system capable of dealing only with one method. Fancy any system capable of dealing only with Surprise methods!

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

## HUNTING DOWN.

When we inaugurated this column we asked beginners to let us know some of their difficulties, and we promised that, as far as we were able, we would help them. Very few beginners have taken advantage of this offer, so we suppose that beginners have no difficulties, or are too shy to write to us. We hope, however, that some at least have gained knowledge by these notes.

Here, however, is a letter, not from a beginner, but from a teacher, and it leads to a question which should interest all learners. The writer is the Rev. H. Drake. He says:—

Unfortunately, your article 'For Beginners' on 'Rope Sight' stopped just where I needed it most. All that you wrote is exactly what I do myself, and what I teach beginners to do.

Where the difficulty comes (and I think this does more to choke off promising beginners than anything) is in getting the necessary rope sight to start hunting down with six or more bells.

I am quite convinced that the soundest, best and quickest way of teaching both rope sight and good striking is by beginning with Minimus. With only three other bells to look for, the beginner can easily pick out the right ropes, and the right sounds. If it is not (a) the bell just dealt with, there are only two others, (b) and (c), that he has to look for, and it is not usually difficult to tell in an instant which of these two he wants.

There is no difficulty in going on from this to Grandsire Doubles, as if he counts the treble and the bell in the hunt, in his mind's eye, as one bell, the ringing is exactly the same as Plain Minimus.

## WHERE THE DIFFICULTY BEGINS.

From this to Plain Doubles is a decided step, but not a difficult one. The difficulty comes in with Minor, and much more so with Triples and Major. It is easy to learn how to hunt up, but when he has rung his first blow behind, how is he to find out which bell he rings his second blow over? His next blow, and perhaps the next to that, will be even more puzzling, but by the time he gets to three blows from the lead, what he has learnt about counting his place in Doubles and Minimus will come to his aid. I find it quite beyond me to count myself, say seventh, in Major ringing, by seeing that six ropes have gone before me (though there is not the same difficulty on handbells). What I do, myself, is to keep note of the coursing order.

It does not seem safe to allow a beginner to depend on what he may or may not have been able to see of the coursing order, and, besides, it makes it almost impossible to learn new methods. If you are only able with confidence to get up behind, in a new method, and begin to flounder as soon as you have to count your place down, you cannot get very far.

Is there no good way of teaching beginners to get over this obstacle?

## BEGIN ON FIVE BELLS.

This letter is a very fair statement of one of the difficulties which instructors have in teaching the elemental steps in change ringing to the beginner. Hunting down is by no means as simple as hunting up. As we explained in the article referred to, there is less time for the learner to pick out the bell he wants, and that bell is more obscure because it is, as it were, hidden by two other bells until the moment when the beginner has to strike over it.

Those who read our article on 'rope sight' will, we think, have gathered that we realised the difficulties of the situation for the beginner. It is because of these difficulties that we believe it is best to start the young ringer in changes on not more than five bells. We know there are some towers where the instructor does not hesitate to put a youngster straight on to Triples or Major, but, in our view, time is lost rather than gained by it.

It is far better, we think, to take the thing by easy stages—the easier the better. If a schoolmaster endeavours to teach a child how to solve some simple mathematical problem, he does not begin with a complicated example. He does not argue that if the child can do the complicated calculation, the simpler problems will be all the easier to him. In the same way it is a mistake to endeavour to put a beginner to ring on seven or eight bells on the ground that when he has mastered this, ringing on five and six bells will be easy for him.

We are convinced that the way to teach a beginner to find his way in hunting down is to keep him on five, or certainly not more than six, bells until he has thoroughly grasped it. Patience expended at this stage will be well repaid.

While, unquestionably, it is too much to ask the majority of learners to try to remember coursing order, it ought not to be long before the beginner can be expected to remember in each lead the bell that takes him off at lead, and the bell he turns from behind.

If he knows the former, he knows which to look for when he begins to hunt down; if he knows the latter, he knows which to lead after, and it serves as some sort of guide as he hunts to lead.

If he knows these two bells, he has only two others to look for in Doubles. In Minor there are three others to look for, but, knowing the first that he wants and knowing also that the next cannot be his course bell, his choice of which to pull after when he strikes his blow in 5th's is simplified, because the two others are, by comparison, more or less out of reach.

We doubt if there is any very definite rule which can be propounded to make hunting down as simple as hunting up—there are many

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### ANOTHER SIX-BELL RING FOR DEVON. NEW TREBLE ADDED AT DOWN ST. MARY.

A crowded congregation attended the dedication of the new treble bell added to complete a ring of six at Down St. Mary, Devon, by the Lord Bishop of Crediton. The following clergy of the Cadbury Deanery were also present: The Rev. J. A. Durling, R.D. (Vicar of Crediton), who acted as chaplain to his lordship, and Revs. H. St. J. E. Wrenford (Rector of Clannaborough), E. Doudney (Rector of Morchard Bishop), A. Rhys James (Rector of Bow), H. C. Pratt (Vicar of Colebrook) and E. V. Cox (Vicar of Brampford Speke and president of the Devonshire Guild).

The service, which was choral, consisted of evensong to the 3rd Collect, and was taken by the Rev. J. Milford (Rector). The processional hymn was 'We love the place, O God.' The lessons were read by the Revs. E. V. Cox and E. Doudney.

In the address given by the Bishop, his Lordship remarked that the occasion on which they were gathered together was indeed a happy one in that it marked the completion of the peal of bells in their Parish Church. He gave a short history of the bells and reminded his hearers that their lives, like the bells, ought to ring true and in harmony one with another.

After the address the Bishop proceeded to the belfry, where Mr. W. H. Bushell (churchwarden), on behalf of the parishioners, asked his lordship to bless the new bell, after which the full six bells were rung.

The service concluded with the blessing and the recessional hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.' The collection, which was for the Bell Fund, amounted to £3 9s.

The service was followed by a public tea in the Schoolroom, at which about 120 sat down.

The bells were afterwards rung by eleven teams of ringers present, who expressed great satisfaction with the work which has been done. The new bell has been cast and installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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ringers beyond the elementary stage who experience more difficulty in finding dodging or place-making positions on the way down than they do on the way up—but we think that if the simple points mentioned above are stressed with the beginner and pointed out to him on paper or blackboard, he will not be long in seeing 'daylight.' In any event, whatever his capacity, do not try to make him run before he can walk. Let him see his way through Doubles or Minor before he attempts the, to him, more intricate path through Triples or Major.

This article may seem more like hints to instructors than to beginners, but we hope the learner who reads them may profit by them.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### REMOTE WESTERN DIVISION MEETING WELL ATTENDED.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday, September 14th, at Oxenhope, near Keighley. Although situated practically on the edge of the far-reaching Cock Hill moors, about 40 members availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on this light but easy going peal, which, for the information of the doubting Thomases, were recast and rehung as a peal of six and two trebles added after a lapse of nearly four years. Methods ranging from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung.

Tea was provided in the Schools, after which the business meeting was held, the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) being in the chair.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by the vice-president, and seconded by Mr. J. Riley, of Haworth. A vote of thanks to the local company and the ladies who presided at the tea tables was proposed by Mr. J. Riley and seconded by Mr. F. W. Dixon.

No invitation having been received for the next meeting, Bramley was chosen, subject to the approval of the Bramley company. For the benefit of peal ringers, this meeting has been arranged for the second Saturday in December.

Further ringing took place at the conclusion of the business.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### EASTERN DIVISION AT ALFRISTON.

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Alfriston on Saturday, September 21st, when members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), Uckfield and Lewes, with Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rudd), who gave an interesting address. A splendid tea was provided at the Star Inn, and in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. G. W. Stokes occupied the chair. The chairman referred to the death of Mr. Tom Lewis, who had been a ringer in Eastbourne for 75 years, and as a mark of respect the whole company stood in silence for a few moments.

The Rev. Francis Peyton Hughes (Vicar of Eastbourne) and Mr. H. B. Marchant, of Eastbourne, were elected hon. members.

Mr. W. Pickworth proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service.

This concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing on the six bells, the ropes from which hang down in the centre of the church.

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## THE GATHERING OF EMPIRE



In this gathering, held on the anniversary of the sailing of the Tourists' ship, in addition to the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout (South A.)

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 250th anniversary of the founding of the East Yorkshire Regt. was commemorated by a peal of Grandsire Caters on the fine bells at Beverley Minster, and the treble ringer, Mr. Robert Owen, whose first peal it was, served with the regiment in the Great War and lost a leg while fighting with the 'Snappers,' by which name the East Yorks are known. The peal also celebrated the birth of a son and heir to Mr. C. Garrick.

The tour into Wiltshire, with a dodge into Dorset, last week resulted in eleven Surprise peals in 14 attempts. As the result of this tour and the tour in the previous week, the Salisbury Guild has been credited with 19 Surprise peals (including two of Royal) in a fortnight.

A tour is in progress in Gloucestershire this week. Three or four twelve-bell towers are included in the list.

Great interest attaches to the peal at Stretford on September 19th. With the exception of the conductor, the five other Stretford men who took part are first local ringers to attempt a peal. Mr. C. W. Birchall has been a ringer at this church for 43 years, his brother Tom for 37 years. C. N. and H. Birchall are sons of Charles, and William is a son of Tom Birchall. Quite a family affair, in fact. The old six bells at this church were opened in 1870, and there has been a Birchall among the ringers ever since.

In the Cumberland Youths' peal at Thatcham on Saturday last there was a difference in age of 59 years between two of the members taking part—J. E. Taylor 14; S. Quintin 73.

A tablet to commemorate the recasting of the church bells at St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese on Wednesday, October 2nd, at 8 p.m. There will be ringing both before and after the service.

Will the gentleman who took the wrong hat from the ringers' gathering at Lea, Linco, on Saturday last, please communicate with J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe.

Those who desire to have their names in the B.U.R.G.'s forthcoming edition of the 'Ringers' Directory' are referred to our notice column for the address.

# THE RINGERS AT THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.



who visited Australia in 1934, there were twelve English ringers who have rung in the Commonwealth and six who have rung in New Zealand, in Africa) and Mr. M. R. Taylor (Tasmania), who are seen on the left and right of the chairman (Rev. E. Bankes James).

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### DORCHESTER BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT BERE REGIS.

The September quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Bere Regis. The lovely weather accounted for an excellent attendance, about 70 members and friends putting in an appearance. The bells were available early in the afternoon for the visitors previous to the service. Other ringers visited Puddletown and rang on the fine peal of six there.

The visitors greatly enjoyed the drive through a part of the Hardy country. They went through Tolpuddle, where they saw the memorials erected last year by the T.U.C. to the memory of the 'Tolpuddle Martyrs.'

The choral service was conducted by the chairman of the branch (the Rev. E. S. Tarrant) and the Rev. A. F. Godley, Rector of Stratton. The chairman gave a short address, taking as his text, 'Fear God, love the brotherhood.'

A bountiful tea, kindly provided by Host William Bedford, an hon. life member of the Guild, was served in the Village Hall. As the chairman had to leave early, Mr. Bedford was voted to the chair. In the short business meeting that followed, the secretary read a list of apologies and stated that the annual meeting would be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, and would coincide with the branch jubilee, as it was 25 years since the branch was founded.

A warm welcome was given to all the visitors. Mr. Martin Stewart replied for the members of the band that were touring Dorset during the week, and had commenced their tour that day with a peal at Poole.

Mr. G. F. Strickland, a visiting ringer from London, also replied.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. A. F. Godley, seconded by Miss L. R. Clapcott, and carried with acclamation. A special vote for his generosity was given to Mr. William Bedford, who was always willing to assist the Guild, and who was giving a conducted tour around his noted watercress beds—of 'Silver Spring' fame—and gardens, and for his generosity that day.

The meeting ended, some members visited the tower to continue their practice, others visited the gardens, while others went on to Wool to ring. Seventeen towers were represented.

## THREE ONE-ARMED RINGERS.

### TAKE PART TOGETHER IN A PEAL.

Three ringers, each of whom lost an arm in the Great War, took part together in a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherley, Hants, last week. They were Messrs. H. Balaam (Basingstoke), G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke) and J. W. Faithfull (Southampton). They were all ringers before the war, and it says much for their enthusiasm that, despite the handicap of having lost a limb, they have kept up active participation in the art. All these ringers, as well as other one-armed men, have previously rung peals, but this is believed to be the first occasion that three have taken part in the same peal.

## DEATH OF OXFORD GUILD RINGER.

### FOREMAN OF NEWPORT PAGNELL TOWER.

The death occurred on September 13th of Mr. W. F. Smith, foreman of the Newport Pagnell tower, after but a short illness. He had been ailing for a month or more before leaving his employment. Mr. Smith, who was 63 years of age, was one who hardly ever missed taking his place for Sunday service ringing, and always when ringing for a service set his fellow-ringers a good example by taking his place afterwards in the church. He was a very keen ringer and always endeavoured to attend all branch meetings and the annual Diocesan Guild meeting. Incidentally, he was one of the first to help to form the North Bucks Branch. He held the position of foreman and secretary at Newport Pagnell for a good number of years and was also a member of the Branch Committee.

His work for the church did not end in the belfry. He was also a sidesman and a member of the Parochial Church Council. Before living at Newport Pagnell Mr. Smith was a member of the Chicheley tower.

The funeral took place on September 17th, the Rev. E. Powell (assistant curate) officiating. The tower was represented by Messrs. E. Lathall, H. C. Beard, J. Clare, and F. C. Tomkins, a former member of the band. Among the floral tributes were those from the tower, North Bucks Branch, sidesmen and Parochial Church Council, and clergy and churchwardens.

Much sympathy is extended to the widow, sons and daughters.

## 'A GREAT ADVENTURE.'

SOLD OUT!

'A Great Adventure' is out of print. The last copies were disposed of more than a week ago and a number of would-be buyers have been disappointed.

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## A CORNISH RESTORATION.

OCTAVE TO BE COMPLETED AT REDRUTH.

The Parish Church of St. Uny, Redruth, was crowded to overflowing on Sunday afternoon last, when a thanksgiving service was held for the completion of the work of rehanging and quarter turning the ring of six bells. This ring had been in a very bad state as far as 'go' was concerned for a long while, and it seemed as if nothing would ever be done; in fact, it could not be tackled by the Rector and Church Council, as they have a great responsibility on their hands to complete the Church of St. Andrew in Redruth itself, St. Uny, the Parish Church, being about a mile out of the town. Some months ago the ringers set to work to see what could be done, and, with Mr. Percy Williams as treasurer and no mean subscriber, the whole of the money has been raised within a few months, and, what is more, the Rector (the Rev. W. Ladd Canney) was able to announce at the service of thanksgiving that two treble bells had been given by Mr. E. C. Carvellet, of Glamis Court, Bognor Regis, as a memorial to his wife, who has lately been buried in the churchyard. These had been ordered and there would have to be a further thanksgiving service when the ring was completed.

The Lord Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) gave the address at the service. A procession was formed and the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop offered prayers of thanksgiving for the restoration. Whilst the procession returned to the chancel a few rounds were rung by the local company.

Immediately after the service rounds and call changes were rung by the local band, under the captain, Mr. Seymour, and a few six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by the few visitors present, who included Messrs. A. W. Brighton (London), A. S. Roberts and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro), Messrs. H. Morcom (St. Newlyn East) and E. and W. Sanders (Tuckingmill). It being Sunday, the visitors wanted to get back to their own towers for evening ringing, so the bells were soon lowered in peal. Enough, however, was done to make sure that the 'go' is now perfect.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present to represent the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have carried out the work to the satisfaction of all concerned, and they now have the order to proceed with the two trebles, and, if possible, to have them ready for November 1st.

This octave will be of great value in mid-west Cornwall, as Redruth is on the main line and easily accessible. It will give great opportunities for practice (and, we hope, peals) without any annoyance to residents. The tenor is about 13 cwt.

A 'Ringers' Day' is being held on Saturday, October 28th, when it is hoped many will be able to try the bells. Tea is being provided for all who attend this gathering.

## VICAR WANTS TO BECOME RINGER.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bagshot on Saturday, when the members welcomed among them as visitors Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. Reeves (Tring) and Mr. Wilfred Williams (London).

The new Vicar (the Rev. E. Banks Jones) welcomed the Guild and gave an address at the service, and a party of over 30 were entertained to tea by the generosity of Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and other members of the Bagshot band.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member and expressed a wish to learn to ring. As a former member of the R.A.F., he said, he had learned to do many things, and he hoped he would be able to become a ringer.

Two new ringing members were elected and very useful ringing practice was put in.

## REV. R. P. FARROW'S DEPARTURE FROM MIDLANDS.

GREAT WORK FOR RINGING.

A special meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on September 14th, to bid farewell to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, who is leaving the district for East Lulworth, Dorset. Members attended from Barwell, Broughton Astley, Burbage, Croft, Earl Shilton, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton and Kirkby Mallory, and visitors from Anstey, Leicester, Wigston and Wolvey were welcomed. Ringing in methods up to and including Bristol Surprise was followed by a social evening.

Following light refreshments, a letter was read from Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. secretary of the district, who was unfortunately unable to attend. He wished to join with the meeting in wishing 'Godspeed' to the Rev. R. P. Farrow. He added that members often did not realise the effort made by a clergyman to attend ringing meetings on Saturday, often at some inconvenience. Mr. Farrow made frequent and welcome visits to meetings, and, unlike many, did not wish to be always 'at the top.' He was, wrote Mr. Rowley, 'one of us,' his humour added life to the meetings. He would be very difficult to replace.

Mr. C. H. Belton spoke of the great work Mr. Farrow had done in bringing ringers, their work and aims, continually before the Church authorities. The district was indebted to the Rector for the persistent way he had done this, and in losing him they were losing a good friend. He wished him good luck in his new sphere.

Mr. R. F. Elkington, on behalf of the Leicester District, spoke of the long association Mr. Farrow had had with the M.C.A., and spoke of incidents covering a long period. He regretted his leaving, but said he would find good ringing friends in the district to which he was going.

Mr. J. Beale, on behalf of the Warwickshire Guild, said how sorry they were Mr. Farrow was leaving, and wished him 'Godspeed' in his new work.

## A PARTING GIFT.

Mr. W. A. Wood, the district chairman, said that the district felt they could not let the Rev. R. P. Farrow leave without some recognition of the work he had done for the district and for the M.C.A. The Rector had been a member of the M.C.A. since 1903, of which 12 years were spent in the Hinckley district. He was one of the M.C.A. representatives to the Central Council of Church Bellringers during the years 1930-33, and had done great work in bringing the work and aims of ringers before the Church authorities, a work difficult for a layman to do. The inauguration of services at the monthly ringing meetings and the arranging of the first 'quiet time' for ringers in the district were largely due to Mr. Farrow's efforts. The standard of ringing at meetings had materially improved in the district, helped by the ready way in which the bells of Stoney Stanton were made available for special practices. The district would find Mr. Farrow very hard to replace. On behalf of the meeting, Mr. Wood asked Mr. Farrow to accept a token of the Hinckley District's appreciation of his work.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow replied and expressed his thanks in a most interesting speech. He spoke of the wonderful fellowship existing among ringers all over the country, and gave accounts of his experiences in this direction. He spoke of the influence ringing clergymen have both in the ringing chamber and with the Church authorities. It would be a good thing if more clergymen took up ringing, but they ought not to expect preferential treatment in the ringing room simply because they were clergymen. He was very sorry that the long association with Midland ringers was being broken, but hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them at some future time. He again expressed his thanks for the token of remembrance.

This took the form of a ringer's gold badge suitably inscribed.

Songs by Mr. Bramley, choruses and handbells by Mr. Newton's very capable band concluded a most pleasant evening.

On Sunday evening, September 15th, for evening service at Stoney Stanton, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: C. Carr (Boughton Astley) 1, Rev. R. P. Farrow 2, F. R. Deacon (Kirkby Mallory) 3, J. E. Clough (Burbage) 4, A. Ballard (Stoney Stanton) 5, W. A. Wood (Croft) 6, F. Measures, conductor (Burbage) 7, A. Simpson (Stoney Stanton) 8.

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## SURFLEET AGAIN.

## ANOTHER PEAL RINGING EXPEDITION.

Another week-end party at Surfleet! Mr. Churchwarden Richardson, known by many ringers as 'The Mayor and Corporation,' is never so happy as when he has a number of ringers staying with him, and, despite the 'tragedy of the wrong train' in August, he had the courage to invite one of the 'silly ninnies' to attend this latest week-end gathering. The silly ninque in question, thinqueing of the threat of being made to go without drinques (or to pay for them), or to be made a joint tenant with the pigs in the sty and their stinques, took no train risks on this occasion. He accepted an offer of a lift in a car without kinques, arriving at Surfleet—well, only a little bit behind time.

All the rest of the party being present, it was not long before the first peal of the week-end was started for, and in a little over 3½ hours a peal of Stedman Cinques (as recorded in 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 13th) was completed. The small bells at Surfleet require pretty expert handling for them to be struck properly, and it was satisfactory to know that the peal passed the general judgment of some well-known ringers, who arrived in the village during the afternoon. These same ringers accepted an invitation to spend an hour or two at Glyn Garth during the evening, and an enjoyable time was passed with the handbells.

Next day, being Sunday, ringing for services was the first consideration. Stedman Cinques and Bob Maximus in the morning, and London Surprise Major and Bob Royal in the evening, made opportunities for a few 'first touches.' The time between dinner and tea was spent in handbell ringing. George Feirn surprised the company by calling Original Major on handbells, and a hurried attempt was made to find a peal composition. However, no figures were obtainable, and so Double Bob Major was rung instead. In seven minutes over two hours a very good peal was brought round, conducted by W. H. J. Hooton. The president of the Central Council, we venture to think, greatly enjoyed this peal. So did many of the umpires(?); they found the music of the bells a very soothing influence, and quickly went to sleep!

Rupert, always original, began a new collection. He already collects peals, towers, films, elephants, etc., and has now started on quite of new line. He collects 'ports and lemons' from anybody who is foolish enough to admit having done something for the first time. He 'collected' one from the president for this peal, one from George Feirn, and another from Chris. Woolley—or he would have done had the place where they are sold been open.

A short interlude with the 'woods' on the lawn gave him an addition to his film collection—the president playing bowls, with Bob Pye showing him how to do it!

After tea, Mr. Lewis took his departure, having to do the journey of some 140 miles alone. His passenger of Saturday, having arrived safely at Surfleet, preferred to stay there whilst there were more peals to be rung.

Later on the handbell ringers again showed their prowess. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise Major, and some weird stuff, called Quails, let George Feirn in for four more ports and lemons. The Rev. E. Banks James, with Messrs. Hooton and Woolley, had all rung these methods before, and so did not become victims of Rupert's thirst.

Monday was the great ringing day. Up early and a run to Long Sutton, where a good peal of London Surprise Major was rung on a very nice peal of eight by Taylors. This was the first on the recast bells. Back to Pinchbeck for a peal of Cambridge, which was called by the date hunter, Jim Bennett. There is another good Taylor peal at this tower, and possessors of Taylor's almanack will find a photo of this church on the September page.

The tenors in each case were rung by the Mayor (with corporation), whilst the 'Mayoress' created a personal record by ringing two peals in one day. This is where the Mayor (corporation included) tripped up. Still adding to his collection, he booked two more from George (poor George!), but was reminded that the Mayoress owed one. Being a dutiful husband he paid, and the only things that Rupert collected that evening were several empties.

Sunny Jim, of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was up with the lark next morning for a last look round to complete what he called 'a jolly good week-end.' All good things, however, come to an end, and the last of the party left for London during the morning by car! No trains, thank you. You never know but what you might get to Grantham—although, if the latest information is correct, even Rupert's car has begun to contract this habit.

[Rupert obviously stole a march upon the rest of them. A postcard to 'The Ringing World' sent from Surfleet, after the departure of all the guests, announced that the peal at Pinchbeck was the Mayor's 400th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he is Master. What a lot of ports and lemons it would have cost him if only they had known!—Ed. 'R.W.']

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, September 15th, for morning prayer, 720 Bob Minor: H. Newell 1, V. Chapman 2, K. Willers (conductor) 3, A. Wilson 4, J. Harper 5, E. Chapman 6. This was the first attempt for a 720 by V. Chapman and H. Newell.

## WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN BRANCH ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association held their autumn meeting at Old Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, September 21st. After ringing in the afternoon, followed by a service, the branch were entertained to tea, by the very kind invitation of Mrs. Parsons, widow of the late Mr. Albert E. Parsons, an old stalwart of the association. At the business meeting the Vicar of Old Hill (the Rev. Leslie Wilson) took the chair, supported by Mr. T. Hemming (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. William Short (Association Ringing Master) and about 70 members.

The chief business was the election of officers, and the following were duly elected, viz.: Mr. Thomas Hemming, Ringing Master; Mr. William B. Cartwright, secretary and treasurer; Mr. John Bass, branch representative on the Central Committee.

It was recommended that Mr. Charles H. Woodberry should be the member from this branch to be elected as one of the association's representatives on the Central Council.

It having been pointed out that there were two vacancies in the list of vice-presidents, it was also recommended to the Central Committee that the names of Messrs. John Bass and Hector G. Bird should be put forward to fill such vacancies.

The branch having received an invitation to hold the next meeting at Kidderminster, it was decided to hold the meeting at that place, with many thanks to the Kidderminster ringers for their kind invitation.

The secretary read a letter he had received from the secretary of St. Andrew's, Netherton, tower, informing the members that Netherton bells would be opened on Saturday, October 19th, at 3 p.m., and, what is most important, they would be opened free of debt.

The Vicar and local ringers were cordially thanked for making the arrangements, as also were all others who had helped to make the meeting a success.

After the meeting further ringing took place, the methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol and London Surprise.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

The meeting of the South-Eastern District held at Burnham-on-Crouch on September 7th proved very pleasant and enjoyable, 38 members and friends attending, and several taking advantage of the coach which had been booked for the occasion.

Ringling commenced with Cambridge Minor, after which touches in various methods were rung, so that all present had a pull.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Williams), who, in an interesting address, gave the association a very warm welcome and congratulated the ringers on their singing of the hymns unaccompanied.

Tea was partaken of at the Railway Hotel, and, in the absence of the District Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips), who was unable to attend owing to professional duties, Mr. G. Green presided over the business meeting.

Three new ringing members were elected, Messrs. Meadowcroft, Galleywood; T. Fanshawe, Danbury; and W. Harrington, Purleigh.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Boreham on October 12th or 19th.

Mr. Green proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, taking the service and his interesting address; also to Mr. Stebbing and the local band for making the necessary arrangements.

After tea several members made their way down to the 'seaside,' while others returned to the tower, where ringing continued until about 8.30, when the coach arrived to take them home.

The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Broomfield, Burnham-on-Crouch, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham, Little Waltham, also visitors from Hornchurch and Prittwell.

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## NOTICES.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The quarterly meeting at Harwich has been postponed to October 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so that arrangements for tea can be made?—J. R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Puckington on Saturday, September 28th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Babcary (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The 8th annual cup contest will be held at South Anston on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m. Contest commences 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. The bells will be open for visitors after tea and meeting. Good attendance requested.—C. R. Smith and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Hanslope (6 bells) on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at 5 p.m. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Barnes, on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Preston, Saturday, September 28th. Ringing at Preston Parish Church (10 bells), Preston St. Mark's (6), Penwortham (8), Higher Walton (8). Service at Parish Church 4. Tea in School 5. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse will demonstrate with his ringing machine from 2.30 to 3.30, and 5 to 5.30.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, 11; A. Tomlinson, 188, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.

**DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.**—Last day for receiving subscription (1s.) Sept. 28th. Subscribers to the former edition are asked to send their forms duly filled in, even though they may not subscribe to the fourth edition. Association general secretaries are asked to kindly send (even though on loan) a copy of their latest annual report to assist compilation. Ringers wishing to subscribe please apply for form to Edgar Guise (for B.U.R.G.), 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol 2.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Blewbury on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on September 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at The Shrubbery House, by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart., at 5 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Chertsey District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (South and West District).—A joint meeting will be held at Staines on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Church. Tea at 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall; price 1s. each. Ringing arrangements: Wraysbury (8) 3—4.30, Egham (8) 3.30—4.30 and 7—8.30, St. Mary's, Staines (8) 7—8.30, St. Peter's, Staines (8), 3.30—5 and 7—8 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cott., Queen's Rd., Thames Ditton; A. W. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough; F. W. Goodfellow, 108, Poie Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Hon. Secs.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. F. M. Mitchell to follow. Gentlemen welcome.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Boxley on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. Method for special attention, St. Clement's. Every ringer will be welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Festival at Durham on Saturday, September 28th. Committee meeting in Choir Vestry at 4. Festival Service in the Cathedral at 5. Dinner and annual meeting in the Royal County Hotel at 6 o'clock, concluding with a social gathering. The Cathedral belfry will be open from 2 to 4.30, and the bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's will also be available. Those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lyndhurst on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Bus No. 342 from Barnet to Hertford passes by the church. No. 340-341 from St. Albans passes half-mile from the church. Tea arrangements will be made. A visit to this old church is worth while.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**COWBRIDGE, GLAM.**—The bells will be re-dedicated on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7 p.m. Ring of eight rehung in new frame by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 1st, St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, St. Andrew's on the 10th (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th, Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 29th

(nomination night) at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner at the London Tavern on November 9th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BLYTH, NOTTS.**—The bells will be dedicated at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2nd, by the Bishop of Southwell. Ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**TATTERSHALL, LINCS.**—The bells which have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lincoln on Friday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting for this year will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (provided) and business meeting. The district secretary appeals to all members to attend. Important item on agenda affecting everyone. Please notify of intention to attend by Tuesday, October 1st.—Alec. Richardson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Woodford, Essex, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea notify E. J. Butler, 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, by Tuesday, October 1st, without fail. Walthamstow St. Mary's bells (10) will also be available from 7 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Butler, C. T. Coles, W. H. Lawrence and E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pocklington on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided free through the kindness of Mr. A. N. Wood, of Northampton. Names, please, to Mr. H. Allison, Wyngarth, Algarth Estate, Pocklington, York. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—A good attendance is hoped for.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Burnley, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in belfry 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Martock (8) on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6 bells), on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. The Rev. F. L. Edwards hopes to be present, and will give the address. Tea and meeting after the service. Please let me know if you intend to be present. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, October 5th. Tea provided for those advising me not later than October 3rd.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will take place on Saturday, October 5th, at Shore, Littleborough (8 bells). Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the annual dinner will also be for sale. Roll up and make the meeting a success.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5 bells) on Saturday, October 5th. Usual arrangements. Kindly notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Meeting of Southampton District at Sherfield English, on October 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by October 2nd, please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**CHISLEHURST, KENT.**—The new bells, by Taylor and Co., for the Canon Murray Memorial Tower of the Annunciation Church, will be dedicated on Saturday, October 5th. Short service at 3 p.m. Sermon will be preached by Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short touch will be rung after the dedication by members of the Kent County Association, after which the bells will be available to visitors. Tea will be provided in St. Mary's Hall, opposite, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, October 1st.—T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, October 5th. Eight bells. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—St. James', Clerkenwell. Weekly practice will be resumed on Friday, October 4th, at 7.30. Everybody welcome.—A. W. Coles.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, S.S., on Saturday, October 5th. The six bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business 5.30. A good attendance desired. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—On Saturday, October 5th, a peal board, recording a peal rung for the Jubilee, will be dedicated at Barley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service and dedication at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Waggon and Horses. Please notify Mr. W. A. Tack, 2, Mortimers, Barley Royston, Herts, if you wish tea arrangements to be made for you.—D. Mears, Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Algarkirk on Saturday, October 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards, 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, October 1st?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Louth on Saturday, October 5th. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m., at Mr. Hanson's Cafe, Upgate, for those who notify Mr. A. E. Hoodess, 4, Chequer Gate, Louth, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 5th, being Goose Fair Saturday. Bells (10) open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Charlton-on-Otmoor (5) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Ambrosden bells (8) available in the evening. Please notify me before Oct. 3rd if requiring tea.—F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, with tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify secretary not later than Thursday, Oct. 3rd.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Visitors please inform me by first post Thursday, Oct. 3rd.—W. Evetts, Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley Hastings (6) on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus from Wellingborough Market Street at 3 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head return. Please back this up and let me have names early.—A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. It is very necessary to acquaint me if you require tea. Come along!—anything you wish from rounds to Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, Oct. 5th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**MORCHARD BISHOP, DEVON.**—Ring of 6, tenor 15 cwt., restored by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton on Sat., Oct. 5th, at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Public tea, 4.30, in the Memorial Hall (9d. each).

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Oct. 5th. Bells (8) recently rehung. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. W. A. Sargent, M.A.). Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for all who send in their names to me by Oct. 1st.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—October Notices.—Oct. 6th, Sunday service ringing: 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.; 14th, practice St. Clement's, 7 p.m. prompt, also quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., when arrangements for annual meeting will be made; Oct. 23rd, combined practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 8 p.m.; Oct. 27th, Sunday service ringing: St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m.; Oct. 28th, practice, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Oct. 29th, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**COTTESMORE, NEAR OAKHAM.**—The new treble, to complete the ring to six bells, will be dedicated at the harvest thanksgiving service on Friday evening, October 11th. The new bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The fourteenth annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Snowden and past officers of the association will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, Shef-

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**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at the Parish Church, Talgarth. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec., Belle Vue, Brecon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A by-meeting will be held at Stowting (bells recently augmented to six) for the purpose of electing the local ringers members of the association, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford 2.25 p.m., or Hythe 1.15 and 3.35 p.m. It is essential for those requiring tea to notify me by Wednesday, October 9th.—Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by kind invitation of Vicar and churchwardens, will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Monday, October 7th. Please support the organisers by ensuring a good attendance.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by October 9th. A good attendance desired. All ringers welcome.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner will be held at Messrs. Grant's Restaurant (licensed), High Street, Croydon (opposite 'The Greyhound'), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Reception 6 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Bells of the Parish Church (8) and St. Peter's (10) are available from 3.30 to 5.45. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Applications (enclosing remittance) should be sent to me as soon as possible (in no case later than Oct. 5th), or to any of the district officers and committee. Please bring your wives and friends.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held as usual at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Keep the date open. Association tea. Full details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton,

A JOINT MEETING of the Ladies' Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Middlesex County Association (South and West District) will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in St. Andrew's Hall and social evening from 7.30. Ringing: St. Andrew's (8) 4 to 5 and 6.30 to 7.30, St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3.15 to 4.30. Please notify your own secretary or the undersigned re tea by Oct. 7th. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. (Middlesex Association), 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—At Clifton Reynes, October 12th. Belfry (6) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards, and discussion of future meetings in the deanery. Visitors requested to attend from anywhere near, especially change ringers. Please send a postcard by October 8th to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The South Norfolk Branch meets at North Lopham on Saturday, October 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30, followed by business meeting. Everyone who has seen or would like to see a bell rope is heartily welcome.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Quarterly meeting at Leyton, Oct. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Numbers for tea by Oct. 15th, and oblige.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Under distinguished patronage, the Annual Dinner and Social will be held in the Bath's Assembly Rooms, Library Street, Wigan, on Saturday, October 26th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Seating capacity 300. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.: St. James', Poolstock; St. Wilfred's, Standish; St. Peter's, Hindley. All intending visitors are requested to meet in the National and Blue Coat Schools, Hallgate, situated behind the Parish Church, not later than 2.30 p.m. By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the beautiful gardens and library at Haigh Hall will be open for inspection. His Lordship cordially invites all visitors to partake of afternoon tea with him. Under the guidance of the civic heads of the town, all places of interest, both ancient and modern, will be visited. Good food, a first-class entertainment under the direction of Mr. Norman Brown, and a full and interesting day is assured. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had from the following: Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan; Mr. N. Brown, 11, Cygnet Street, Poolstock, Wigan; Mr. W. O. Farrimond, 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan, and any member of the committee.

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