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BELL RESTORATIONS IN NEEDY PARISHES

There has been ample evidence recently of increasing efforts on the part of churchpeople to get their bells put in order. All the founders are busy and everywhere, of course, where restorations have been put in hand there is a natural desire to have the bells ready in time for the Coronation of King Edward, next May. It is, indeed, often astonishing how readily money is found for church bell restoration; it is one of the things which the public rarely fail to respond to when an appeal is made. In the economic slump at the beginning of this decade, there was some falling off in the amount of work undertaken, which was only to be expected, but, just as it was—strange though it may seem—one of the last things to feel the monetary stringency, so bell restoration has been one of the first to recover. King George's jubilee was, of course, an important incentive in this connection, just as the forthcoming Coronation is leading to feverish activity in the principal bell foundries.

There are, however, many places where lack of funds still prevents needful work being carried out. In our columns there are frequently appeals for help. Unfortunately ringers as a body are unable to do much in this direction. The vast majority are men and women of very limited means, and assistance can generally only be given through the Association which covers the area in which the necessitous tower is situated. In many of these organisations ringers make frequent contributions to the Association's restoration fund, and even where such funds do not exist, no appeal made for help for a local restoration falls on deaf ears. There are, however, numerous deserving cases which are beyond the means of the parishes concerned even with the help which the local association can organise. In quite a number of cases in the last ten years or so the Emma Barron Bell Trust has been able to do valuable work, and quite a few churches, particularly in Essex and Hampshire, have benefited from the late Miss Barron's generous bequest.

The Trustees administer the fund at their discretion, and they have now committed themselves, as already announced in the 'Ringing World' to a big expenditure on the recasting and rehanging of the bells of Winchester Cathedral. This is a truly munificent undertaking and one which will give this famous shrine a peal worthy of its greatness. About that no one will cavil, but for our part we would rather see the accruing income from the Trust divided among a number of deserving cases—in struggling parishes where the churchfolk have strained every effort to raise the required money, but have fallen short of the amount needed—rather than to the carrying out of big, spectacular

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schemes. We do not criticise for one moment what has been done in the past—it has been splendid work in the interests of bells—but we feel that to complete half a dozen village projects, by providing the balance that has failed to be raised locally, would not only be better than bearing the whole cost of a restoration for a community that had made no real effort to carry out their own scheme, but would prove a real incentive to a large number of parishes to repair or renew their bells where at present they hang neglected because it is realised the cost of restoration is beyond the means of the parishioners, especially when faced with urgent demands of the Church in other directions. Appeals in our columns in the past few months alone have shown how tiny parishes are anxious to put their bells in order and having made a heroic struggle find themselves substantially short of the amount required and no prospect of raising the balance. What a happy position it would be if the Barron Bell Trust would come to the rescue in such cases.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILARS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 8
HENRY PRING 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	JOHN H. LAMBLE Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 6
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 8
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	AMOS M. CLARK 9
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*H. JAMES TURNER Treble	†WILLIAM A. STONE 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
ALBERT WALKER 5	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

JACK POMFREY ... ..	... Treble	H. CARTER ... ..	...	5
MRS. H. CARTER ... ..	...	E. DORRANT ... ..	...	6
MISS JESSIE ANGIN ... ..	...	W. H. MILLER ... ..	...	7
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... ..	...	W. C. MEDLER ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	... Treble	TOM COLLINS ... ..	...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	...	HARRY KILBY ... ..	...	6
JAMES H. RIDING ... ..	...	CECIL C. MAYNE ... ..	...	7
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..	...	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Mr. Wm. Saunders, for whom this peal was arranged, belongs to Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GORDON LIMMER ... ..	... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... ..	...	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... ..	...	*C. ERNEST SMITE ... ..	...	6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... ..	...	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... ..	...	7
WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	...	ALAN R. PINK ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... ..	... Treble	EDITH K. FLETCHER ... ..	...	5
ERNEST BRETT ... ..	...	EDWIN F. PIKE ... ..	...	6
*ELSIE M. GREENALL ... ..	...	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... ..	...	7
HARRY HOSKINS ... ..	...	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by HENRY WILDE. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal in the method.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. SALTER ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... ..	...	5
*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... ..	...	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... ..	...	6
†ARTHUR J. BROWN ... ..	...	[RALPH NARBOROUGH ... ..	...	7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... ..	...	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells and first attempt. ‡ 50th peal.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... ..	... Treble	JAMES E. LILLEY ... ..	...	5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... ..	...	REV. E. V. COX ... ..	...	6
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... ..	...	*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... ..	...	7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... ..	...	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLLINGSDALE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK S. ARMITAGE ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... ..	...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	...	HARRY GIBSON ... ..	...	6
DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	...	RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	...	7
ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... ..	...	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	... Treble	JACK BRAY ... ..	...	5
GEORGE LADD ... ..	...	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ..	...	6
HAROLD MARCON ... ..	...	JOHN WALDEN ... ..	...	7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... ..	...	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... ..	... Tenor	

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY GIBSON ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... ..	...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	...	CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... ..	...	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHERBROOK ... ..	...	RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	...	7
DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	...	ROY K. MOWFORTH ... ..	... Tenor	

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

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JAMES SMITH (aged 76) ... ..	... Treble	R. H. BRUNDLE (aged 84) ... ..	...	5
JAMES ROSE (aged 55) ... ..	...	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY (aged 49) ... ..	...	6
G. E. SYMONDS (aged 61) ... ..	...	FREDK. J. TILLET (aged 69) ... ..	...	7
WILLIAM TILLET (aged 59) ... ..	...	C. A. CATCHEPOLE (aged 59) ... ..	... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. This band are all grandfathers, and Messrs. Brundle and F. J. Tillet are great-grandfathers. All are residents within the borough of Ipswich. Their total ages amount to 512 years, an average of 64.

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On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 23½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. LEAKER Treble	LEONARD DERRICK 3
WILLIAM E. WISEMAN 2	†RICHMOND ROBERTS 6
HERBERT W. KNIGHT 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
*ERNEST F. SHEARN 4	HENRY C. WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples with an 'inside' bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	*RICHARD F. ROE 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	ALEX HUTCHISON 7
FRED W. HILL 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
RICHARD F. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	*EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 5
PERCY W. WITHAM 2	*WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6
*ARTHUR G. ROSE 3	FREDERICK G. COLE 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	*ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 6
*KEITH W. WHITTLE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
*SHELFORD SPARROW 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Arranged for Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, Kent.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*ROY FAITHFULL (aged 13) Treble	†LEONARD KNOTT 5
HAROLD P. REED (aged 14) 2	REGINALD A. REED 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 4	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples and also 'inside.' First peal as conductor. All at first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 66 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Chapstow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Bogedona, Ely Delight, and Nelson Treble Bob.
- (2) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, St. Albans, College Bob IV., Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (3) Capel, Ockley, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Dunottar, Wath and Poutefract Delight.
- (4) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham, Burslem Delight.
- (5) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham Delight and Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
- (6) Melandra, Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe, Castleton and Bucknall Delight.
- (7) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Two Hours and thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JACK PUMFREY Treble	H. CARTER 4
MISS JESSIE ANGIN 2	*ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
*MRS. H. CARTER 3	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal in three methods.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*ALLEN MORGAN 2	†REGINALD WOODYATT 5
WALTER H. RAXTER 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the Kent variation.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

*A. RUSSELL PAUL Treble	ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 4
*WILFRED YOUNG 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS 5
ERNEST WASELING 3	F. WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wakeling (nee Miss Annie M. Dale).

A TOUR IN THE NORTH.

The following peals were rung for the Durham and Newcastle Association during a tour in the North:—

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

On Sunday, August 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells and by the association.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, August 17, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REV. C. E. WIGG 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to Mrs. Armstrong, Lady Mayoress of Tynemouth.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, August 17, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 3
FRANK BENNETT 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	REV. C. E. WIGG 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

ALLENDALE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 3	*REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Norfolk on the bells and by the association.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

On Thursday, August 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
HARRY WINGROVE 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Non-conducted.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Friday, August 21, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	JAMES E. SIMPSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Friday, August 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Aidan,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, August 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM HENLEY 9
*GEORGE R. PYE 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON

* 100th peal of Surprise Royal.

VICTORIA CATHEDRAL BELLS.

MR. E. WEATHERBY'S RECORD.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles (late of Market Drayton and Guildford, England), who travelled a thousand miles to be present at the opening of the Victoria Cathedral bells, recorded in our issue of August 7th, in an interesting letter tells us that he left Los Angeles on Wednesday, July 8th, and arrived in Victoria on the following Saturday. At the Cathedral he found the bells (which had been erected by Mr. Izard, of Victoria) ready for the opening next day. Most of the ringers not having rung for many years, short practices were necessary.

'The opening peal,' says Mr. Weatherby, 'was rung by seven Victoria ringers and myself. Everyone was delighted with the "go" and tone of the bells.'

After giving some particulars of the dedication and ringing, Mr. Weatherby adds that on Wednesday the bells were rung for the enthronement of the Bishop, the Right Rev. H. E. Sexton, D.D., which brought to a close a very enjoyable time for all.

'On Sunday, the 19th,' he adds, 'I rang at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, on a musical peal of eight, which were augmented from a peal of five French bells, through the efforts of Mr. Limpus. The first peal was rung on them in 1911, conducted by George Foster.'

'This brought to a close a pleasure I had long anticipated—to ring at the dedication of the new peal in Victoria, and a record of ringing on nine peals of bells on this continent—two in Quebec, one in Montreal, four around Boston, Victoria and Vancouver.'

DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES IN HERTS.

To the Editor

Sir,—I see recorded in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' the account of a peal of Darlston Bob Triples, rung at St. Mary's Church, Ware, said to be the first peal in the method rung in the county of Hertfordshire. The first peal of Darlston Bob Triples was rung at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on February 6th, 1894, and the second peal in the method at the same church on August 6th, 1894. The first peal in the method in Essex was rung at St. Mary's, Harlow, on February 9th, 1895. All three peals were conducted by me.

Chichester.

HENRY J. TUCKER.

YET ANOTHER MINOR RECORD.

CHESHIRE MEN'S 66 METHODS IN A PEAL.

The Cheshire band have quickly replied to the Spliced Minor records made by the Lincolnshire company at Whaplode and Freiston on August 3rd and 8th, when peals of Spliced Minor in 60 and 61 methods respectively were rung.

At Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, a peal in 66 Treble Bob methods was rung, a wonderful performance which puts up by five the total number of methods comprised in a peal of seven true extents. This is rather devastating for the young men of Algarkirk, Lincs, who will have to get busy if they are to regain the laurels.

The previous highest number of methods rung in Cheshire was 52, in a peal, also at Marple, on May 23rd last. The peal on Saturday included a new extent in ten methods, arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver, and in the whole peal there were 138 changes of method.

The new extent, rung first in the peal, is as follows:—

23456	Nelson T.B., No. 9.
35264	Rostherne D., No. 29.
42635	Ely D., No. 35.
— 42356	Ely D., No. 35.
25463	Chepstow D., No. 28.
63542	Nelson T.B., No. 9.
34625	Wilmslow D., No. 37.
56234	Ely D., No. 35.
— 56342	Ely D., No. 35.
— 56423	Balmoral D., No. 36.

23645

Twice repeated,

substituting Knutsford (No. 31) and Bogedone (No. 40) for Rostherne and Wilmslow and Skipton (No. 30) and Fotheringay (No. 41) for Chepstow and Balmoral in 2nd and 3rd parts.

All the remaining extents were as in the 52-method peal, except the 2nd extent, which is as published in 'The Ringing World' of August 14th, 1936, but transposed to start from the 21st lead end.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.

'ORDINARY' RINGERS' APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although there are many ringers of the ordinary 'man in the street' type, who, like myself, are, and always would be, quite incapable of even attempting anything in the nature of the exceedingly clever performance of the six young members of the Lincoln Guild, which is the subject of your deservedly appreciative leader in the issue for August 14th, I imagine that many of those same ordinary ringers are equally appreciative as yourself as to the 'mental acrobatics with a vengeance,' and also as to the skill and capabilities of the composer who made such mental acrobatics a practical possibility. I think, also, that such ringers would like to be able to say 'Hear, hear,' to all your appreciative remarks in regard to that performance, and to thank you for giving them such a jolly good 'clap on the back.'

You state, 'We' desire to pay a tribute, and, again, 'We' raise our hat. That 'We,' I presume, you use in an editorial capacity only, but I feel quite sure that there are many ringers, of all types, up and down the country who would be glad if you would allow them to be included in that 'We.'

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Draycott on Saturday. Thirty members were present from Burslem, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Lawton, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter and Stoke-on-Trent. Tea was partaken of in the school-room, and a very hearty welcome was extended to the association by Mr. W. Shelley, in the absence of the Rector.

The meeting was the first that the association had held at Draycott.

After the usual votes of thanks had been given to the ringers, four peal certificates were presented, two being to Draycott ringers, who are the first from this tower to ring a peal.

Five new members were elected, viz., W. Shelley, A. Hough, K. Shelley, W. J. Emery and W. Horrobin.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine, Cambridge, Wells, Violet, York, London and Norwich Surprise Minor were rung.

SOMETHING NEW IN SPLICED MAJOR.**A COMBINATION OF PLAIN AND TREBLE BOB.**

Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, who has been responsible for many clever compositions, particularly of Spliced Surprise, now sends us the figures of a peal which should interest bands who can ring Plain and Kent Treble Bob.

Mr. Pitman says: 'I send figures of 5,248 Spliced Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, which will be found to be something new in splicing.'

'There are numerous ringers able to ring the two methods well, but I feel sure that this peal will be quite sufficient to keep any band awake while ringing same, and that the conductor will have plenty to think about.'

Here are the figures:—

	23456	W.	M.	H.
	64523	2	1	1
	35426		1	1
	26354	1	2	1
	32654	3	3	1
	46532	2	1	1
A	32465	1	2	1
	43265	3	3	1
A	54326			
A	65432			
A	26543			
	23645		2	1
	62345	3	3	1
A	56234			
A	45623			
A	34562			
A	23456			

Ring Bob Major, but, when more than one bob Wrong or Middle is called in a course, ring leads of Kent Treble Bob. Thus the first course would be rung as follows: B.K.B.B.B.B.B.B., and the third would be B.K.K.B.B.B.B.K.K.B., B representing a lead of Plain Bob and K a lead of Kent. The peal can be reduced by omitting three consecutive bobs Wrong or Middle.

PENTRE RINGER'S DEATH.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Harry Page, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Page was one of the pioneers of change ringing at Pentre, South Wales, and as a conductor he was second to none in the diocese. He rang, in all, about 80 peals and conducted a good number of them.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, August 15th, when four of his brother ringers, with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, and Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, acted as bearers.

After the funeral, a half-muffled peal was attempted, but, unfortunately, came to grief after an hour's ringing. Half-muffled touches were also rung on Wednesday, August 19th, by the local band in memory of the deceased.

LOUGHTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday the Loughton, Essex, ringers had their annual outing, when they made the journey to Northampton. Starting at 7.30 a.m. from Loughton, they picked up the remaining four of the party at Woodford and had a very nice run to Stony Stratford, where a halt was called. A very handy ring of eight at the Parish Church were soon set going to Triples and Major, each ringer having a pull, except the determined grand old warrior, Mr. J. Rann, whom the steps beat. However, he stopped outside and listened. Leaving Stony Stratford at 11.30, a further run brought the party to St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, where an old Woodford ringer, Mr. John Mardell, met the company. Ringing took place on the handy ring of eight, and after all had had a pull an adjournment was made to the Black Boy for dinner. Although the guide said it was only 'a little way down the road,' the distance was a little too much for the G.O.W., crippled as he is with rheumatism, so a taxi was brought to the rescue. At dinner the two 'youngsters' of between 70 and 80 years were unable to indulge in their usual occupation of 'chipping' one another, as they were seated in different rooms—much to the regret of the company. After dinner farewell was said to Mr. John Mardell, and the journey was continued to Harpenden, where tea was partaken of. Afterwards Mr. J. Rule, jun., spoke a few words of thanks on behalf of non-ringers of the party, and thanked the organisers for again inviting them.

Mr. C. R. Morss spoke for the ringers, and congratulated the 'Grand old warrior' upon his determination to be with the company, especially after his recent terrifying experience of being thrown out of his only mode of getting about by a lorry.

All voted the outing quite as good as any previous excursion, and wish to thank the tower masters and incumbents for permission so readily given for ringing and for arranging for both dinner and tea.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on August 22nd, is believed to be the first to be rung by eight grandfathers all resident in the same borough. In addition, two of the band are great-grandfathers, Messrs. R. H. Brundle and F. J. Tillett, the former being in his 85th year, the latter in his 70th year, without a grey hair in his head.

The total ages of the band amount to 512, an average of 64 years. One grandfather, at the age of 76, rang his first peal of Stedman. The conductor is quite a youth, in his 50th year.

It must be very unusual for two great-grandfathers to be in the same peal, if it has ever been done before. Has anyone compiled a list of great-grandfathers who have rung peals?

The Central Council publication, 'Collection of Doubles and Minor,' is now out of print, and the supply of booklets, 'On the Preservation of Bells,' in stiff covers, is exhausted.

Fifty years ago next Monday the first ten-bell peal in Scotland was rung. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, then of London. The remainder of the band consisted of Mr. Joe Field, of Oxford, Mr. Alf Thomas, of Birmingham, and seven Wrexham ringers.

In view of the 'naming' of the bells at Ufford, it is interesting to recall that the bells at St. Mary's, Edinburgh, are named as follows: 1, Humility; 2, Faith; 3, Constancy; 4, Patience; 5, Reverence; 6, Piety; 7, Hope; 8, Peace; 9, Joy; 10, Charity. The tenor is 42½ cwt.

Monday is also the anniversary of the record handbell peal, 19,738 Stedman Caters, at Guildford, on August 31st, 1912.

Peals have been rung in many strange places. The first (and only one) rung in a railway train was rung by Cumberland Youths between Paddington and Bristol on August 31st, 1923.

Bertram Prewett, of Bushey, one of the finest ringers that ever stepped into a belfry, was killed in action in France on August 31st, 1918. He had rung 953 peals, and was still a young man when he laid down his life in the Great War.

Two young ringers, one aged 13 and the other aged 15, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at North Stoneham, Hants, on Monday. George Williams, aged 79, was also in the peal.

THE TOUR IN THE NORTH.

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

Fourteen peals were the successful outcome of the eight days' visit to the North of England by a band collected mostly from the South. With Newcastle as headquarters, peals were rung in Durham and Northumberland, including Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals and Hexham Abbey.

One feature of the tour was a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Houghton-le-Spring. The conducting in the other thirteen peals was shared by no fewer than eight conductors. This, in its way, must, we think, be a record for any tour.

The methods rung were just as varied, and included Stedman Cinques 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Superlative Surprise Major 2, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 2, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, and, by way of change, Double Norwich Major 1.

With the second peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Gosforth on Saturday, Mr. G. R. Pye completed one hundred peals of Surprise Royal.

Five of the party rang in eleven peals and three of them in ten. The veterans, Messrs. George Williams and W. H. Fussell, rang in eight.

MARRIAGE OF MR. E. W. ELWELL.

CEREMONY IN NEW YORK.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. Edward West Elwell, son of the Rev. H. E. and Mrs. Elwell, of Capenhurst, Cheshire, and formerly hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, upon his marriage, which took place on Thursday of last week at St. Ignatius' Church (Episcopal), New York. The bride was Miss Winifred Ina Mackenzie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Francis Mackenzie, of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce, of Sefton Park, Liverpool.

The marriage was solemnised, with Nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Jerome Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwell sailed on the following day for England.

Mr. Elwell, who before his departure for America was a popular member of the Central Council and one of its ablest debaters, now occupies the important position of assistant manager in the United States of the Royal Exchange Assurance Co.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS CHURCHWARDEN.

At Harwell, Berks, on Monday, August 17th, as a birthday compliment to Dr. R. Rice, who has been churchwarden for 45 years at the Parish Church of St. Matthew, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. J. Balcombe 1, W. V. Webb 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Nobes 4, G. Caudwell 5, A. E. Lock (conductor) 6, R. G. Rice 7, E. Mulford 8.

JAMES BARHAM.**PERFORMANCES OF A WONDERFUL KENT RINGER.**

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

James Barham was born in 1725, the year in which the College Youths first began peal ringing. Apparently he lived for some time at Harrietsham, a village seven and a half miles from Maidstone on the road to Ashford. A new ring of eight bells, with a tenor of 13½ cwt., was supplied to the Parish Church by Thomas Lester in 1744, and in that year a peal of Bob Triples was rung, followed by another in 1745. In 1746 the band scored a 10,080 of Double Bob Major, the first of many long lengths in the district. So far as our records go, it was the tenth length of over ten thousand that had as yet been rung and the seventh of Major. It was the first ten thousand in the method and remains the record. Four years later the band rang another ten thousand of Double Bob, and on March 23rd, 1751, 5,040 of Reverse Bob, two months after Annable had called the first peal in the method at Westminster.



LEEDS, KENT, CHURCH.

Samuel Knight had cast several peals for Kent, and in 1751 his successor, Robert Catlin, added two trebles to the heavy six at the adjoining village of Lenham. The bells were opened on May 17th by a 5,040 of Bob Major, the peal being the first changes rung on them. At the same time Catlin supplied six new bells to Leeds to make a ring of ten. They were the gift of the Hon. Robert Fairfax, of Leeds Castle, who employed Barham as a gardener, no doubt with the idea of forming a band of ringers at the Parish Church. Barham's first peal at Leeds was one of 6,480 of Bob Caters, the first in the method of which any record remains, and still the longest length. From the number of changes it is pretty certain that what was rung was Annable's or a similar peal of Bob Major, with an extra bob in three courses to get the big bells in and out of the tittums.

Three weeks later the band rang 8,100 changes of Bob Royal, evidently the same composition applied to ten bells, and a fortnight later still they repeated the peal of Caters. In 1752 they rang forty courses of Plain Bob Royal, 7,200 changes, and on the last day but one of the year 14,500 of Bob Major. This apparently was an incomplete length, and a fortnight later they rang half the extent of the method, 20,160 changes, in 13 hours and 34 minutes.

They had thus in a little more than a twelve-month rung six peals, the shortest of which was 6,480 changes, a record which has not been surpassed by any subsequent band. Barham had great ambitions in the matter of long-peal ringing. He was himself capable of extraordinary feats of peal ringing, and, as his zeal outran the capacity of his companions, he adopted the plan of ringing peals by relays of ringers. Of course, if that is done, there is no particular reason why the bells should not be kept going for a week or more, or as long as the ropes remain unbroken, and the idea has rightly been discountenanced by the Exercise at large. The old ringers saw no reason why two or three men should not be put to a heavy or bad-going tenor, if it were beyond the capacity of one man to ring it single-handed; but that was quite a different thing. Barham's idea, no doubt, was to see how long he or any other individual member of his band could stand, and in that respect he did set up a record.

On March 31st, 1735, the band started for the full extent of Bob Major. They began at two o'clock in the afternoon, and at six o'clock the next morning, after 24,800 changes had been rung in 16 hours, the sixth clapper broke, and so the peal was lost. Barham rang the seventh for 14 hours and 44 minutes, which is a wonderful feat of endurance, and has not since been approached; but, of course, the circumstances were unique, and no other individual ringer is likely again to have a similar opportunity of seeing how long he can stand and ring.

The band made no further attempt for the peal for some years, but in 1760 Barham induced them to start again. On Monday, March 23rd, they rang 17,000 changes and then one of the bells was overturned. That is a most unusual thing to happen in peal ringing, and there is no reason to suppose that Leeds bells were not fitted with stays and slides. Possibly it happened when one ringer was relieving another.

A little later they made another attempt, and this time they succeeded. Fourteen men in all took part, and the time was 27 hours. Barham had called all the bobs in the failure of 1755, but whether he did so in the complete peal, or whether he deputed part of the task to another, does not appear. It seems the ringing was by no means faultless. When the College Youths visited the village in the next year they talked with many of the ringers and heard a lot about the performance. The authors of the 'Clavis,' after saying that they do not intend to give peals with the full extent of the changes on eight bells other than two of Bob Major as examples, proceed:—

'We think it extremely useless as it is impracticable for any one set of men to perform. To be sure it is recorded on a frame at Leeds in Kent as being performed by 13 men in 27 hours and some minutes, one man having rung eleven hours, another nine, etc., but those of the performers who have been spoken to on the subject give such unsatisfactory accounts that it is very little thought of, and it is generally believed that if they did keep the bells going the length of time, the truth or regularity of the changes were very little attended to.'

The account differs slightly from that in Barham's book (e.g. in the number of men that took part), and is probably derived from rather indirect information, but if it is correct that the man who stood the longest time (probably Barham) rang only 11 hours, as a feat of endurance the performance falls a long way short of the failure of 1755, and has been beaten more than once since. But we must remember that it was always difficult for the members of the great leading societies like the College Youths or the Norwich Scholars to believe that the men of obscure country villages could ring as well or better than they.

LEEDS RINGERS' BOAST

(Continued from previous page.)

The occasion of the peal was the election to Parliament of the Hon. Robert Fairfax and Sir W. Knatchbull. The ringers were very proud of themselves, and boasted that 'the peal was never rung or ever attempted to be rung by any set of ringers in the kingdom,' and they advertised that 'Whenever it is performed by any other set' they 'are determined to command their superiority to all others by ringing all the changes on 10 bells.' Perhaps it is as well they were not called upon to make good their boast.

Two other peals of over ten thousand changes were rung at Leeds—13,440 of Bob Major in 1773 and 10,080 of Treble Bob Major in 1796—and in addition many five thousands at Leeds, Harrietsham, Lenham, Maidstone and other towers in Kent. The majority of these were Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, but there were some others of very considerable interest. On February 7th, 1756, a day or two after Annable was buried, the band rang at Leeds 5,040 changes of 'that hard method called Court Bob, which was never rung in Kent before.' On Christmas Day they rang 6,720 changes, 'the most extraordinary thing of its kind ever done,' and next year the same length at Harrietsham, 'notwithstanding its difficult and abstruse method.'

On January 20th, 1765, they rang 6,720 changes of Court Bob ten-in at Leeds. Annable had extended Court Bob Major to Royal, and it had been rung by the College Youths at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, in 1741, but the London men apparently found that it was not worth ringing and dropped it, for it is a poor method which widely parts the big bells, and is inferior in music and interest to Double Bob and Treble Bob. It has been suggested that there is a doubt as to what variation of Court Bob Barham's men rang, and that they might have forestalled the Norwich peal of 1767. But the matter is as clear as any of these things can ever be. The Leeds men rang London Court Bob Major in 1756 and 1762, and London Court Royal is the obvious extension of that method. Moreover, the authors of the 'Clavis,' who were familiar with what had been done at Leeds, say distinctly that the first peal of Norwich Court Bob Royal was rung at St. Peter Mancroft.

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tenor is a memorial to the late Vicar of Mullion, the Rev. R. H. Moyes, who died three years ago. The inscription reads:—

'In memory of Richard Henry Moyes, Priest. Died December 16th, 1933. From those who love him and feel his influence.'

The new bells have been cast and hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due. The whole job leaves nothing to be desired, and Mullion can be justly proud of its new bells.

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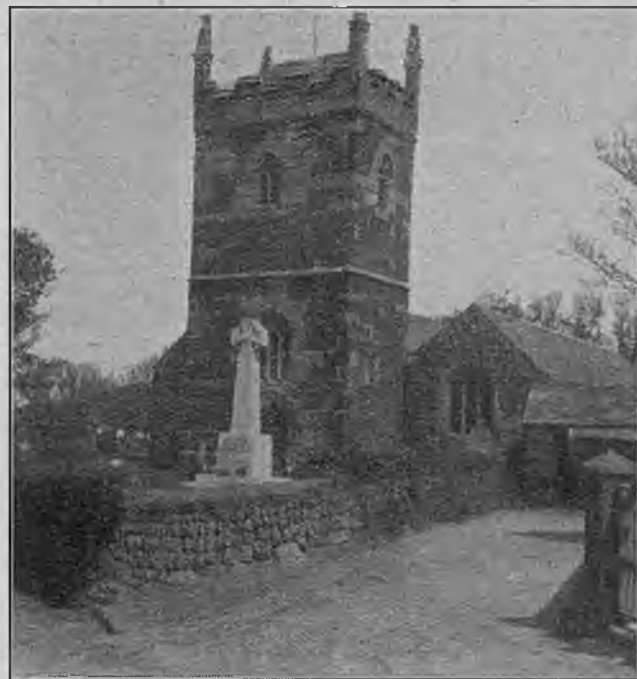
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A NEW CORNISH RING.**MULLION BELLS DEDICATED.**

In the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers and visitors, the new ring of six bells at Mullion Church, Cornwall, was dedicated on Saturday, August 8th, by the Archdeacon of Cornwall (the Ven. G. W. Hockley). The church, one of the most beautiful in Cornwall, is thus further enriched by a beautiful peal of bells, the installation of which forms part of an ambitious restoration scheme embracing much of the general fabric of the building.

The dedication service opened with the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' during which the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean (Canon G. H. Doble), and the Vicar (Rev. F. C. Wintle), together with the choir and churchwardens, proceeded to the west end of the church. The hymn being concluded, the Archdeacon, at the request of one of the wardens, Mr. O. Bosustow, dedicated the bells to the service of God, and handed the ropes to the Vicar, committing the bells to his care as a sacred trust. As the procession returned to the chancel, rounds were rung by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

The Archdeacon preached a homely and inspiring sermon on the use of bells in the service of the Church, and commended the efforts

**MULLION PARISH CHURCH.**

of the guilds and societies, which had, besides advancing the science of change ringing, brought ringers in closer touch with the life and work of the Church. The service concluded with the singing of the dedicatory hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple,' and the Blessing pronounced from the altar steps.

After the service, the visiting ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens. Among those present were the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Dr. J. Symons, M.R.C.S., the Guild secretary, the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, ringers from the towers of Truro Cathedral, Gulval, Manaccan, Redruth, Towednack, St. Michael Penkivel, Helston, Cury and Mullion, as well as Mr. S. R. Roper, representing the bell founders, Miss H. Mills, of Farnham, and Mr. J. W. Clarke, of Chester.

The bells were made full use of during the evening. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella acted as master of ceremonies, and rounds, call changes, raising and falling in peal, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully accomplished.

The present bells replace a ring of four, cast at the Copper House Foundry at Hayle, Cornwall, in 1828, which had not been rung for many years. These four had superseded former bells, and an interesting item in the Parish Book records an expenditure of £15 17s. 10d. in 1829, this being the amount outstanding after allowance had been made for the old bells! Now, a clean sweep has been made from roof to floor. The new bells, with a tenor of 10½ cwt., are all hung on one level in a special steel frame resting on girders. Although the tower is small, painting room has been left all round the frame. The

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BLESSING OF THE BELLS AT UFFORD.

FRAME FOR TEN OR TWELVE BELLS.

Suffolk Guild's Testimonial to Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

Last week we described the ancient and impressive ceremony of the blessing of the bells which took place at Ufford on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The decorated bells were placed in a semi-circle outside the west door, where they were sprinkled with holy water and blessed by Canon Claude Powell, Vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Ipswich, acting as deputy for the Bishop of the diocese. The bells were named as follows: Treble, 'Charles'; 2nd, 'Edward'; 3rd, 'George'; 4th, 'Francis'; 5th, 'Mary'; 7th, 'Thomas.' The 6th, 'Katherine,' and the tenor,

'John,' are pre-Reformation bells and had already been blessed and named. Another pre-Reformation bell, the old 4th, 'Margaret,' could not be included in the reorganised peal, and now finds a resting place inside the church.

The Suffolk Guild is raising, as a testimonial to the services of their secretary (Rev. H. Drake, the Vicar) and treasurer (Mr. C. E. Fisher), who have been Ufford ringers during the 15 years of its existence, a fund to defray the cost of making the frame such that the peal may at some future time be increased to ten or twelve bells. All but about £3 has been already given.



The Rev. H. Drake among the restored bells.



The Blessing of the Bells.

[Photos by Miss K. Pearce.]

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A PERFECT MEETING ON A PERFECT DAY.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association held a meeting at Ruisslip on August 15th. It was a perfect day for a meeting, and very nearly a perfect meeting for the day! The ringing was of a high standard, every touch successfully concluded and nearly with as much variety of methods as to suppose the tower was in Lincolnshire (very subtle!). It was a joy to the novices to see the 'big noises' struggling in the throes of Oxford Bob Triples as well as, later, to listen to some perfect striking when these same 'heads' recovered their equilibrium and rang some Spliced Surprise Major.

Rev. K. H. Jocelyn, curate, conducted a very enjoyable service at five o'clock. Mr. A. W. Owen, the local organist, presided at the organ.

After many years, the tea rendezvous was changed, and the George provided a very welcome meal. Later the handbell ringers found a quiet and shady retreat in the garden, and altogether it would appear the suitable successor to Fabb's, who have closed down, has been found.

The quarterly business meeting was held after tea, with the curate in the chair, supported by the organist and many ringing notabilities. The total number present was 53. A greetings telegram was received from the Vicar, Rev. Canon E. Cornwall-Jones, who was on holiday in Norfolk.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, referred to the death of one of the founder members of the association, Mr. F. G. Goddard, who passed away on June 1st. Freddie Goddard did a great deal of spade work in the early days of the South and West District, and the older members would readily recognise this.

The members stood in silence for a few moments in respect to his memory.

A formal vote of thanks was accorded to the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Coles, for his labours in taking members over the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co., Ltd., on July 18th. Mrs. T. Collins, wife of the hon. treasurer, was also thanked for presenting the district with a new minute book.

Messrs. G. W. Blake (Denham), J. Pennells (Sunbury), and F. Braybrook and R. Kilby (both of Ruisslip) were elected ringing members.

DISCUSSION ON 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

Notice was given of joint meetings with other Guilds on September 5th at Egham and Staines and October 10th at Hillingdon. It was decided to hold the November meeting at Heston, probably on the 14th.

After formal votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, a discussion took place on the best means to increase the circulation of 'The Ringing World.' The Ringing Master, who introduced the subject, said that with the co-operation of the hon. secretary, a census of all the towers in the district was to be taken, by which it was hoped to discover the number who took the paper regularly, why others did not, and obtain any grumbles, suggestions, etc., which would be put before the Editor for consideration.

Several speakers followed, amongst whom Messrs. Mayne and Roberts were of the view that more direct subscribers would be an advantage.

Mr. Fowler dissented, and suggested an order form be printed in the paper each week, and with the aid of this the present subscribers do some active canvassing.

Throughout the discussion, it was recognised that 'The Ringing World' cannot be regarded as a one-man concern. It belonged to the Exercise, and its circulation, contents, price, etc., was the concern of every ringer.

FOR BEGINNERS.

AN EASY PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Experienced conductors make many observations of their own for calling touches or peals. Some can 'keep a tab' on a number of points, and by putting them together, as it were, know where the bobs have to be put in. They have several checks, any one of which is a guide to the calling of the bob, while the use of several together makes assurance doubly sure. It is, however, only experience that gives the conductor knowledge, and until he has gained this experience the young conductor must be content with just one or two simple observations.

Knowing by heart the calling of a touch or peal, and ringing the observation bell is, of course, the lowest stage of bob calling—and it is at this stage that many have to begin. But no one ought to be long content to stay there. Study and practice should soon take them to a wider knowledge of and greater competence in the task and enable them to become conductors—as distinct from purely bob callers—who are able to call their peals from any bell.

In some recent articles we have given hints on the calling of Bob Major from a working bell. Let us now look at Grandsire Triples, which, by reason of a bob disturbing more bells than in the Plain Major method, is in our opinion just a little more difficult to conduct.

If you are calling a peal of Grandsire Triples from any but the observation bell, a good deal of reliance has to be placed on your knowledge of the bells 'Before,' that is, the bells making 3rd's place at the bobs, and those going into the Hunt.

The bell that is going to make 3rd's place is the one, of course, that, having dodged in 4-5 up in the previous lead, will then hunt up behind and down to lead immediately in front of the treble. Therefore when you want to call this bell Before you must look for it coursing before the treble and call the bob when it leads. There should be no difficulty in picking it out, for you will pass both these bells, whatever your own position, once, and unless you are in the hunt, twice between the time they come into that coursing order and the time the bob is called.

If, having called one bob, the next call does not come at the next lead, you can watch the bell you want gradually closing up to the treble. After a bob you may find, for instance, that the next bell you want to come 'Before' has three bells between it and the treble. With each lead one of these will disappear and fall in behind the bell in the hunt; so there will next be two bells between your 'wanted' bell and the treble; then one bell between, and then, of course, comes the lead, when it is coursing immediately in front of the treble, and the bob must be called.

Another thing to remember is that the bell in front of the bell coming 'Before' will be the bell that will go into the Hunt at the bob. That is very useful knowledge, and if, by chance, you are using as part of your calling observations the fact that such and such a bell is to be called In and Out, then your attention must be directed to watching for the lead when this bell hunts down with one bell (the bell coming Before) between it and the treble, and call the bob as the Before bell leads.

If you have to call a bell out of the hunt at the end of a number of leads, and you do not know the next bell to come Before or into the Hunt, it is not always easy, particularly if a trip may have intervened and had to be put right, to remember exactly how many leads have run. Endeavour, therefore, immediately you have called the bob, to 'fix' the next bell coming 'Before.' If your bell in the Hunt has to be called Out at 2, note the bell that has only one other between it and the treble, the bell, in fact, that is 'Two bells before the treble.' That is the bell that will come Before when the Hunt bell is called 'Out at 2.' If it is 'Out at 3,' it will be the bell 'three bells before the treble,' or Out at 4, 'four bells before the treble.' If it is 'Out at 5,' it is the same bell that came Before at the last bob. When the call is 'Out at 3' it is useful to remember that the same bell will go back into the Hunt at the 'Out' that came out at the call 'In.'

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Good practice can be got in calling by the bells Before by ringing that famous old peal, in whole or in parts—Holt's Ten Part. At one time this peal held pride of place with conductors, but it is not so extensively called now as it used to be. Peals like Parker's 12-Part and other modern compositions have displaced it, but it is an historic peal and not to be despised, although some people imagine its Single to be a blemish because it is not made as the ordinary single is made. But don't forget it is a 'Single' pure and simple, and that the usual single is not a 'Single' but a 'Double.'

THE ABRIDGED PEAL OF TREBLE BOB.

PEAL RUNG IN 1907 WITHDRAWN.

to the Editor

Dear Sir,—I am informed that the 5,184 Treble Bob Major by V. Robinson cannot be reduced, and as I conducted this peal as a 5,120 by calling the last course of the peal 1W and 2H, at Netherton on December 9th, 1907, I now wish to withdraw the peal, with apologies to all the band.

R. MATTHEWS.

The symmetry of Holt's peal renders memorising a fairly easy task. Perhaps it will enable beginners to understand it better if we set out the parts of the peal, for the calling of each of the five parts of the second half are the reverse of the calling of the five parts of the first half.

First Half.		Second Half.	
234567		235476	
752634	1	642735	1
		746523	5
347285	2	547362	5
243576	5	345276	5
542637	5		
		763524	2
765342	1	567432	5
367254	5		
		245367	1
543726	2	342756	5
745632	5	743625	5
647253	5		
246375	5	257364	2

Each four times repeated.

In the first half it will be seen that, after starting with a bob at the first lead (which brings an odd bell Before), one bell is called three times Before (in the first part it is the 4th), another bell is next called twice Before (in the first part it is the 6th), and then the previous bell is called four times Before, which brings up the part end. These part ends in the first half are the lead ends of the plain course in reverse order, so that any number of parts can be called at will and the bells allowed to run round to a true touch in multiples of 518.

The second half of the peal, starting from the Single, which reverses 4-5 and 6-7, is actually the reverse of the first half, beginning with one bell called four times Before, its companion bell twice Before, and then the original bell three times Before, leaving the part end to be brought up with a bob at 2, which brings the second into the hunt, and an odd bell Before. Again this calling will produce touches in multiples of 518.

But now examine the bells Before and observe how symmetrical is their order. In the first half they work in the same order that they course in the Plain Course, and in the second half they are in the reverse order:—

First Half.			
Once.	Three Times.	Twice.	Four Times.
5	4	6	4
3	6	7	6
4	7	5	7
6	5	3	5
7	3	4	3
Second Half.			
Four Times.	Twice.	Three Times.	Once.
4	6	4	5
3	4	3	7
5	3	5	6
7	5	7	4
6	7	6	3

It is as well, when you have a series of bobs in similar place, to have, if you can find it, some easy 'landmark,' so that you will know when the last has been called. It does not always do to trust to memory. You may like to find your own checks, but here are some that are fairly easy to remember:—

In the first half, at the last of the block of three bobs, the 2nd, which is the 'fixed' bell in the peal, comes out of the hunt; at the last of the block of four, the 2nd goes into the Hunt (at the part end).

In the second half the 2nd is not so conveniently placed to be picked up quickly without some experience, and it is perhaps better to use another means. Thus, the bell that is Before at the part end goes into the Hunt at the last of the block of four bobs, and comes out of the Hunt at the last of the block of three. Incidentally, this is the bell that will be four times and three times Before in the next part.

If you want a check on the middle pair of Befores—and it may be useful in any case in the event of a trip—the bell that goes into and comes out of the Hunt at these two bobs, in both halves of the peal, is the bell which, in the plain course, is the bell naturally coursing after the one that is called Before. Thus it is the 7th when the 8th is twice Before; the 6th when the 4th is twice Before, and so on.

You may not want to call the whole of Holt's Ten-Part, but if you want practice at calling Grandsire Triples, it is a first-rate composition to begin on, because it is easy, and you can get various lengths in true touches.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Llangollen Parish Church, on August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect in memory of the late Rev. Merlin Davies, Vicar of the parish 1913 to 1928 and Rural Dean for 11 years: L. Charlton (longest touch) 1, J. Davies 2, N. Horspool 3, C. Ellis (longest touch 'inside') 4, J. Jones 5, J. W. Bailey 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, O. Downham 8.

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DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Littleham on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Withycombe Raleigh (8). Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. T. G. Shelmerdine. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s., meeting to follow. Buses leave Exmouth for Littleham Village at 2.20 and 4.20 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Applications for tea (meat 1/6, plain 1/-) to Mr. G. Thompson, Sunnyside, Woodhall Road, Calverley, nr. Leeds, by first post, August 29th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Minor practice meeting at Warmley, August 28th.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m.—J. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (North and East District).—A joint meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, August 29th. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 to 4 p.m. and after tea. St. St. Peter's (10) from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will be held in this church at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Grange Hotel, St. Peter Street. To facilitate tea arrangements, a postcard to either of the undersigned would be very much appreciated. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HARPFORD, DEVON.—The ring of six, fixed in a new frame, by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton on Saturday, August 29th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for visiting ringers.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. A hearty welcome extended to all members and friends.—E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, August 29th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea, Six Bells Inn, 5 p.m., at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Froyle on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at The Shrubbery House (by kind invitation of Sir C. J. Hubert Miller, Bart.), 5.15. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles St., Petersfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, August 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Frank Conley, Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. Bells (10) from 3. Service at 5 p.m., tea afterwards in Church House.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Caythorpe (8) August 29th.—G. M. Mayer, 50, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stutton on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also at Holbrook (6) and Harkstead (6). Tea (9d. each) at the King's Head at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Members of the Essex Association are invited.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Church of St. Peter, Mountsorrel, to-morrow, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. Kirby, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hathern Road, Shepshed.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on September 1st and 29th; St. Magnus on the 3rd and 17th; St. Andrew's on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, September 20th, at 6 p.m. Special service at 7 o'clock to which ringers and friends are cordially invited. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Batley, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea (1/6) at 5 p.m. but please notify Mr. H. Burton, 3, Harrison's Yard, Upper Commercial Street, Batley, by Wednesday, September 2nd. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow on Saturday, September 5th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by August 31st.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Sept. 1st, certain.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1/3 per head). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The rededication of North Weald tower and bells, after complete restoration, will take place on Sat., Sept. 5th. Service at 3 p.m., conducted by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Southend. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. H. King, Brickwall House, North Weald, Essex, of their intention of being present.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept 5th. Bells available 3. Service in Church at 4.30 p.m., to be conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea will be provided at ninepence each to all those who *notify directly* Mr. Percy Handley, Mill Lane, Kinver, Stourbridge, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st, and not to myself. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Thursday the 3rd.—F. Ridgwell, District Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (8 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea please notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Woodbine Villas, Deepcar, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 221, Hanover St., Sheffield 3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Tingewick (5 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Market Drayton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, September 1st.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Bräu, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wonston (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. Barton Stacey bells also available. Service in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in The Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney, at 5. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells), on Saturday, September 5th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham, on Saturday, September 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—(6 Bells). Meeting Saturday, September 5th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Excellent service of trains and buses from all parts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting Sat., Sept 5th, at North Muskham, Newark. Bells available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Miss K. Ballachey, Edgefield House, North Muskham, Newark, by September 3rd. Gentleman ringers welcome.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton, St. Michael's (8), Christ Church (6), on Saturday, September 5th.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 2, Cygnet Street, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, September 5th (12 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Foulsham's, Market Place, at 5. Names or numbers for tea essential. All ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, September 5th. Usual arrangements for service, tea and meeting. Keevil bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Chertsey District), **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** AND **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (South and West District) AND **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, September 5th, at Egham. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing arrangements: Egham (8), 3 to 5 and after tea; Staines, St. Peter's (8), 3 to 4.30, and St. Mary's (8), 7.15 to 9; Wraysbury (8), 3.30 to 4.30. Names for tea to the respective hon. secretaries below by September 1st, please.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Bucks.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Sunderland, on Wednesday, September 9th. Meet at Bishop Wearmouth at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. After tea meet at St. Ignatius. All ringers are welcome.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Macclesfield and Stockport branches at Macclesfield Parish Church (12 bells), on Saturday, 12th September. Full details later.—C. Kenneth Lewis, Joint Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Porthcawl, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, on Saturday, September 12th, when the bells (8) which have been restored and rehung will be dedicated by the Bishop of Wakefield. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service of dedication

and thanksgiving 3. Tea 5, by kind permission of Canon and Mrs. Hone, in the Rectory, and tickets for same (1/- each) will only be allotted to those who notify Mr. L. W. Garbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Sept. 10th (this is important.) After tea ringers are invited to be guests of Councillor J. Rideal, Councillor H. Potter and Mr. C. D. Potter. The towers of Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be available if required by visitors.—F. Clark, M. Wilson, A. Panther, Hon. Secs.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.—Re-dedication of recast 6th, 7th and tenor bells by Bishop Willis on Saturday, September 12th. Service 3.15 p.m. Bells available afterwards until 9. Tea in Church Room; will those requiring same please advise me. Frequent buses from All Saints' Road, near L.N.E.R. Station, Leicester.—A. Disney, Dalby Road, Anstey, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', St. Helen's on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. S. Burrows, 189, Exeter Street, St. Helen's. Special note: Canon Child will be present to say farewell to all ringers, as he leaves St. Helens at the end of September. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Maldon, on Saturday, September 12th. All Saints' bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. St. Mary's bells (6) available after tea. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 9th, certain.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dist. Sec., 7 Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford. (Please note change of address.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—By invitation of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (at 9d. per head); those requiring please advise Mr. F. Terry, Farmer, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Thursday, September 10th. Buses from Selby every hour.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern and North West Divisions.—A Wednesday meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, September 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. and those intending to be present kindly advise Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Escrick, nr. York, on Sat., September 19th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening until 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held at the Village Institute at 4 p.m. Tea (1/6) at the Black Bull Inn at 5 p.m., and it is most important that all who intend to be present should notify Mr. Anderson, Black Bull Inn, Escrick, nr. York, by Tuesday, September 15th. The general meeting will be held at the Village Institute immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, nr. Rotherham.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 26th. Tickets (3s. each) are now available and may be obtained from the dinner committee, branch officers, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgberrow, Evesham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Clerkenwell.—All practice suspended until Friday, October 2nd.—A. W. Coles.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 31st, at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, Liverpool. Tickets 4/-. Book the date.—Claude I. Davies, Hon. Treasurer.

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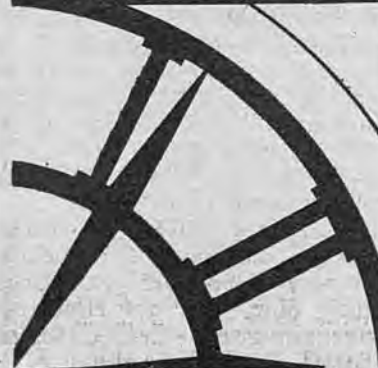
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