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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

We have been asked the question whether the Central Council recognises as a peal 5040's of-Grandsire Doubles, in which Pitman and Morris' 'arrangements' and Lindoff's 'spliced' extents are rung? The simple answer is 'Yes,' inasmuch as hitherto such peals have been included in the yearly analysis and the analysis has been accepted. But, strictly speaking, the two former are against the spirit of the rule which the Council laid down at Hereford in 1928, and, in the opinion of many ringers, Lindoff's spliced extents are also ruled out by the Council's definition. There has since been a fight (or should it be fights?) over the similarly worded rule regarding Minor, and while in this the Council's ruling is accepted, the definition of a peal of Doubles is honoured in the breach as well as in the observance. If we were asked why it is that ringers choose their own course in regard to Doubles, we would say, frankly, it is because the large majority of the Exercise have little or no interest in peals of Doubles, and therefore do not care what happens. If the rules regarding peals on higher numbers were broken as frequently and claim laid to the performances as peals there would be a great outcry. Because these peals are rung on only five bells no one bothers about what is done.

The Council's rule, laid down at Hereford, provides that 'Peals of Doubles shall consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120.' That wording is very definite, and conforms to the views of those ringers who think that peals rung on less than seven bells should be made up of true 'extents,' whether on six or five bells. There is a school of thought, however, that takes another view—that as long as no change is rung more than 42 times in a 5040 of Doubles, no matter in what order the changes occur, so long as they conform to a recognised method, that performance should rank as a peal. But without going here into the argument as to what should constitute a peal of Doubles, we feel that the ruling of the Council should be accepted and acted upon, as much by ringers of Doubles as by those who ring peals of Minor. If the rules are wrong they should be altered, but they cannot with justice be altered to suit one section of the Exercise alone. Whatever latitude is given in Doubles must be given in Minor. The plea that one is more limited in its scope than the other really carries little weight now that the possibilities

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of Doubles ringing have been shown to be not only in-
teresting but fairly extensive. If alteration is made it
can only be made as a matter of principle and must apply
to all similar classes of ringing alike.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, February 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 2	Treble	THOMAS W. MILLER 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2		MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 3		ERNEST MANSELL 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4		WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER 5		ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 6		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
Rung with the bells half-muffled, in the 'inverted titlums' and
'handstroke home' positions, to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas
Russan.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TILLET 2	Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2		*HARRY D. LISTER 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 3		J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 4		WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
HARRY R. ROPER... .. 5		GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6		FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. Arranged for Mr. J. Frank
Smallwood, of Bath.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALBERT M. TYLER 2	Treble	†RALPH HARRIS 7
JOHN THOMAS 2		FRED HAWKES 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 3		THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... .. 4		CHARLES CAMM 10
†SYDNEY E. ROMANS 5		SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 11
JOHN AUSTIN 6		†JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday
compliment to Mrs. H. Devereux, of the Abbey band, and a similar
compliment to Mr. C. Cannon. It was also a special compliment to
Master Albert Tyler, four days before his 14th birthday. The greatest
possible credit is due to him for the way in which he rang, and to
his tutors, the St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON 2	Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 7
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2		JACK M. CRIPPS 8
RONALD A. TUFFIN 3		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
HENRY G. MILES... .. 4		RICHARD F. DEAL 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5		ALFRED B. PECK... .. 11
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 6		JAMES H. RUMLEY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and
Queen to the East End of London.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... Treble	* JAMES W. MELDRUM ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 8
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE ... Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY, Ringing Master, Western Division ... Treble	
HORACE MORLEY, Secretary, Eastern Division ... 2	
JOE HARGCASTLE, Central Council Representative ... 3	
HARRY C. WALTERS, Ringing Master Eastern Division ... 4	
* THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY, General Committee ... 5	
FREDERICK W. DIXON, General Committee ... 6	
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Treasurer ... 7	
WILLIAM BARTON, Hon. Peal Secretary ... 8	
JOHN AMBLER, General Committee ... 9	
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice-President ... Tenor	

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY, a former Vice-president.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* 100th peal. Specially arranged and rung by officers of the association to commemorate the silver jubilee of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, in that office.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Leckhampton,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... Treble	MARR HICKS ... 5
MISS AMY JOHNSON ... 2	WILLIAM HUNT ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 7
GEORGE WALTERS ... 4	THOMAS BOREHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal on the bells since being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Miss Johnson is from Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

* A. E. COLE ... Treble	J. W. DAVIS ... 5
OLIVER THOMAS ... 2	A. H. CARTER ... 6
W. HARRIS ... 3	* J. HILL ... 7
N. REES ... 4	H. CHRISTIE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. CARTER.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal by the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Thomas and Supt. Shellswell.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS W. DITCHAM ... Treble	C. CURSON ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
MISS D. DITCHAM ... 3	CLIFFE BIRD ... 7
MISS G. TUNNADINE ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN

* First peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RALPH G. LEY ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
CYRIL DOBNEY ... 2	ERNEST T. KING ... 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3	* NORMAN T. KING ... 7
FRANK RICHARDSON ... 4	JOHN W. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
LESLIE STEVENS ... 3	ROBERT HARRISON ... 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Three generations took part in this peal, the ringers of the tenor and treble being son and grandson respectively of the ringer of the seventh; Geoffrey Harrison was 13 years of age on January 28th and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) the previous day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
JOSEPH LITTLER ... 2	STANLEY J. HARRISON ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
*HARRY GRUNDY	Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	LESTER L. GRAY	6
ALFRED W. HEATH	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	†FRANK VARTY	Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples. Rung, after meeting short for Caters, as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Tiarks, M.A., who was inducted two days previously.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

TOM, TEBBUTT	Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	GEORGE TANNER	Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
FREDERICK WHITE	2	ALFRED W. DURHAM	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

TITUS BARLOW	Treble	*RICHARD BALDERSTONE	5
HAROLD WALMSLEY	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
FREDERICK HINDLE	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM DICKENSON	Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. L. J. Williams' 200th peal. Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mrs. Williams, mother of the 4th ringer.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD CHEADLE	Treble	ALAN D. STEEL	5
HAROLD HOUSON	2	EDWARD STEELE	6
†WILLIAM H. BLOOR	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
HAROLD ROSE	4	†FREDERICK SHEELLY	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged, and rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Beatrice Steele, wife of the ringer of the 6th, the esteemed leader of the local band, and to the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, leader of Uttoxeter band, who was interred on the above date.

CAMBERWELL. — At St. Giles' Church for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. Mills 2, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, G. W. Rendell 6, R. K. Mowforth (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. H. Pether 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringer of the sixth, who is from Yeovil.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	Treble	*ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
*WALTER ELSEY	2	†FREDERICK C. GUNTON	6
*FREDERICK C. ROPER	3	CHARLES LOOME	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First peal in the method.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Treble	CYRIL CROSSHWAITE	5
FRED RIGBY	2	FRANCIS MCCARTHY	6
KENNETH HALL	3	ALFRED BLOGG	7
JOHN JACKSON	4	WILLIAM SHARPLES	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 3). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

This composition, a 6,560 reduced, composed August, 1883, is now rung for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	Treble	RONALD SICKLING	5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS	2	*PHILIP A. CORBY	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First Surprise peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD E. AUSTIN	Treble	*J. CLIFFORD BRADSHAW	5
J. HARRY PAULSON	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON	3	VICTOR E. TAYLOR	7
EDWIN HOPKINSON	4	ERNEST PAULSON	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR E. TAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Taylor's in 1936. A birthday peal for H. E. Taylor. The ringers of 2, 3 and 8 are three generations.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS	Treble	H. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
HAROLD W. EMMOTT	2	FRED KENDALL	6
STEPHEN SLATER	3	JACK BRACEWELL	7
GEORGE BROWN	4	HOWORTH HOLT	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late William Ashworth, an old St. Saviour's ringer. All the ringers are St. Saviour's service ringers, with the exception of Mr. George Brown, from Christ Church, Bacup.

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FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSLEY, YOKES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, Cambridge, York, Durham, Stamford, Rossendale and London. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN 1 Treble	* ERNEST B. COLES 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First Surprise peal.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD 1 Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
RONALD BOWNESS 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Rung as a compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry on completing 40 years as Rector of Bigby.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL MOORE 1 Treble	JOHN HALL 4
RALPH HARRIS 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
ROBERT CORBETT 3	ARTHUR RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This peal was originally attempted on January 14th as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lowndes, wife of the Rector.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 240 and 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

HUGH E. HARDING 1 Treble	FRANK W. HOLL 3
C. HENRY HARDING 2	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

First peal on this fine toned ring of five. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. F. C. Tysoe.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. THOMAS VESSEY 1 Treble	JAMES W. RAITHBY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	FRANK VERNON 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the first peal (Bob Minor) by all the band, which was rung in this tower a year ago.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN E. BLOXHAM 1 Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE POPPELL 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal in four methods for all except 5th ringer. The first time Cambridge Surprise has been rung in a peal of Minor for the association. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor, also a birthday compliment to the wife of the 4th ringer.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH G. CARLTON 1 Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
*RAYMOND J. CARLTON 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 4.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Court, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*BASIL BUTTON 1 Treble	HARRY J. MILLAT 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS 2	AMOS R. GARDINER 5
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED E. BACON 1 Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
*JOHN CLARKE 2	REGINALD GEDNEY 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS, SEN. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. Birthday peal for the ringer of the fourth.

HAWORTH, YOKES.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, three of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ABRAM PARKER 1 Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 4
*DENNIS MAUDE 2	ALLAN RUSHWORTH 5
HERBERT HELLIWELL 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. G. Roper, also as a compliment to Mr. J. Nicholson, who has been a ringer 38 years. Both are of the local company.

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AMPTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

In the Choir Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
PERCY L. HARRISON 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5-5	JOSEPH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2	MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	*MISS DORIS E. COLGATE ... 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER (adapted). Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS

* First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL AND EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Umpire—John E. Rootes.

The peal consisted of 2,112 London, 572 Cambridge and 768 each Superlative, Bristol and Ealing, with 120 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of the ancient Collegiate Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major and on the whole the ringing was good.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Wilkinson), who gave an interesting address—not about bells and ringers. He was assisted by the Rev. J. P. Pellie, a ringer, who was recently ordained.

At tea, provided by the local ladies, the Rector welcomed the association to Chester-le-Street, in a humorous reply to the vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. John Anderson, of Newcastle.

A vote of thanks to the lady helpers at tea, proposed by Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, concluded the proceedings, and an adjournment was made to the tower for more ringing.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church on December 20th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Edgerton, jun. (aged 13) 1, A. Short 2, F. Price 3, W. Whiston 4, G. Williams 5, W. Pettigrew 6, W. Best 7, E. Evans 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, A. Edgerton 10. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 4. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by ringer of 2nd. First quarter-peal on ten bells by ringers of 6, 7 and 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BOBS IN KENT TREBLE BOB.

Having had explained to him how Kent Treble Bob is rung, the next thing the beginner will want to know is, how to make a bob.

In Minor, when a bob is called, only three bells are affected. The bell that comes out of the 'slow,' and makes places in 3rd's and 4th's, and the bell that makes 4th's and 3rd's and goes into the 'slow' (that is, the bell that dodged in 5-6 up with the treble) are not concerned in the bob making. They pursue their work as if no call had been made.

The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 and then makes 3rd's and 4th's, when a bob is called makes an additional 4th's and 3rd's and goes down to lead. Actually he lies two consecutive whole pulls in 4th's place, each made at backstroke and handstroke. (For those who know how to ring Grandsire Doubles it is like the 'long 3rd's' made at a single in that method.) The bell that 'makes the bob' at one lead in Kent Treble Bob will go into the 'slow' at the following treble lead.

The bells 'behind,' that is the pair that are dodging together in 5-6, have an additional double dodge; that is, having stepped back in their path once, they have to step back twice more before they finally continue their course.

If the bob is called at the right moment they will find they have already begun dodging together, and they must be careful that they complete three dodges in all before the bell going down passes on to dodge in 4-3 with the treble and the bell dodging up lies its whole pull behind.

You can make a check on the number of dodges. Each bell in the course of its operations strikes four times in 5th's. Suppose the other bells were known by letters instead of numbers, the bells behind strike over them like this: a, b, b, c, so that as soon as they have struck over the third bell (there having been two blows, with a backward step between over the second of the bells) they know that the dodge is completed. The bell dodging up has then to lie its whole pull behind, and the one dodging down to pass on immediately to the 4-3 dodge.

It is sufficient, of course, to count the dodges, if they are counted correctly, but everyone is liable to make a slip, and these additional aids to memory always come in useful—as the young ringer will find if he goes on to more complicated methods.

In case there are any bands of ringers who are trying Treble Bob without outside help, perhaps a word or two about the bob calling may be useful. The actual call should be made in the change when the treble has its 'snapping' blow at lead—that is its blow at lead in its dodge in 2-1 down. Some conductors leave it just a fraction later—to the beginning of the following change—but it makes very little difference.

The effect of a bob is that the bells above 4th's place are thrown back a lead in the course and after their dodging do exactly the same work as in the previous lead—they meet the treble in the same places. The bobs are thus said to cause 'repeating leads,' and the effect is that only the three front bells—whichever are in 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's at the lead end—are really affected in coursing order, and bobs at three consecutive leads bring the bells back to where they were before the first bob was called.

Beginners can, therefore, if they wish, begin their bob practice with a short touch of 72 changes produced by bobs at each of the three leads.

When they go on to ring extents of the method, they will probably want at first to use one of the 'standard' callings. The best known of these is that which corresponds to the 'Wrong,' 'Right' and 'Wrong' in Bob Minor. But as in Treble Bob, the bob is made on the three back bells instead of the three front ones, the calling is 'In,' 'Out' and 'In.' The 'In' is when the observation bell is going into the 'slow' and the bob is thus called when it strikes its second blow in 4th's on the way down (after dodging in 5-6 with the treble).

'Out' comes at the following lead, and, as is fairly obvious, is when the observation bell is coming out of the 'slow.' The call is made when it begins its dodge with the treble after completing the slow work.

A touch of two courses, or 240 changes, can be rung by calling any bell 'In' and 'Out' in each course, except that if the 'observation' is the 2nd bell, it must be 'Out' and 'In,' because the 2nd is already in the slow at the beginning.

The full 720 is obtained by calling the first course 'In' and 'Out' and the second course 'In,' and then repeating this calling twice.

Beginners should examine closely the work at a plain lead and a bob lead shown in the accompanying figures. They each relate to the first 'lead end':—

Plain Lead	Bob Lead
231546	231546
213456	213456
123465	Call 'Bob' Here 123465
214356	214356
124365	124365
142635	142356
412653	412365
146235	143256
416253	413265
461523	431625

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.**

Eighteen towers were represented at the meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday week. The 37 members present attended from Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Great Yeldham, Sawbridgeworth, Long Melford, Sudbury, Fulbourne, Sible Hedingham, Great Tey, Little Waldingfield, Braintree, Exning, Bocking, Castle Hedingham and Great Cornard.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Moore), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers and thanked them for their services, which meant so much to the church.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the White Lion, the Rector presiding. At the business meeting which followed he was elected an honorary member of the association. One ringing member was also elected. It was decided that the next meeting should be at Peering on April 17th.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and for presiding at the tea. He said they were very pleased he had been elected an honorary member. Mr. Saunders also thanked the organist, the organ blower and the visitors for their attendance.

The Rector, in reply, said he was glad of the opportunity to attend the meeting. He could only repeat what he had said in church in extending a cordial welcome to all. He was pleased to see so many ringers in the delightful parish of Sible Hedingham and hoped they would pay another visit. He would take an early opportunity to visit the ringers in the tower. They had nice bells at Sible Hedingham and good ringers, and he hoped shortly to hear them twice on a Sunday. That would be a true answer to the Bishop's appeal. Before he left Leeds the bells of his church were augmented to eight and rehung. They had several obstacles to overcome, but there was now a steady company who were building up ringing.

Handbell ringing was afterwards resorted to and others returned to the tower where ringing went on until about 9 p.m.

LONDON RINGING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have had no experience of London ringing circles, but can visualise the conditions outlined by 'Suburban Ringer.' Where similar organisations operate in the same area there is bound to be some disagreement.

Great as the traditions of the London societies are, let them make new history now by merging into one United Association.

I am sure by taking this step more real progress in London ringing would result than by all 'friendly co-operation.'

Birmingham.

W. C. RHODES.

WELFORD RINGER'S RETIREMENT.**FAREWELL GATHERING.**

On Monday evening, February 8th, the ringers of St. Mary the Virgin, Welford, gathered for a dinner and social evening at the Village Hall. Eleven members attended, together with the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse), and partook of an excellent meal, which was prepared and served by Mrs. E. and Miss A. Buswell, wife and sister, respectively, of one of the ringers.

The occasion marked the retirement of Mr. E. Bott as captain of the band, the completion by him of 44 years as an active member of the company, and also his 73rd birthday, which occurred on February 7th.

The Vicar paid tribute to the work Mr. Bott had done during his time as a ringer, and said that although he was retiring from the captaincy and from regular service, this need not necessarily mean that he was giving up ringing altogether. He hoped that he would still turn up and have a ring at any time he felt disposed.

The Vicar then went on to say how pleased he was to be present at the dinner, as he thought it was only by co-operation that anything could be accomplished. He looked for the united support of the ringers in the future and hoped that this occasion was the forerunner of many such gatherings. He also thanked the ladies for the splendid way they had catered for the party.

Mr. G. A. Hollick was unanimously elected captain to succeed Mr. Bott, and Mr. T. Miller was elected vice-captain to succeed Mr. Hollick.

With various games, in which the Vicar joined with real enthusiasm, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, February 6th, the wedding took place of Mr. John Strickland, elder son of Mr. G. J. Strickland, of St. Mary Abbot's Guild and the London County Association, with Miss Elfrida Newall, of Barnes. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and the bells were 'fired' as the newly-married pair left the church by the following Sunday service ringers: W. H. Wood 1, E. R. Mackerell 2, H. G. Miles 3, W. E. Judd 4, F. Skevington 5, A. Harding 6, C. Hunt 7, C. Warner 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Beenham, on Monday, February 8th, 1,224 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor as a compliment to Miss Pamela Strange, whose wedding took place in London on that day: W. Greetham 1, A. Churchill 2, Rev. R. Howes 3, E. Richardson 4, E. Wallace 5, G. Fowler (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Joseph Wood, of Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham, who to-day reaches the age of 80 years. He hopes to celebrate his birthday on Sunday by taking part in a 720 for morning service. It will be exactly 64 years that morning since, at Saddleworth Church, he rang his first 720 for service.

It is not often that a ringer of any age rings a peal of Stedman Cinques as his first peal, but this Albert Tyler did on Saturday, four days before his 14th birthday. He acquitted himself with the greatest credit. The peal was rung at Tewkesbury Abbey.

Albert Tyler is a son of the late Mr. Jesse Tyler, for many years a bellhanger employed at the Whitechapel Foundry. He was the spokesman for 'Our Young Ringers' when they were 'toasted' at the Bristol United Guilds' recent dinner.

Mr. Arthur Knights' early compositions are being at long last 'dragged' into the daylight. A fortnight ago we chronicled the fact that his 'No. 2,' composed in 1883, had been rung for the first time. Last Saturday his 'No. 3,' composed in August of the same year, was heard on the bells for the first time. It was rung at Penwortham, Lancs. Of course, when these peals were worked out, Arthur Knights was a practically unknown composer, but it seems strange the peals should have waited more than 50 years to be rung.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Beatrice Steele, wife of the leader of the local band, and to the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, leader of the Uttoxeter company, who passed away suddenly. The deepest sympathy is felt with Mr. Steele and with Mrs. Lewis and family in the bereavement they have sustained.

On a visit to Cheshire and Lancashire last week, three peals were rung by Messrs. J. W. Jones (Newport) and A. W. Heath (Cardiff). The latter was elected a member of the Lancashire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild before starting for peals on Tuesday and Friday respectively.

Here is progress! A year ago six ringers rang their first peal. It was a peal of Bob Minor at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts. Last week the same six ringers celebrated the first anniversary of that performance by ringing their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Congratulations to the Vessey family and their colleagues.

A peal of Doubles was rung at St. James' Church, Blunham, Beds, last week, the first peal on the bells. They are a fine-toned ring of five, but, although rehung 11 years ago, still go very badly, and the tenorman is to be congratulated on having stuck his task to the finish.

At the annual Parochial Church Council meeting held at Linslade, Bucks, Mr. F. Vickers (the foreman ringer) was elected to the post of vergier and sexton in the place of his late father, who held the post for over 50 years.

P.O. Ronald Hagley was congratulated by the Woking magistrates on Saturday for his astuteness in apprehending a man who had stolen some chicken. He is the third generation of a family of ringers, his father being P.S. Hagley, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. John William Malyan, of St. Albans. Mr. Malyan, who was 52 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. At the funeral on February 2nd handbells were rung over the grave.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

NEW TREBLES TO BE DEDICATED IN SOUTH TRANSEPT.

The two new trebles which are being installed in the Cathedral tower as part of the jubilee celebrations of the Chester Diocesan Guild are expected to leave the Whitechapel Foundry early next week so as to arrive in time for the dedication ceremony on Saturday, February 27th.

The Dean and Chapter expressed a wish that the bells should be dedicated before being hoisted to the tower, and not, as is usual, on the completion of the work. While the ceremony will lack the customary rounds as the procession moves from tower to chancel—admittedly one of the most impressive parts of the service—it is felt that to have the bells actually in sight of the congregation during the dedication will more than compensate for this.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells, as they lie in the south transept, during evensong at 4.15, and a large congregation of ringers and citizens is anticipated. It is not probable that the Cathedral eight will be available for ringing on that day, but arrangements have been made for other towers in the city to be open if desired.

The addition of these two trebles gives Chester its first ring of ten. The new bells, however, will not be used until the Guild's jubilee festival on July 17th, when the augmented ring will be officially opened.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

CEREMONY ATTENDED BY NEARLY 300 RINGERS.

Mr. Denison Taylor's Gift.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, held at Loughborough on Saturday, February 6th, will be long remembered, for it provided a record attendance for any quarterly meeting ever held since the association's foundation. After a spell of very inclement weather, the occasion was favoured with a glorious day, and this—added to the generosity of the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (the dedication and unveiling of a memorial to past Loughborough ringers—and the further attraction of the famous bellfoundry being open to visitors, without doubt brought many who otherwise might not have attended. The grand ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, and the light ten at the Bellfoundry Campanile, were kept going to a variety of methods to suit all comers, and good use was made of the opportunity offered.

The committee of the association met in the afternoon, and as a result of their deliberations grants were made from the Bell Repair Fund to Leicester Cathedral, where the old ten bells have been recast and augmented to twelve, with a semitone; and to Netherseale, where the tower is being restored and the bells recast and rehung. It was decided to print the annual report as usual, and this will be in circulation as quickly as possible.

At 4 p.m. an interesting ceremony was performed in the Parish Church during a special service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon W. J. Lyon, assisted by the Rev. C. B. G. Watson (curate) and the Rev. Canon G. W. Briggs, now Canon Residentiary at Worcester, former Rector of Loughborough.

During the service the Loughborough ringers, headed by the youngest (G. Harrison) and oldest (E. Reader), proceeded to the tower, followed by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), Mr. William E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. (secretary), and the clergy. Arrived at the tower, Canon Briggs performed the act of dedication of the memorial tablet bearing the names of 29 former ringers of Loughborough. This was then unveiled by the oldest Loughborough ringer, Mr. Edward Reader.

THE MEMORIAL.

The handsome memorial, which measures 3ft. 5in. by 2ft. 5in., is of bell metal and was cast in the Loughborough Foundry. It was presented to the church by Mr. Denison Taylor. The tablet is surmounted by the old foundry crest, a shield charged with a coronet between three bells. The 'past ringers of this tower' whose names are recorded are:—

J. H. Bradley	William Fewkes
Henry Bramley	W. Horrigan
James Cook	James Hood
George Cook	Leonard Taylor
Joseph Cook	W. A. Tyler
Alfred Fewkes	Joe Ward
Thomas Grundy, sen.	1817-1888
Edward Wightman	1839-1891
James Frederick Farrow	1861-1885
Elijah Cook	1831-1898
Arthur William Matthews	1861-1900
John William Taylor, sen.	1827-1906
Thomas Grundy, jun.	1845-1907
William Henry Pym Taylor	1878-1909
John William Taylor, jun.	1853-1919
Horace Wood Abbott	1847-1921
James Leonard Wells	1879-1923
Ernest Wood Abbott	1875-1924
Pryce Taylor	1891-1927
Samuel Smith	1859-1927
William Thorley	1877-1928
Joseph Hardy	1862-1929
Joseph Powell	1860-1936

In the case of the first twelve the years of birth and death could not be ascertained.

The tablet is fixed on the north wall of the ground chamber of the tower, between the tablets recording the long peal of Stedman Caters (18,027 changes, rung on Easter Monday, 1909) and the peal rung on the signing of Peace in 1919. The gift is one of a series which Mr. Denison Taylor has made during the last few years with a view to beautifying the Ringers' Chapel.

'THE HOME OF CHURCH BELLS.'

Service was conducted by Canon W. J. Lyon (Rector), who in his address said that Loughborough Parish Church was one of the oldest in the Midlands and one of the most beautiful. Loughborough itself, he said, was in a real sense the home of church bells, for bells from Loughborough were ringing in every part of the world.

In the Parish Church they had a notable peal, which he knew was a pleasure to ring and a pleasure to hear. They were especially glad that ringers from far and near had joined with them in the dedication of the tablet to the former ringers.

In the fellowship of ringers there was a real quality, and, indeed, as they knew, change ringing demanded it. Fellowship, he said, meant consideration one for another, and he supposed it was more necessary than the technical ability—it was the ringers' consideration one for another that was an essential factor in bellringing.

There was, said Canon Lyon, one thing he would like to remind them of—that was the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent broadcast appeal for the people of this country to be recalled to God and religion. He would suggest to them that they as bellringers were doing that same thing by broadcasting Sunday by Sunday an appeal to the people to return to God, and so as members of a great fellowship—as fellow-workers of Jesus Christ—they were bearers of a great message which the Archbishop had made—a great message which the times demanded.

Following the service the company, numbering between 280 and 300, adjourned to the Pearson Hall to enjoy a 'fine spread,' kindly provided through the generosity of Mr. Taylor. All the seven districts of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, as well as friends from Erdington, Sutton Coldfield, Norton (Staffs), Warwickshire, Yorkshire and elsewhere.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by C. Harrison 1-2, A. H. Ward 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, A. Braines 9-10.

PRESIDENT TALKS OF RESIGNATION.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by Canon Lyon, Canon Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, the Rev. A. H. Roberts, of Stanton-by-Dale, Messrs. Lax and Barker (churchwardens) and Mrs. Barker, Mr. W. E. White and Mr. Ernest Morris. The President in his own breezy way, said how delighted all were to see such a goodly assembly—a record for a quarterly meeting. The past quarter showed an improvement over previous quarters in the number of peals rung (23), which included six different Surprise methods. One peal called for special attention—a humble peal of Bob Minor at Woodhouse Eaves—this being the general secretary's 750th peal, and by this visit he (the secretary) had introduced the whole local company to the association, and seven new members were made. They welcomed them that day and trusted their enthusiasm might long continue. They regretted the passing of Mr. Alfred Cufflin, of Anstey, whom they had so recently elected a hon. life member. He was for many years towerkeeper and had just seen the restoration of the bells of his native place. Another regret they all felt was in the death of Mr. Fred Wilford, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a valued life member of the association.

Mr. Taylor then caused some consternation and regret among the whole assembly by intimating that he felt he was growing too old adequately to fill the office of president, and hoped they would elect a successor. He would continue his interest in the progress of the association and would watch its development with great interest.

Mr. Taylor then gave a hearty greeting to Canon and Mrs. Briggs, who had made a by no means short journey in order to grace the gathering. It had been chiefly Canon Briggs who was responsible for the placing in the tower of the tablet recording the names of past ringers, and after very careful research he trusted it was complete and no one had been omitted. They were also indebted to the Rector (Canon Lyon) for the very beautiful service, which was appreciated by the large congregation present.

Canon Briggs then replied and said how grateful he was to Mr. Taylor and everyone for such a hearty welcome. He and Mrs. Briggs retained many happy memories of Loughborough, and especially of the gatherings, such as this, of the bellringers, but he thought this was the best ever. It was a great privilege to him to come to dedicate the beautiful tablet now erected to past ringers, which had been somewhat delayed, not through any fault of those responsible, but because they were anxious to get all names complete and the list as accurate as possible. He thought Loughborough tower must be unique in England for its memorials, tablets and other fittings, all due to the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Taylor family.

The Rector (Canon Lyon) then thanked Mr. Taylor for his gracious act in providing the splendid tablet, for his generosity in giving such a grand reception to the gathering now assembled, and said how pleased he was to co-operate in the service.

Mr. William E. White said how deeply all present would regret the remarks of Mr. Taylor, when he talked of resigning as president of the Midland Counties Association. He sincerely hoped Mr. Taylor would reconsider his decision and carry on, as most certainly they could find no one who could take the office and uphold it so worthily as Mr. Taylor did (applause). He urged all those present to do all they could to dissuade Mr. Taylor from resigning.

The secretary then read over the names of new members proposed since the last meeting, who were duly elected, viz., 4 honorary, 25 ringing and 7 rejoining. Two auditors were re-elected, Messrs. C. Harrison and J. H. Dean.

The secretary next made an appeal to all present for the restoration of Leicester Cathedral bells, urging all those who had not done so to send in to him the special forms with any donations as quickly as possible. The service of dedication would take place on Saturday, April 10th.

This concluded the business, and further ringing on handbells and tower bells was enjoyed. Visitors flocked to Messrs. Taylor's foundry, where they saw in various stages of completion Leicester Cathedral bells, Manchester Town Hall recast bells, the large chime of eight (tenor 2 tons) for Vancouver, bells for Australia, Canada, India, Africa and many old bells undergoing restoration.

It can safely be said that this was one of the best meetings the Midland Counties Association has ever held.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESSING NEED FOR RECRUITS.

Committee to Examine Financial Arrangements.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Isleworth, on February 6th. After ringing on the ten bells during the afternoon, a short service was held, and the Rev. C. A. De Jong gave a brief but interesting talk, based on the lesson read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) relating the story of the Prodigal Son. About 50 members and friends then enjoyed an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

The vice-president presided over the business meeting which followed, and he was supported by all the district officers and by the association treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier). A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith) for his welcome to Isleworth, to the Rev. De Jong for conducting the service, to the organist, to Mr. Lidbetter, of the local band, and to all who had provided and served the tea.—The Vicar and curate each replied and gave a hearty invitation to visit Isleworth at any time.

The vice-president then referred in humorous vein to the 'balloon handball' at the supper held in January, reported in a previous issue, and called on the captain of the Hillingdon team to receive a trophy which had been presented to mark the prowess of the victors. The Hillingdon band are now responsible for the safety, for twelve months, of an old china cup—without a handle.

The secretary's report for 1936 was then read and adopted. Interesting points were: The average attendance at the eight meetings held was 36, a marked improvement on 1935, when it was 31. Two joint meetings with neighbouring Guilds were also held, and three of the towers in the district (Heston, St. John's, Hillingdon, and Christ Church, Ealing) were represented at all ten meetings. Service ringing had not been maintained at last year's level, chiefly through a decrease in the strength of several bands. Certain towers were exceptions to this, and at each of these places there was definitely the co-operation of the church authorities, which indicated a very necessary factor in maintaining a band.

MEMBERS LOST THROUGH UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Seventeen tower-bell peals and one handbell peal were rung in the district, compared to 12 tower-bell peals in 1935. The outstanding performance was the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, which was the first Surprise peal in seven methods by Miss Bradford and Messrs. Turner, Locke, Riding and Corke. Only ten members were elected in the district in 1936. Against this, 37 members lapsed owing to unpaid subscriptions, and the need for new recruits was pressing. In October Mr. C. T. Coles completed 25 years as a joint secretary of the association. He has been largely responsible for the association's annual reports, and few realise the amount of time, energy and thought he has given to the association. The report concluded with thanks to all the district officers, who have an excellent understanding and have supported each other's efforts to the full.

The meeting was unanimous in its praise of the secretary for the thoroughness of his report.

The treasurer's report, showing a slight decrease in the balance during the year, was read and adopted. Mr. Chandler presented the report of the Supper Committee showing that the supper had been a success financially as well as socially. The committee (Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow) were re-elected with thanks for their services.

The next business formed a direct response to the secretary's appeal for recruits: 22 new members were elected, and the belfry election of one member was ratified. This is probably a district record.

It is the custom of the district to elect a new Ringing Master each year, and Mr. Turner was elected in the place of Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. J. Herbert was elected Deputy Master. With the exception of the substitution of Mr. Coles for Mr. Turner as one of the auditors, the other officers were re-elected, namely: Treasurer, Mr. T. Collins; secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; District Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Corke and G. Kilby; and the other auditor, Mr. Lidbetter.

On the proposition of Mr. C. S. Bird, it was resolved that the Central Committee be requested to examine the existing rules of the association, particularly those governing finance, with a view to revision, and that the committee consider an addition to the rules providing that resident members shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions on reaching 65 years of age if 15s. has been paid in subscriptions.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the district business be transacted at the March, June, September and December meetings (instead of one month earlier in each case, to avoid the annual meeting held in February), it being understood that members may be elected at any monthly meeting.

Three places were nominated for the 1938 annual meeting, and on a vote Heston was chosen. It was agreed to hold the March meeting at Chiswick and to invite Guildford Diocesan Guild and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to a joint meeting at Staines in September and the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Guild to Hillingdon in October. A successful meeting was ended by touches on handbells and more tower-bell ringing. W. G. W.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

A CELEBRATED ONE-ARM RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who died on February 9th, aged 74 years. He was celebrated in the 'Black Country' as a one-arm ringer.

The funeral service on Saturday was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, conducted by the Rev. Preb. H. W. Jones, R.D., Vicar of Wednesbury, and assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). Six of his old ringing friends acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. W. E. Brittan, H. Smith, C. Wallater, W. Fisher, B. Horton and H. Knight. The chief mourners were Mr. T. Hughes (son) and Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Pilgrim (sister) and others, also Messrs. J. Barber, B. Gough and A. J. Hubble (ringing friends). The interment took place in St. Mark's Churchyard, Ocker Hill, Tipton. There were many floral tributes.



THE LATE MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

The deceased was born at Hanbury, Worcestershire, and at the age of nine years went to work on a farm. Through getting entangled in some machinery his right arm had to be amputated at the shoulder. In later years he migrated to Wednesbury, in Staffordshire, and for many years was employed by Messrs. Chance and Hunt, chemical manufacturers. His work consisted of shovelling and loading a wheelbarrow with raw material used in the chemical industry and wheeling it a distance of some 50 or 60 yards. He thus moved about 30 tons per day—and with only one arm! He also had a well-cultivated allotment, on which he did the work himself.

George Hughes, despite his handicap, was a fine ringer. Unfortunately, he was of too retiring a nature, otherwise he would have been one of the 'bright lights' of the Exercise. He was fond of dabbling in figures and composed peals in Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Forward Major, also Double Norwich Major and Caters. He was a careful striker and good conductor. As a pastime he once wrote out a peal of Carter's Scientific Triples, change by change.

He had rung 159 peals, of which the following is the list: Bob Minor 1, five Minor methods 1, seven Minor methods 1, Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 6), Darlaston Bob Triples 1 (1), Oxford Bob Triples 1 (1), Stedman Triples 23 (7), Bob Major 18 (10), Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Oxford Major 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13 (2), Superlative Surprise 3 (1), Cambridge Surprise 4, New Cambridge 1, Norfolk 1, Bristol 3, London 3, Grandsire Caters 11 (7), Stedman Caters 21 (9), Stedman Cinques 3, Erin Cinques 1, Bob Royal 3 (2), Bob Maximus 2, Double Oxford Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Triples 2, Forward Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 2, Double Norwich Caters 1, Erin Caters 1 (1), total 159 (47).

GUILDFORD GUILD & CATHEDRAL BELLS

PROPOSED EFFORT TO INCREASE FUND.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting, decided to support the proposal made the previous week at the Guildford District meeting, that the towers in the Guild should be invited to pledge themselves to contribute a definite annual sum to the New Cathedral Bells Fund, established by the Guild about three years ago, and also voted a sum of £2 from the district balance for the purpose.

The meeting was one of the best held in the Leatherhead District. Every affiliated tower except one (from the members of which an apology was received) was represented, and, with visitors from the Surrey Association and other districts of the Guild, an attendance of about 50 was made up. The district towers were Leatherhead, Banstead, Ockley, Ashted, Ewell, Cobham, Dorking and Epsom (St. Martin's and Christ Church). Visitors were present from St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Bagshot, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere and West Clandon. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), who afterwards presided at the tea and meeting, held at the Duke's Head.

A NEEDED BELL RESTORATION HELD UP.

In his report the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) said that financially the year had been much better than 1935, 65 subscriptions having been received, as against 58 in the previous year, while the expenses had been lighter. The balance, therefore, showed an increase of nearly £2. The average attendance at meetings had been well maintained, but there were still many members who did not attend even one meeting a year. Efforts had been made to get into touch with the Vicar of Capel in the hope of getting the bells of that church restored. He had been interviewed by the Rev. H. C. Martin, of Ockley, who had reported that there had been many expensive and important tasks at Capel and these were not yet over. The Vicar had said that in his opinion the belfry, which would need very considerable strengthening before the bells could be used, must still wait for a bit, and mentioned a sum of £300 as the likely cost of restoration. In addition he was somewhat disturbed by the habit of bell-ringers coming to practice and not on Sundays, or of coming on Sundays to ring and not staying to service.

On this point the Rev. H. C. Martin added, in his letter: 'So am I and many others at times, and I wish we could do something about it where that custom is prevalent. I have such a great admiration for the splendid body of ringers in the country that it hurts all the more to hear criticisms.'

The District Secretary said in thanking the Rev. H. C. Martin for his efforts, he had said that as the bells at Capel had been unringable since he first came into the district in 1929, he could not say how much cause the Vicar of Capel had for his complaint, but he did not think his methods would do much good; rather, he thought, Mr. Martin's method of becoming a fellow-ringer and so making friends with his band was much more likely to prove successful (applause).

In reply to a question, it was stated that there had been no band of ringers at Capel for years.

In concluding his report, the hon. secretary stated that a new system of working combined practices had been in operation, by which in each case two neighbouring towers exchanged visits on practice nights. The results seemed fairly satisfactory, but the committee felt that if only more members would get that spirit of friendly co-operation with the surrounding towers, a great deal more good would result. It was only by helping one another that they helped themselves, and in ringing that was specially true. He asked the members, in the words of a well-known petrol advertisement, to put into the spirit of the district 'that little bit of something the others haven't got.'

The secretary was thanked for his report, which was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, showing an increased balance of £1 18s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory.

All the officers of the district were re-elected, and, on a ballot, Messrs. G. Marriner and F. G. Woodiss were re-elected on the Executive Committee of the Guild.

CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) introduced the subject of further support for the Guild's New Cathedral Bells Fund. He pointed out what the Guildford District had done, and said in view of the intensive effort being made throughout the diocese to bring the Cathedral into being, and the Bishop's appeal for the Million Shillings Fund, he thought the Guild should make a special effort. When the Bells Fund was established some time ago in a modest way it was felt that it might be, perhaps, 50 years before the addition of a peal of bells was contemplated, but there now seemed a probability of much faster progress and the opportunity of having a peal of bells might come much sooner than they had anticipated.

Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary of Guildford District) also spoke in support of the proposal, and said the Guildford District voted 25 from its funds.

The meeting voted the sum of £2 from its balance and passed a resolution asking the Executive Committee to formulate a scheme for annual subscriptions from towers.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. G. Marriner for the arrangements made for the meeting.

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE'S LOSS. DEATH OF A RINGING MASTER.

Members of the North Staffordshire Association and the Midland Counties Association attended the funeral on Saturday of Mr. Robert George Lewis, of 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, on Saturday.

Mr. Lewis, who was 61 years of age, commenced ringing in Cheshire, and he was also for a few years ringing in Ireland, before going to Uttoxeter about 1911, where he had been attached to St. Mary's Society. He was elected Ringing Master in 1933, and he will be particularly missed in North Staffordshire and District Association, of which he had been Ringing Master for eight-bell towers since 1926.

The interment was preceded by a service at St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of Uttoxeter (the Rev. W. E. Charlton), who also officiated at the cemetery. The service was a simple one, which included two hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul' and 'Abide with me.'

The bearers were deceased's fellow-ringers: Messrs. G. Burrows, G. Ward, E. Roberts, F. Richardson, E. Elliot and G. Tomlinson, and the four latter rang handbells at the graveside.

In addition to the family mourners the following ringers attended: Messrs. Andrew Thompson (Newcastle), hon. secretary; Thomas Hird (Burslem), chairman of committee; John E. Wheeldon (Norton), Ringing Master for six-bell towers; F. Oliver and J. Buxton (Uttoxeter), C. H. Page (Stoke), W. Carnwell and A. W. Hall (Kingsley), J. Cartledge (Cheadle), J. W. Bullock, G. L. Burton, J. Walker, E. Burton, G. Cottrell, A. Coxen and E. Whitehouse, of Rocester, and J. H. Swinfield, representing St. Paul's, Burton, and the Midland Counties Association.

Among the many wreaths one was from the North Staffordshire Association, one from St. Mary's Society, Uttoxeter, and one from the ringers of Rocester.

The bells were fully muffled afterwards, and the ringing included the 'whole pull and stand' 61 times, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

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The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Johnson (Ashted), H. J. Parker and H. Cheesman (Banstead), and A. Hadley (Ewell). Mr. Hadley was formerly at Arklow, Ireland.

It was decided to hold district meetings at Christ Church, Epsom, Newdigate, Rammore (joint meeting with Surrey Association), Cobham and Dorking, and next year's annual meeting at Leatherhead.

The Guild officers were all renominated.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, January 30th. The weather was not very good, but about 30 turned up during the afternoon and evening, 26 sitting down to tea. After tea Capt. H. J. Cann was elected to the chair, the curate, who took the service in the absence of the Vicar, having to leave. The question of Walton bells was raised again, the secretary reporting on what had taken place and the steps he proposed to take in the future.

The following officers were elected for 1937: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds; hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; hon. member on committee, the Rev. C. L. Wanstall; ringing members on committee, Messrs. H. J. Chaffey and D. Sleet.

The balance sheet, showing an increased balance of 4s. 3d. on the year's working, was passed as satisfactory.

The retiring Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) gave a short report on the year's work, showing that progress was still being maintained.

The hon. secretary reported that there had been a slight increase in the numbers attending the meetings, but they were usually the same members. It would be more gratifying if others would attend. Sometimes one wondered whether the members at some towers were pulling their weight, or whether they thought the officers existed for the purpose. In these times of extremist views about church bells they would do well to think whether they could stand alone if someone complained about the ringing, or whether by belonging to the Guild they would be able to receive such advice and assistance as would smooth things over. He would like the clergy to know that the Guild was always ready to assist in any way with regard to bells.

The secretary added that the first outing was a great success, and appealed for more support at district meetings. One peal had been rung during the year, in which four members of the district took part.

The reports were accepted, the Chairman remarking that he thought it was the personal interest in each tower taken by the officers that seemed to improve the working and interest taken by the members as a whole.

Meetings for 1927 were proposed as follows: Thames Ditton, Otlands Park, Staines and Egham (joint meeting with Middlesex Association), Horsell, and Chertsey for the annual meeting.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher, the local ringers for their hospitality, and to the lady organist, who also joined the company at tea. Thanks were also accorded to the officers for their work during the year. The tower was then again visited. The methods rung were mostly Triples, viz., Grandsire, Stedman and Erin, with some short touches of Bob Major, but the going of the back bells compelled keeping the touches short.

ANOTHER GREAT HANDBELL PERFORMANCE.

OXHEY MEN PUT FIVE SURPRISE METHODS IN A PEAL.

The Oxhey handbell band have accomplished another great performance. They have now rung a peal in five Surprise methods, Ealing having been added to London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

Those who saw their exhibition at the last dinner of the College Youths will appreciate the greatness of the performance. The peal was rung in 2 hours 16 minutes, a rate of about 37.4 changes per minute. Thus, five bells were struck every second. Think of that and it will be realised that in such a complicated task, with 120 changes of method, there is no room for errors. No words can express the admiration we feel for this talented company.

Here is the composition, the production of the conductor, Mr. Harold Cashmore:—

23456		M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)	—	—	—
65324	ECE	—	—	—
36524	LCL	—	—	—
53624	LSBBE	3	—	—
56234	LEEB	—	2	—
25634	ECL	—	—	—
63254	LCL	—	—	—
54632	EBCL	2	—	—
35642	LCL	—	—	—
43652	LCL	—	—	—
26354	LCL	—	—	—
32654	LCE	—	—	—
45623	ECL	—	—	—
24653	LSL	—	—	—
52643	LBBCL	3	—	—
23645	LSLB	—	2	—

Twice repeated.

The leads shown S must be rung as such. C can be either S or C.

THREE GENERATIONS.

GRANDFATHERS RING PEALS WITH SONS AND GRANDSON.

We record two peals in this issue in which three generations of a family took part. At Loughborough Bell Foundry, Mr. R. Harrison, of Sheffield, took part in a peal of Bob Major, conducted by his son, Mr. Colin Harrison, and in which his grandson, Geoffrey Harrison, who has just passed his 14th birthday, rang the treble.

At Matlock, Derbyshire, on Saturday, three generations of the Paulson family rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. J. H. Paulson has been a ringer some 50 years, first learning to ring at Collingham, Lines, moving on to Nuneaton in the late 80's. He became a well-known ringer there and was one of a band which rang several handbell peals at Nuneaton. Mr. Paulson has been ringing at Matlock since 1895, and has taken a leading part in maintaining a change ringing band at that church, where he was also verges and sexton for 30 years. He retired from this appointment a few years ago. About 40 peals in various methods stand to his credit, and he is still willing to take part in any peal attempts. G. H. Paulson, his son, and E. Paulson, his grandson, ring at Darley Dale.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the Pepper Box, Tipton, on Saturday, January 30th. The weather being anything but inviting, a meagre attendance resulted. The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock and were kept going in a variety of methods until 4.45.

The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar), who also delivered a stirring address.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary of the society), presided at the organ.

A bountiful tea was prepared in the Schoolroom, to which 23 sat down.

It was resolved to hold a bi-quarterly meeting, for practice only, at Wednesbury, on Saturday, March 6th. The next quarterly meeting was arranged to take place at Aldridge on April 10th or 17th.

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DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH COMES SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH DIFFICULT PERIOD.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, and was highly successful, ringers being present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Kenn, Sidmouth, Newton Abbot, Cockington, Torquay, Paignton, Collaton, Buckfastleigh and Milverton.

Ringings commenced at three o'clock, and a service was later held in church, conducted by the Vicar of Ipplepen (the Rev. R. D. Cooke), who, in an excellent address, extended a very hearty welcome to the members. He mentioned that the present church was the third to stand on the site, and that it was about 500 years old.

A collection during the last hymn for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

About 34 members and friends sat down to tea in the Schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman).

A letter was read from Mr. A. I. Pope, of Paignton, resigning his membership of the branch. The chairman pointed out that this was owing to business reasons, and he promised to see Mr. Pope on the matter.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. It stated that three meetings had been held during the past year. Three peals of Major had been rung in the branch, and although the membership was still below that of previous years, seven new members had been elected. Three members had also qualified for Guild certificates.

The treasurer's report showed that the branch had paid its way during 1936, and that there was a balance in hand of 2s. It was unanimously adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. C. F. Austin. The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) congratulated the branch on having pulled through a difficult period.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; and two representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. R. Whiting and J. Olding. The third representative, Mr. Austin, did not seek re-election, and Mr. Walker was appointed to the vacancy.

A certificate was presented by the president of the Guild to Mr. A. P. Pontin.

The election of Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Torquay, as a member of the branch prior to starting for a peal was confirmed, and Mr. R. Pollard, of Collaton, was elected a member of the branch.

With regard to the date and place of the next meeting, a proposal was put forward that this be at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th, in conjunction with the Exeter Branch meeting. It was also proposed and seconded that the next meeting be at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. On the recommendation of the chairman, it was unanimously resolved to hold both meetings, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Vicar of Ipplepen for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist, and to the ladies for the tea arrangements. A vote of thanks was also passed to the secretary for his work in the branch.

Mr. L. Howard appealed on behalf of Cockington band for instructors, and the Collaton members offered assistance. It was also resolved to apply to the General Committee for a grant towards instruction expenses.

The Vicar of Ipplepen replied to the votes of thanks, and remarked that he hoped the branch would soon come again.

This concluded the business and the visitors adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and it is interesting to note that this is the first occasion that Double Norwich has been rung at a meeting of the branch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Brightwalton on Saturday, February 6th, when 35 members attended from Beenham, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, Farnborough, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. A short service was conducted by the Rector of Brightwalton (the Rev. H. N. Bates), who also gave the address.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. W. J. Sayers, 32 sitting down, including Miss Caldicott (an honorary member of the Guild).

The Rev. H. N. Bates presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who was unable to be present.

The spring meeting was fixed for Aldermaston in April.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. N. Bates for his address and welcome, to Miss Wells for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Sayers and her helpers for providing the tea, were accorded with acclamation on the motion of Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary).

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT BOUGHTON.**

The spring meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Boughton on Saturday, and one result was the rejoining of the local band. Fourteen towers in the district were represented, other members of the association coming from Tunstall, Queenborough, Sittingbourne and Brabourne. The local tower was strongly represented, and the 'gentleman with the rule' was also present.

The association's form of service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Leach), the lesson being read by Mr. E. Trendell.

About 50 members sat down in the Church Room to an excellent tea, provided through the generosity of the Vicar, who presided, and later took the chair at the business meeting.

The re-election of Boughton tower, with 13 members, was unanimously accepted.

Teynham was chosen as the place for the next by-meeting.

A report of the Central Committee meeting held in November was given by the district secretary.

At the close of the business Mr. Trendell proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his service, for presiding over the meeting and for his generosity in entertaining the members to tea.

The Vicar said that he was very glad to have the members at Boughton. He was sorry they had to walk such a long way to and from the church to tea, but their numbers were too great to entertain them in the Vicarage as he had intended to do.

It was suggested that as the Vicar had entertained the members to tea, there should be a 'whip round' for the Benevolent Fund. This was readily agreed to, the amount raised being 15s. 7d.

It was stated that the rededication of Hernhill bells was provisionally fixed for Sunday, March 7th, but full notice would be given in 'The Ringing World'.

After several touches had been rung on the handbells, a return was made to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed until nine o'clock. The bells, rehung last year, were kept going busily.

The Vicar decided, after the meeting was over, to join the association as an honorary member.

VICAR RAISES QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The Tonbridge District held its first meeting of the year at Sevenoaks on Saturday, February 6th, when 43 members were present. Ringing during the afternoon and evening, for some obscure reason, was of rather a low standard in regard to striking, although methods up to London Surprise were attempted. The customary service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. L. Langston), who, later, also presided at the business meeting.

The District Secretary informed the members of the loss of another honorary member. This time the loss created a precedent, for the hon. member had left the association out of sympathy with a band of ringers who had ceased to belong to the association for some little time.

After some discussion, the Rector proposed that some future effort be made to try and prevail on the band to rejoin.

A rather spirited report upon the General Committee meeting, held in November last, was given jointly by the secretary and the two representatives, Messrs. A. Richardson, E. Everest and A. J. Battin.

In view of certain matters brought before the General Committee, Mr. A. J. Battin said he thought that any district business should be conducted through the district secretary and not direct with the general secretary.

The members present agreed with this recommendation.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, spoke with regard to the qualifications necessary before a ringer could join the association. Were members accepted indiscriminately, he asked, or were there some qualifications in regard to the church itself which members had to have before being able to join the association?

After some discussion, Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president) said he thought that the new rules which were being submitted to the members would have some provision in regard to this matter. Mr. Lewis also suggested that it would be useful for ringers to obtain 'The Manual for Ringers,' published by the S.P.C.K.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells, etc., to the organist, and to Mr. H. J. Ford and Dr. E. L. Taylor for kindly helping to provide tea.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and also the 50th anniversary of St. Mary's bells will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobeys, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to be present. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James St., Milnrow, Rochdale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

POUGHILL, near Bude, N. Cornwall.—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking, followed by a ringing festival. The ring of six has been recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LAUNCELLS, near Stratton, North Cornwall. — On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Ring of six rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting is to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. All ringers welcome. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for same by Wednesday, 24th.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (latest date 25th inst.) should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — Annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. (limited number) must be applied for by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, latest. Bells of St. John's (10) and St. Margaret's (12) available from 5 to 6 p.m.—H. Perkins, Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' House. Business meeting after tea. Send names or numbers for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. — H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. All ringers and friends requiring tea please advise the undersigned by Wednesday, Feb. 24th. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Feb. 22nd (some have already).—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Mottisfont on Feb. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Romsey bells available 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. We ask *you* to come and have a pleasant time with us.—C. J. Bail, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A hearty welcome extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—Practice meeting at Westerleigh, Wednesday, March 3rd, at 7 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Wigan and Bolton Branches.—This meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallasey, St. Hilary's, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Business meeting 6. All are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Fairford, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. J. Hope, London Street, Fairford, by Feb. 24th? — W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (Christ Church) on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's tower open from 7.30 till 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. E. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 119th anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, March 6th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 5 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 2nd, certain. — E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Thursday, Mar. 4th. All nominations for general officers and notices of motion must be in writing and received by me not later than first post on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, especially from Cheshire and Burton District.—Andrew Thompson, 27, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, March 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hampstead on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing: St. Ann's, Highgate (8), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Hampstead (10), 5-5.45. Service in St. Stephen's 6 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 6.30. Ringing after tea, Hampstead, until 8, Gospel Oak (6) 8-9 p.m. We expect to see every Cumberland in North London at this meeting. Names for tea by 3rd to N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 26 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Monday, March 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th. Tea at Dykes' Restaurant, 5, Station Road, at 4 p.m., 1s. each, meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th. Any resolution for discussion or application for grant from Restoration Fund should reach general secretary 21 days before date of meeting. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, Mar. 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A voluntary rota, for Sunday evening service ringing at Shoreditch (twice per month), St. Bride's and St. Olave's, Hart Street (once per six weeks), is being drawn up. Will all members who can assist please advise me as soon as possible. Practice will be held at Shoreditch on Feb. 25th, commencing 6.30 p.m., and Sunday service ringing on 28th at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

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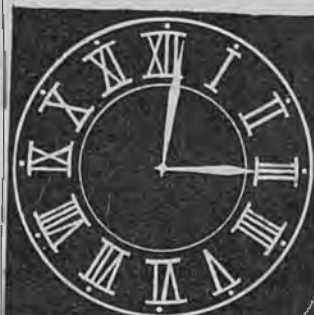
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