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**THE INFLUENCE OF RINGING CLERGY**

The definite endeavour, revealed in an article which we published last week, to establish the art of ringing among the students at Cuddesdon Theological College, near Oxford, must be extremely gratifying to all who have at heart the future of change ringing. It is all important that there should be in the Exercise clergy who are not only sympathetic in their attitude towards church bell ringing, but who are also practical ringers. Some would go so far as to say that all clergy should have a practical knowledge of ringing, but if that is not possible, the association between the art and the Church makes it not only desirable, but really essential that in every diocese there should be among the clergy a fair sprinkling of those who have gained an insight into bell ringing and who know something of bell ringers from contact with them in the belfry. At present the number is rather meagre.

Apart from the influence which they have in the parishes in which they work, there is a wider influence which ringing-parsons can wield in the diocese in matters relating to bells. They can get the ear of those in authority where the ordinary layman has little chance of making his voice heard. They are, from the office which they bear, *ipso facto* members of the Diocesan Conference, to which laymen can only be elected through the Ruri-Decanal Conferences, and to which, therefore, a ringer has but the remotest opportunity of being sent. The Diocesan Conference, of course, has to do with the whole church life of the diocese, and other qualifications besides that of being a ringer must influence a person's election, but there are few other diocesan organisations which have not indirectly got their spokesmen on the Diocesan Conferences. Yet ringers, whose work for the Church is probably more consistent and more self-sacrificing than that of almost any other body, have only here and there a layman's voice which can be raised on the subject of bells and ringing, of which Diocesan Conferences ought to hear more than they do.

This point was touched upon by the preacher at a Guildford Guild meeting on Saturday, when he urged ringing organisations not to be so retiring as they are, but to take action to bring their work more prominently to the notice of the diocese. Representatives of the ringing associations ought to be on all diocesan committees which might be called upon to deal with the subject of towers or bells. With this all ringers will agree, but failing, for the present, the opportunity of getting a representative lay voice into these deliberations, it is encouraging to know that at training colleges like Cuddesdon, interest in the art, and with it interest in bells

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and towers, is being inculcated among those who are to become future curates and incumbents, and, we hope, bishops. Apart from the influence in their own parishes, where a clergyman's active interest in ringing is certain to result in the bells being kept in good order and a full company of ringers maintained, the wider importance of their association with the art, to which we have referred, cannot be too widely stressed, and it is to the students of the theological colleges that we must largely look for the supply of ringing clergy in the future. We hope that other colleges will follow the example of Cuddesdon and establish an organised circle of ringers.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
*ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 11
THOMAS MILLER ... .. 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal on twelve tower bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT WATERLOO TOWER, QUEK PARK.

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY PARKES ... .. 8
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 9
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 10
HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 5	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 11
FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. 6	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANCIS E. DAWE.

The first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*THOMAS A. DOICK ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
HENRY J. TUCKER ... .. 2	*WILLIAM E. TICHDURST ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
FREDERICK W. STIMP ... 4	*HORACE EDWARDS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

\* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
MISS MYRTLE REASON ... 2	SAMUEL WARNE ... .. 6
GEORGE IVES ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
HERBERT C. REASON ... 4	WALTER H. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

First peal by Miss Reason, who is 14 years of age. The way she rang was a credit to her.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation.) Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

HAROLD G. ATKINS ... .. Treble	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 5
JAMES L. BOYLIN ... .. 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 7
*EDWARD HOLT ... .. 4	ERNEST G. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal 'inside.'

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

HERBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	FREDERICK NEWTON ... .. 5
HORACE FOX ... .. 2	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	*ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 7
HARRY C. WATTS ... .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 25th peal, rung in 25 different towers, and 13th as conductor. This peal was kindly arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, and Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn-in-Elmet (late of Bromley Common, Kent).

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. Treble	HENRY STALHAM ... .. 5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2	GEORGE WIGGINS ... .. 6
RICHARD V. FULLER ... .. 3	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	JAMES A. HART ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Treble	G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... .. 7
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... .. 4	EDWARD W. BIFFEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Arranged for Miss K. M. Bradford and Mr. T. J. Lock, of London.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 5
GEORGE KING ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 6
FRANK H. HICKS ... .. 3	*JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... .. 4	GEORGE PONT ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS  
\* 50th peal. Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. G. Pont, hon. secretary of the local band, on his 61st birthday.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. Treble	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 2	*JAMES A. GLASS ... .. 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor. E. S. T. Farr has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the Duke of Gloucester to the Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JACK DAFTERS ... .. Treble	*MAXWELL F. OAKSBETT ... .. 5
WALTER F. TYLER ... .. 2	PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 6
GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... .. 3	EDMUND MOUNIER ... .. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

\* First peal of Major. The ringer of the treble has now completed the circle in this, his Sunday service tower. For composition of this peal, see page 21 of 'A Great Adventure.'

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... .. Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 5
RICHARD W. R. COATES ... .. 2	ANDREW L. WHATLING ... .. 6
ERNEST E. POPPY ... .. 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... .. 7
GEORGE LEE ... .. 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON  
Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 76th birthday.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	HERBERT C. REASON ... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... .. 6
FRED W. HILL ... .. 3	ALEX HUTCHINSON ... .. 7
*ROGER D. ST JOHN SMITH ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
\* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BEACONSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 3/4 cwt.

JESSE HARRISON ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.  
A peal in this method (G. Lindoff's No. 80) is now rung for the first time. The ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 8 are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILFRED G. WILSON ... Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
FRANK CORKE ... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
TOM COLLINS ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WILFRED G. WILSON.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 3	FRED READ ... .. 7
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.  
\* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise at Clitheroe and first peal of Major on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN S. MORTON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ALLEN S. WEATHERBY ... Treble	THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 5
SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 2	JOHN O. POOK ... .. 6
G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 3	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 7
WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... .. 4	GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

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On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ... Treble	CYRIL E. LANKON ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 6
E. JESSIE C. ANGIN ... .. 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... .. 4	EDWARD SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

Specially arranged and rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. Father Basil Jellicoe, who died at Uxbridge on the previous Sunday, and who was the chief organiser of the St. Pancras Housing Society, which inspired the St. Michael Housing Society, Penzance, directed by Canon F. R. Carr, Vicar of St. Mary's.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 1/4 cwt.

WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. Treble	JAMES ROSE ... .. 5
CHARLES SHERMMING ... .. 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. 6
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 3	GEORGE MORE ... .. 7
KEITH W. WHITTLE ... .. 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

YARNTON, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 27 1/2 cwt. in D.

*HARRY RADLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY FLOYD ... .. 4
GEORGE H. COX ... .. 2	†LIONEL G. DURHAM ... 5
†DAVID M. ASTON ... .. 3	GEORGE CHARLETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY FLOYD.

\* First peal at first attempt. † First peal at second attempt. This peal was rung in celebration of the King's Jubilee, the peal attempted on May 6th having been lost at 4,800 changes.

FREISTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 20 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (2) Plain and Double Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delights; (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, College Single and Wavertree; (5) Single Oxford and Hereward Bob; (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob and Lytham Bob; (7) Double and Single Court. Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 4
ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First peal in 20 methods for all except conductor.

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of (1) Norwich Surprise; (2) Double and Single Oxford; (3) Woodbine Treble Bob; (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON W. LIMMER ... Treble	*WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
*ALAN R. PINK ... .. 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in nine methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells, which were recently rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being perfect.

## LITTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four six-scores of Old, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*W. REGINALD TARGETT ... Treble	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 4
†DAVID TARGETT ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
LEONARD DUNFORD ... .. 3	E. JOHN TARGETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with an inside bell.

## ALGARKIRK, LINCS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 4
HAROLD BARSLEY ... .. 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... .. 5
HARVEY E. BURRELL ... .. 3	VERNON TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

First Surprise peal by all except conductor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

## FELKIRK, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

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## FOR BEGINNERS.

## A GAME FOR THE 'YOUNG PRACTITIONER.'

The best way to teach change ringing to the 'young practitioner,' as the beginner used to be called by the writers of old books on the art, has frequently been a vexed question. If he begins on tower bells, he is at first baffled by the rising and falling ropes, and any amount of previous explanation may be unavailing when it comes to actual practice. He just can't see it. Things seem to happen too quickly.

For this reason there are many instructors who prefer to teach beginners 'the method' on handbells, and, at any rate, this is of great advantage in one respect. It does save a great deal of bad ringing on the church bells, which quite probably annoys the nearby public, or at best does not give them much of an opinion either of bellringing or the ringers.

Moreover, practice on handbells need not necessarily be restricted to the one night a week, which is the usual limit of church bell practice, and, in the event of there being a change ringing band already in existence, it does not curtail their opportunities while the beginner is being 'put through the hoop.'

But, however practice is arranged, whether on tower or handbells, it is very difficult for just one or two ringers with the necessary knowledge to get a number of beginners through anything that will be of real use. But the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, whose work among ringers a generation or more ago was invaluable, and who still spends some of his time, despite advancing years, in teaching beginners, evolved a 'game' which, coupled with handbells, was found a useful medium for teaching 'the method.' Here is what he says about it, and during the coming winter evenings we can imagine a lot of fun as well as instruction being got by young bands from putting this game into practice.

About 50 years or so ago, says Mr. Carpenter, we had a sort of parlour game with handbells, called, I think, 'lapping.' The players, with a pair of bells apiece, when 'go' was called, changed their bells from hand to hand, and sounded them in the new order (214365, say), and then passed one away to and took one in exchange from the next player on either hand. Plain hunting was easily done, and Plain Bob and Grandsire were quite simple. The player who started with 1,2, for instance, if Plain Bob was the method, made 2nd's place when the treble led and the others had to dodge.

This recollection of the old game made me think that handbells might be used in a similar way to teach method ringing to young or stoney bands where there are not enough skilled ringers to teach the rest. We all know what trouble there often is to get ringers to learn a method before trying it on the bells, and what a lot of break-downs follow, with unpleasant noises from the tower. I have tried out my idea and found it good with a slight variation. The players this time have only one bell each, and do not pass it on, but take it on themselves.

When 'go' is called, 1 and 2, 3 and 4, etc., change places, and then strike their bells where they stand, and so on. They change places before every blow, except when in front or behind, where, of course, they have to strike two blows. Plain hunting in this way is quite easy, and Plain Bob and Grandsire equally easy. Bobs and singles can then be explained, and touches and extents can follow.

I started a band, who knew practically nothing of half-pull ringing, with Grandsire Doubles (there are six bells here), and it didn't take long to ring 120 in this way. I called bobs and singles at first, and then made one of the ringers call them.

Then the plain course of Bob Minor was quite easy. In this way the work of the method was quickly learnt, as the ringers had to do the work as well as the bells. It is well to make a rule that the ringers going up behind should go *behind* the other when changing places, and those coming down to the front should go *in front* and so avoid collisions.

By the time a course or a touch has been rung a few times in this way and the method has been learnt, the next step is to stand still and ring it in the ordinary way. After that the tower bells can be taken in hand. Every ringer will know the method from personal experience, and progress should be easy.

Of course, the work of the method should be explained first, and a diagram hung up is useful. Here the bells are almost unringable, but there is a keen band who thoroughly enjoy my game, and by the time the bells are put in order, which I hope will be soon, I believe 720's will be the order of the day for service, and possibly peals will follow, but they don't matter so much.

I am sure that, where handbells are available, they will be a great help towards the advancement of method ringing, if my game is tried, where there are not enough skilled ringers to teach the others.

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## CONDUCTORS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

### III.

The ideal peal, the peal we all hope to ring, the peal which we actually do sometimes ring, is the peal in which every ringer strikes his bell well, in which no trips or mistakes are made, and in which no single word is spoken save the calling of the bobs. But such, unfortunately, are the exception rather than the rule.

Men make trips. Some make them more often than others; but even the very best, though they may go through many peals faultless, have their lax moments. And, since trips are made, it is necessary that they should be put right. But the erring members differ widely from each other and accordingly they must be treated differently.

The experienced ringer will occasionally make trips; at least, I have never come across one who did not, but he differs from the inexperienced man in that he can almost always put himself right much quicker than anyone else can do it for him. The very fact that he has made a bad blow will tell him, usually, not only that he is wrong, but also what he ought to have done, and he is generally right again the next blow. Even where the alternative is not so simple, he has but to look around and, if the others are in their places, he will quickly be in his. For a conductor to speak to such a man is not only unnecessary, it often is an impertinence. Lesser men when they blunder do need telling, but a word or gesture from the nearest ringer will usually suffice, with no need for any interference by the conductor. Yet he should be on the alert, and, if he really knows his job, he will know when to speak, and when to hold his tongue. The ideal conductor who understands his band and the method they are ringing, will make a distinction between different sorts of trips. Let me give an instance.

I suppose that the majority of trips that people make in Cambridge Major are made in two particular places. The first is when a man hunting up Treble Bob fashion gets into 5-6. There he has to do one of two things; either he must go straight through to 7-8 for a double dodge, or else he must stop to make 5-6 places. We will suppose he is half asleep and gets into sixth's place not knowing which of the two he really ought to do and he dodges when he should run through. Immediately everybody concerned seems instinctively to realise what has happened and the offender is usually summarily bundled into his right place. There is not much fear of a shift and no particular need for a conductor to interfere.

The other case is when a man coming down to lead-and-dodge or dodge-and-lead wants to stay on the front too long. If the Treble-Work man is awake he will very quickly put things right. But sometimes he, also, is half asleep. Perhaps he thinks for a moment that he is stopping down too long, and so gives way to the other and a shift occurs. That is a very easy place to shift and especially in Cambridge Minor. If the conductor knows which is the Treble Work bell when such a trip occurs he should say so at once and all will be well.

There are similarly critical places in other methods which should be watched, and in the simpler methods it is almost essential to know the coursing order, so that when two bells are doubtful they should come down in the right order.

Some men there are who seldom make mistakes, but when they do they go far astray and require to be told quite plainly what they must do. It is no good shouting at such a man. If he should be making places in 3-4 you must tell him clearly that he has got to make places in 3-4, so that he understands.

Furthest of all down the scale is the man who has to be carried through a peal. He requires special treatment. There are those who say that you should not start for a peal with such a one. If he cannot ring his bell himself he should not have the credit of having scored a peal. But I don't know. Sometimes he is a good fellow and a good trier; so why not humour him a little? If you know your man it is better to tell off someone (not the conductor) to look after him and for the rest to leave him alone.

Some years before the war I had a case of this sort. He very much wanted to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell. He was a good treble man, but had only the foggiest notions of how and where to make a dodge. I was not the conductor, but I was ringing next to him. We started and, of course, he missed the first dodge and everybody shouted at him. So he did the second, and the third. As it did not look like being a very smooth peal, I thought I had better tell him his dodges before he came to them, instead of everybody shouting after he had missed them. I did so and we rang a very fair peal.

Some people do not realise that it is a far finer thing to conduct a peal and put right trips with a minimum of speaking than to be continually talking about something or other. Like the heathen, they think they shall be heard for their much speaking, but really they do themselves little good and often rather irritate other people. Men are grateful for a helping hand when they have gone astray, but they do not like the thing overdone. Even the most amiable and sweetest tempered man is apt to get irritable when his little trip is trumpeted through the belfry. And much speaking has often a very bad effect on some men. I knew a man of a quiet, sensitive nature who was quite upset by that sort of thing. He was a good ringer—he had rung at least one peal of London Surprise—but he never could ring even Stedman Triples when a certain well known man was calling. He told me he simply paralysed him.

And above all, conductors (and other people) should never use during ringing any words that sound like scolding and fault finding. Nothing has done more to break up bands and destroy friendships. It is an old fault. Listen to some of Laughton's doggerel written just two hundred years ago:—

There's nothing that Can be more rude  
Nor on good nature more intrude:  
For who ever Rings as well as he can  
Ought ne-er to be blam'd by any man.  
But they know no more than the pope o' Room,  
Who'd make a fault before 'tis Done,  
And what a — Signifies Calling then  
When the person knows it as well as them  
It only serves to Set 'em a fretting  
And often Causes more forgetting,  
The Consequence of which i-nd seen  
To often when i-nd bin Ringing.  
Some men indeed are made by nature  
Directly fit to huff and vapour  
And Lord it over their Companions,  
Call filthy names and Curse and damn 'em,  
But how odious Does Such wretches look.

and so on.

To a student of the history of the College Youths it always must seem strange that Benjamin Annable, the greatest ringer the society ever produced, should have had to wait twenty-one years before he was made Master. Here, I think, is the explanation, for I do not doubt that Laughton was particularly referring to him, though he does not mention his name. Annable made the College Youths the first peal ringing band of his time; he exacted a standard of striking which probably has never been excelled, but he had a rough tongue, and he made many enemies. He died, by common consent, the foremost ringer of his time, but long before his death the brilliant band of his early days was dispersed by quarrels, and his legacy to the College Youths was dissensions which split the society from top to bottom and would have utterly wrecked it, but for the intervention of younger and outside men.

### RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—I have read with much interest and enjoyment Mr. Trollope's articles on 'Conductors,' and they made me wonder whether a satire—if you can call it such—from him on 'Ringers' might not be out of place as a sequel.

If Mr. Trollope has no material, perhaps I can help him. Of course, it must be understood that all the characters are entirely imaginary. How about these for a start?

1. The ringer who, when he travels, arms himself with reports, and brings them out frequently on the journey, saying, 'Do you remember when they could get no one else but me to ring the tenor here?'
2. The ringer who suddenly shouts in the middle of a peal, 'O, George, what am I doing, George?' And, having been told, becomes:—
3. The ringer mentioned by Mr. Trollope, who maintains that he is right and everyone else wrong. I witnessed an effective display of fireworks one Sunday morning from one of these good people, until the curate came up to ask us to make a little less noise, please.

4. The ringer who, on being told what to do, snaps his informant's head off. Nice folk, these!
5. The ringer who misses a bob and says that the bells are shifted.
6. The ringer who misses a bob and says that the composition is wrong.
7. The ringer who composes peals of Superlative which can be found in Sottenstall's book. You should see our report!
8. The ringer who has been honoured in some way or another, and lets the whole Exercise know on every possible occasion. Mr. Smith, O.B.J., for instance.
9. The ringer who is lost because a touch is rung with 5-6 over for a start, and vents his rage on the poor dear conductor.
10. The ringer who wastes half the space in 'The Ringing World' because he does not like a term used there.
11. The ringer who calls one of his own compositions—we have to allow that it is his own, even though we doubt it—and tells us what wonderful qualities it possesses—all the 8-2's at back and hand with the extent of the 7-3-2-8's.
12. Lastly, a very dear friend: the ringer who has no end of a grievance against those unfortunate people who ring Surprise methods.

As Mr. Trollope knows, ringers are grand people. So he must get to work and see what he can do. I think that is all, but modesty forbids me to sign my name, for I should not like him to consider himself under an obligation to me. Cheerio!

'NEWCOMER.'

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—For morning service, September 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Stevens 1, A. Catterwell 2, W. Ellingham 3, H. Chandler 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Gladman 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, D. May 8. Arranged and rung for A. Catterwell, who was on a visit from Sible Hedingham, Essex.

**THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—To celebrate the birth of twin daughters to the Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (seven different callings) was rung on Sunday evening, September 1st, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church: M. E. Towe 1, H. Iliffe 2, J. W. Udale 3, H. Morton 4, E. Bngworth (conductor) 5, G. Coles 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On August 19th, for morning service, 720 St. Clement's: E. J. Dixon 1, A. J. Lancefield 2, P. Page 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6. For the evening service, 720 Bob Minor: S. R. Mogg 1, E. J. Dixon 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, C. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who propose to attend the Australian Tourists' Reunion next week are referred to a notice in another column. Dinner applications, with remittance, must be received by to-morrow.

And those who have not yet purchased a copy of 'A Great Adventure' should lose no time in doing so. The supply is running out and there will be no further edition. Send 2s. to 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, Surrey, and the book will be forwarded by return.

'It is good reading, as well as a valuable and interesting record,' says one reader; 'a wonderful two shillings' worth,' says another; 'should be in every ringer's library,' writes a third. These are samples of the many expressions of appreciation which we have received.

Bristol United Guilds are engaged in producing a new edition of the 'Ringers' Directory.' Your name and address and a shilling will ensure the two former appearing and your receiving a copy of this increasingly indispensable work. But September 28th is the last date for receiving subscriptions.

The many friends of Dr. J. Symons, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, will be sorry to hear that he is at present laid up with a fractured small bone of the left ankle, which he sustained through a fall. Writing to a friend, he says, 'I shall be prevented from taking any part in the belfry for at least four or five weeks.' We trust it will be no longer and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Richard T. Woodley, of Lowestoft, rang a peal at St. Margaret's Church on Thursday week to celebrate his 76th birthday, which occurred on that day. This form of celebration is becoming a habit with him, for he also commemorated his 72nd, 73rd, 74th and 75th birthdays in the same way in the same tower. And we hope he will keep it up for many years to come.

The Chester Guild, Crewe Branch, meeting will be held at Alsager on September 14th, and not to-morrow as printed on meeting cards.

John Taylor and Co. are adding two new bells to make five and rehanging the peal in a new frame at Drayton Parslow Church, Bucks.

The 'Barrabool' peal of Bob Major, composed and rung for the first time on the P. and O. liner s.s. 'Barrabool' on the way to Australia, has now been rung for the first time on tower bells, conducted by a ringer who has spent a great deal of his life on the seas—ex-Royal Marine James Bennett.

Members of the London County Association are reminded that there is a *live* practice fortnightly at St. Clement Danes, advertised sometimes, and *always* attended by some keen members *punctually* at 7.30 p.m. Perhaps some of those who used to meet there regularly may feel inclined to turn up after reading these few words.

## THE MINOR COLLECTION.

MR. TROLLOPE REPLIES TO MR. JOYCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce keeps telling your readers that the statement on page 113 of 'Minor Methods' is 'stuff and nonsense' and full of errors. As a matter of fact, it quite accurately serves the purpose for which it was written. The intention was to warn readers that out of the 262 methods in the book, some would bring up 6-5 at backstroke whether you will or not, and a list is given of these methods in which the Standard Calling produces that defect. But it happens that in four Plain methods and in two on the Treble Bob principle you can avoid it by using other 720's. The actual rows involved are the same in all four Plain methods and in the two Treble Bob methods. There are two 720's with their reverses, Nos. 34, 35, 36 and 37, which will not produce 6-5 in Fountains and Northumberland. Had we known that at the time we should have somewhat qualified the word 'inevitable,' but the list itself would have stood and still stands in the new edition, for it is as necessary to warn the reader against Northumberland as against its neighbour and relative, Whitley.

The responsibility for the book was the joint responsibility of three authors, and Mr. Joyce has no right to demand who actually wrote this or any other part of the book; but I may say that his guesses and hints are entirely wide of the mark. His bringing in Mr. Turner's name is a piece of unwarranted impertinence, for Mr. Turner had nothing to do with the matter, either directly or indirectly.

Mr. Joyce's short letter contains far more misstatements and incorrect suggestions than the passage he so hotly criticises. I have never once discussed proof with Mr. William Pye, and I have never recommended the old style to anyone, either because it is safer or for any other reason; for I have never used it and, indeed, never taken the trouble to understand it. I have been familiar with proof by half leads for more than 20 years, and since the far off days when I wrote out a full course have used no other. But what that has to do with Mr. Joyce and his own system of proof I fail to see, unless his suggestion is that we have taken his idea for the new Surprise book without acknowledgment, which is not the case. I understand his system is a very good system, but I know nothing about it. There is nothing clever, nothing original, nothing 'copyright' about the method we recommend in the Surprise book. It is simple, easily explained, easily understood, easily worked and takes little time. But it has no other merits.

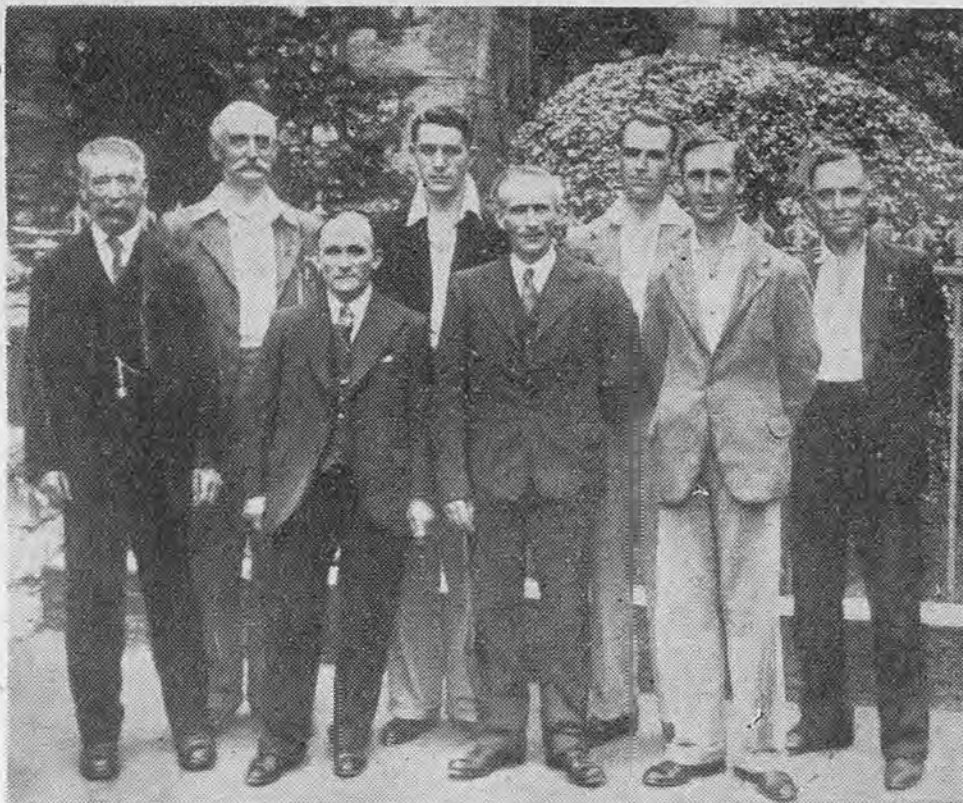
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## A SUFFOLK NAME PEAL.

### THE SYMONDS BAND AT STOWMARKET.

The unusual achievement of a peal by ringers all of the same surname was recorded in our columns, when, on August 17th, eight Symonds rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at Stowmarket, Suffolk. Five belonged to one family and two to another. This photograph of the band is reproduced by courtesy of the 'East Anglian Daily Times.'



The ringers, from left to right, are Arthur (Lavenham), George E. (Ipswich), Frederick G. (Islington), Dennis A. S. (Lavenham), Albert E. (Hitchin), Harold E. (Sproughton), Stedman H. (Lavenham), and Maurice T. (Lavenham). Arthur is father of F. G. and S. H., and grandfather of M. T. and D. A. S., who are sons of Stedman. H. E. is son of George E. Albert E., although now living out of the county, is, like the rest of the company, a native of Suffolk.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### MARRIED COUPLES ELECTED MEMBERS.

The August meeting was held at Shipley on Saturday. The bells were rung up at 2.45 p.m., and members were present from Arnsley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Idle, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Halifax, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Ripon, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower in the evening, when the chair was taken by Mr. S. Barron (vice-president), and five new members were elected, viz., Miss Margaret Walker, of Drighlington, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Seager, of Shipley, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bairstow, of Howarth. It is not often that a ringer and his wife are elected members of a society at the same time, but on this occasion there were two couples elected.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. E. Hudson and seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor.—Mr. E. Simpson replied on behalf of the Shipley ringers.

The venue of the next meeting has not yet been fixed, and members are requested to watch the notice columns of 'The Ringing World.'

### DEATH OF A BARNSELEY RINGER.

St. Mary's company, Barnsley, received the news of the death of Mr. Arthur Lister with very great regret. He passed away on August 27th at the age of 54 years. He was a regular service ringer for many years, but for some time past ill-health prevented him from joining in ringing. He was one of nature's best, always kind and genial, eager to join hands to attain the best in the art.

The bells were rung fully muffled on Saturday evening following the interment on Friday. Deceased leaves a widow and one talented son to mourn their loss.

C. D. P.

### THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS AS RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir.—A Student's letter in your last issue will be read with great interest by many of your readers. There is, however, one point I would like to impress on him and his colleagues, who will, I suppose, soon be going down to take appointments. In his letter he rather labours the point that 'they will only be beginners.' Let me clearly point out to him that enthusiastic beginners, and 'a student' and his colleagues, having enthusiasm as shown in the letter, will be welcomed sincerely wherever they go, if only they will introduce themselves as such to the ringers of their parish church or, if they are serving at a church with no bells, I would advise them to get into touch with the district secretary of the local association. They would then be introduced to a neighbouring band of ringers with whom they could continue their practice.

To 'A Student' and his colleagues: Please make yourselves known when you take up your appointments, as we laymen have no other means of finding out your ringing enthusiasm.

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### DONCASTER RINGERS' PRESENTATION.

Before the ringing for morning service at Doncaster Parish Church on Sunday, the esteemed secretary and conductor, Mr. G. Halksworth, presented to Mr. W. Bettley a fountain pen on his departure from Doncaster to take up his new duties with Canon Brooks at Rugby.

Mr. Halksworth expressed the regret of the members at losing Mr. Bettley, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Bettley health and happiness at Rugby.

Mr. Bettley replied, saying he was sorry to be leaving, as he had enjoyed his seven years' stay with the band of ringers at Doncaster.

**BOB MAXIMUS AT QUEX PARK.**

THE FIRST IN 116 YEARS.

In 1819, the bells at Quex Park, Birchington, were opened. In the 116 years that they have been there, no peal of Bob Maximus had been rung on them until last Sunday, when a band arranged by Mr. F. E. Dawe successfully accomplished this.

When the day came various means of transport were employed to get to Birchington—seven people came down by car and eight went back in it. (The long-legged ones received no sympathy on that journey.) Some came by tram, and Mr. Parkes arrived from Canterbury in his well-known milk float. The writer has vivid recollections of doing 45 in this on one occasion and shaving the back of a bus on another.

With his characteristic generosity, Mr. Dawe entertained the band to an excellent lunch at the Acorn, after which all went to the park. On the way some were seen making for a tower, surrounded by field guns, and when hauled back by the pilot (J. H. C.), tried to excuse themselves by saying they thought they were going to the battle of Waterloo instead of the Waterloo tower.

On arrival the sallies were found to be much too low for everyone (one would imagine that a race of dwarfs ring at Quex), and the best thanks of all are due to Mr. T. G., jun., for raising the ropes on the wheels, and for his assistance down below, for he was about the only one who could untwist the strands.

Meanwhile, some of the braver spirits (Harry and Dick) climbed the ironwork above the tower into a platform to view the countryside—I hope they enjoyed it.

And then the peal was rung! Mr. Dawe for the first time in his life called bobs in Plain Bob anything. Then, back to the Acorn for tea, during which Mr. Dawe was thanked for his hospitality, and to this he suitably responded.

All too quickly the time arrived for parting, leaving the conductor to face the terrific storm which broke shortly after over the Isle of Thanet, and put several towns into darkness as a result, so it is said, of the ringing of the peal. Mr. Dawe has called four peals in four methods on the twelve bells in this tower.

So ended a most enjoyable day. One thing only was to be regretted, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith and A. H. Pulling, two of the original band, were unable to ring. Best wishes to the former and to Mrs. Pulling for a speedy recovery. E. B.

**LADIES AND SURREY ASSOCIATION MEET.**

A PEAL ATTEMPT IN PROSPECT.

A very pleasant meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild and the Surrey Association was held at Beddington on Wednesday, August 21st, and in the course of the afternoon and evening attracted a lot of ringers who enjoyed a pull on these excellent bells. Before tea the ladies seemed to outnumber the men, but that was, perhaps, natural. The men have to work for their living.

Tea and a little handbell ringing took place at The Harvest Home. The Surrey Association had no business to transact afterwards, but whether the ladies had any business to do we do not know. They collected round a table and whispered inquiries as to whom to apply for a certain South London tower leads us to believe that there may have been 'something doing.'

At any rate, we understand the ladies intend to attempt a peal at a London church next week. We heard a member ask one gentleman if he would let his wife off for the occasion! The boot is usually on the other foot.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

THE VAGARIES OF CYCLING.

On Saturday, August 17th, the Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts of the Kent County Association held a combined meeting at Marden. About 40 members attended, including some of the enthusiastic L.D.C.B. (long distance cyclist brigade). Mr. Pat Cannon was one, and very proudly showed his 'steed,' as he called it, though it has the appearance of being a long way up to the saddle, and 'camel' would be a better name. 'Old Bill' Ashdown (from Godstone) and Uckfield ride much nearer to the ground; in fact, a little while ago, when Uckfield was going to St. Albans, he got as far as Croydon and tried to ride right on the ground, but couldn't manage it and had to come back.

The meeting marked the occasion of the unveiling of the peal board put up to bear witness to the peal rung at Marden in June in honour of H.M. King George V's 70th birthday.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. A. Finch).

After the service, the Vicar proceeded to the west end of the church, and, pulling a cord, unveiled the board.

A good tea was served and most of the members took advantage of it, but the unfortunate few who sat down with Pat had to go and get something afterwards. So did Pat, for what with expounding his views and ideas, and the others trying to point out where he was wrong, they forgot all about tea.

Mr. E. H. Lewis congratulated the band who rang the peal, especially Mr. P. E. Sone, the conductor.

After a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness to the members, some very good handbell ringing was done by Messrs. Joe Pack, E. H. Lewis, Alex Waddington and R. H. Vigor, while most of the others went back to the tower.

**RINGERS' SHORTCOMINGS.**

NOT SO BAD AS THEY ARE PAINTED.

A gathering of about 30 ringers, at a meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Cobham on Saturday, listened to an address from the curate (the Rev. G. Mitchell) which could with advantage be read by many outside the ranks of the Exercise. Mr. Mitchell had learned to ring before his present curacy, and, although he has temporarily had to drop practice because he is in charge of a daughter church which has no bells, he spoke with personal knowledge of ringers and their ways.

He did not intend, he said, to speak about the shortcomings of ringers—they had heard enough about them, presented by preachers from every angle—except to say that from his own experience he felt sure that ringers by no means deserved all the things that were said about them in regard to neglect in attending the services for which they rang. He quoted instances which had come under his notice in which the ringers took their full part in the services, and were loyal members of the church. There were very few parochial organisations which rendered the regular and consistent service to the church that the ringers did, and their work went on, treated as a matter of course and often unrecognised until something happened and the bells, or some of them, were unring. And then everybody noticed it.

Referring to the proposed new Cathedral for the diocese, he said that although a peal of bells would, perhaps, be the last thing to be provided, nevertheless the Cathedral should have a peal of bells and that the best in the diocese. Bells were looked upon as a luxury, and they certainly could be expensive, but there were, he felt sure, many unused and dilapidated bells in the diocese which were now unring, and he thought these might well be given to the Cathedral and recast in the new peal. It was likely that the foundations of the Cathedral, and with them the foundations of the tower, might be laid in the not very distant future. He thought it was important that the Guild should be represented on the committee responsible for the tower—as well as on any other diocesan committee which had to do with towers and bells—so that there should be available first hand knowledge on the many important details which the installation of a peal of bells involved. He urged the Guild not to be reticent about the work of the ringers, but to bring it more prominently before the church.

He wished the Guild success in their work, and, on behalf of the Vicar, welcomed the members to Cobham.

After service there was tea and a brief business meeting at the Church Hall, when the customary votes of thanks were passed, on the motion of the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who particularly thanked the Rev. G. Mitchell for his address.

The ringing on the six bells included a variety of methods up to London Surprise.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

GRANTS TO RESTORATION FUNDS.

The deluge on Saturday week was no doubt largely responsible for the poor attendance at the meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Ewhurst, one of the most remote towers in the district. Fortunately, however, a few heroes attended, some from so far afield as Aldershot and Worplesdon. Fortunate, because for some years ringing has not been one of the chief pastimes at Ewhurst, and an attempt is now being made there to raise a new and more enthusiastic band.

Several of the young learners were present, and the small attendance of visitors afforded an excellent opportunity (which was not allowed to slip) of giving these young people assistance at mastering the course of a bob bell in Grandsire Doubles.

Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were also interspersed between the Grandsire Doubles, and gave a variety of conductors an opportunity of displaying their knowledge or otherwise. The Rector, the Rev. J. B. Dollar, conducted the Guild's form of service and also presided at the business meeting.

Four new members were elected, and the Rector consented to become an honorary member.

Applications from Shalford and Witley for grants towards restoration funds were considered, and it was decided to contribute £2 2s. towards each fund.

The secretary was instructed, in forwarding the cheques, to suggest to the church authorities that if the Guild members were to be invited to any reopening, the invitation should be sent to the general secretary of the Guild sufficiently far enough ahead to afford the Guild's Executive Committee an opportunity of discussing the ringing arrangements, thus avoiding (as has happened on previous occasions) individual members of the Guild having to take upon themselves the responsibility.

**GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Thursday, August 29th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Upton 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, F. Phillips 3, P. L. Start (Hackney) 4, C. Callaway 5, C. Denness 6. First 720 on the bells since rehangng, and first 720 of Minor for 5th and 6th ringers.

## THE WEEK IN THE WEST.

### BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' TOURS.

By 'RIPONIAN.'

The second ringing week organised by the B.U.R.G. proved an outstanding success, and was a Jubilee tour in more senses than one. Not only has it been held in the Jubilee year, but the tourists were very jubilant all the week.

The first official gathering of the party was at St. Thomas' Church Room on Saturday, August 12th, when, by invitation of the B.U.R.G., those of the party who had arrived in Bristol assembled for tea.

The Vicar of St. Thomas' welcomed the visitors, and Mr. Edgar Guise explained the details of the tour.—Mr. George Dent thanked the Vicar of St. Thomas' for presiding and the Bristol ringers for providing tea, and enlivened his speech by telling some amusing stories.

Mr. Guise had a surprise in store for the tourists. He had obtained permission to ring on Saturday evening at the Lord Mayor's Chapel (St. Mark's), where there is a peal of six (tenor 12 cwt.), and at Christ Church with St. Ewen, where hangs a peal of ten with a 20 cwt. tenor. The visitors soon availed themselves of these privileges, and took the opportunity of inspecting the interior of Christ Church, a fine 18th century church built after the style of Grinling Gibbons. Following the ringing, an adjournment was made to headquarters, The Assize Courts Hotel, Small Street, where late arrivals were welcomed, and where most of the party either made or renewed acquaintance with Bill Thomas and his 'Kitty.'

The visiting ringers were to be found in several churches on Sunday morning—at St. Mary-le-Port, at St. Peter's and at St. Stephen's. At St. Mary-le-Port there is no regular band of ringers, and it must have surprised the congregation to hear the bells raised and lowered in peal and several good touches rung.

In the afternoon the more energetic members met at the Suspension Bridge, Clifton, and 'hiked' to Abbots Leigh. For evening service several of the party assembled at St. Nicholas', where the peal of ten was made good use of. Later in the evening a pleasant hour was spent at headquarters.

Most of the tourists were quartered in Horfield Road, St. Michael's, and the starting point for all tours was at St. Stephen's Church. Thus, on Monday morning just before, or just after 8.30, a varied procession wended its way down from Horfield Road to St. Stephen's, the older hands taking the short cut down the oddly named Christmas Steps.

Having got rid of the Press photographer, the luxury coach was loaded to everyone's satisfaction, and the 32-seater provided by the Bristol Carriage Company was certainly the last word in comfort. Those who had been on the previous tour were pleased to note that the services of 'Freddie' as driver had been secured.

#### POINTS ABOUT CHURCHES.

The first official ringing of the tour took place at Marshfield, where the party were met by the Vicar, who kindly placed his garden at their disposal, showed them the interesting features of the church, and when ringing was finished ushered them into the coach, open cigarette box in hand. The ring of eight at Marshfield has a tenor of 17 cwt., and the back six are by Rudhall. The church possesses a fine cauldron and a fine specimen of Charles II. altar table.

The next call was at Wootton Bassett in the adjoining county of Wiltshire, where the church has a ground floor ringing chamber and a useful peal of eight with a 19 cwt. tenor rebung in 1930 by Gillett and Johnston. The church has been extensively restored and has a priest's chamber over the porch.

At Swindon lunch was partaken of at the Co-operative Cafe, and we admired the quick service which the waitresses rendered.

At Highworth a good peal of eight, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., slightly noisy in the belfry, were raised in peal and good touches were brought round. The church has a good fan vault forming the floor of the ringing chamber, and a fine rood screen. An unusual feature is the east window, which is filled with plain glass, and, unfortunately, looks out on to rather unsightly chimney stacks.

By this time all the party were becoming well acquainted with one another, and the journeys between the towers were enlivened by singing and mouth organ playing, the ringleaders being a quartette from Birmingham and Stoke-on-Trent. Starting and stopping songs were adopted, and they were sung at every resumption of and break in the tour. The songs were, appropriately, 'Roll along, covered wagon' and 'We're here because we're here.'

A very pleasant run from Highworth brought the party to North-leach, where there is a finely appointed church with a good peal of eight (tenor 18½ cwt.). The church, built in the Perpendicular style, is exceptionally well furnished and possesses several interesting brasses.

Bourton-on-the-Water was the next call, and several good touches were rung on a rather moderate peal of eight, tenor 14½ cwt. The church has been extensively restored partially in the Italian style, and now presents a rather mixed appearance.

At Stow-on-the-Wold, a picturesque small town in the heart of the Cotswolds, tea was partaken of, but the party were unable to find any one cafe capable of accommodating them all. Fortified by tea, they were able to appreciate the fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.), which hangs

in the very substantial tower of the church dedicated to St. Edward. The rain which fell at Stow was practically all that was experienced during the week, and was of very short duration.

The long run back to Bristol through the Cotswolds and via Cheltenham and Gloucester was enlivened by the 'choir,' and a very extensive repertoire of songs was produced. The ladies made several requests for special items, and some of these certainly proved to be 'surprise items.' Some unusual talent was discovered, and Mr. Poppy certainly seemed to appreciate his seat in the choir stalls.

Arriving at St. Stephen's, an adjournment was made to headquarters, where Mr. Edgar Guise was awaiting the travellers, together with a newspaper reporter. Bill Thomas and his 'Kitty' were again in evidence, and shortly after 10 o'clock a procession was formed, which proceeded via Christmas Steps to St. Michael's Hill, and so to bed.

#### WILTSHIRE WAY.

Not content with the variety of towers included on the programme, a number of the tourists proceeded, immediately after breakfast on Tuesday morning, to St. Michael's, Bristol, where the peal of six were rung to several good touches.

At 10 a.m. promptly the party left St. Stephen's, accompanied by Miss Knight and another lady friend, the organ and choir rendering 'Roll along, covered wagon.'

At Kelston, where they were met by the Vicar, himself a ringer and an international chess player. He pointed out the objects of interest in the small church, and the visitors were surprised to learn that the Vicar made himself responsible for the care of the churchyard, which was certainly a credit to his energies. The bells, rung from the ground floor, are a ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., and several good touches were rung. The church contains a fragment of a very early cross, now built into the sanctuary wall, and fragments of mediæval stained glass. Near the church a stone building contains the earliest example of an invention which has done much to improve modern sanitary science.

Arriving at Bradford-on-Avon in glorious sunshine, the excursionists admired the peaceful aspect of the river, with its swans and its old bridge complete with chapel. After visiting the Saxon Church, the peal of eight at Holy Trinity Church were set going and were much admired. They are a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of almost 21 cwt.

Devizes was reached in good time, and, before ringing, lunch was partaken of. The lunch room was filled with glass cases of fish, the sight of which loosed the tongues of several of the fishermen-ringers, and some real fishermen's stories were told. The verger at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist very kindly showed us the interior of the church, which contains a Norman chancel of very fine proportions and remarkably well preserved. The organ case by Grinling Gibbons is another interesting feature of this church. The bells, a ring of eight, tenor about 19½ cwt., were rung to short touches, and, after collecting the party with some difficulty, Freddie drove away to familiar strains.

Bishop's Cannings, which was the next stopping place, possesses a fine church, with a central tower and an early English chancel. The bells are a fine ring of eight with a tenor of 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat. Most of the party made good use of the bells, but one member, who shall be nameless, preferred his afternoon siesta to active ringing.

Special permission had been obtained to view Lacock Abbey, and this privilege was much appreciated by all the party.

#### AN INTERESTING ABBEY.

Lacock Abbey, now the residence of Miss Talbot, was originally an Augustinian Nunnery. It was dissolved by Henry VIII. in 1539, and the estate and buildings given to Sir William Sharrington.

The cloisters are well preserved, and the roof possesses many interesting and well-painted bosses. Unfortunately, the church was completely destroyed and the stone used for the building of the Tudor offices. The front of the residence was rebuilt in 1754, and the photographers among the visitors were interested to learn that the first photograph taken in England was of a window at this Abbey.

All the party were interested in a very large stone trough, carved out of a single stone, and various uses were suggested for it, including that of a coffin for Mr. Poppy, whose ample figure would have found adequate accommodation in the huge receptacle, the real use of which is unknown. A fine bronze cauldron of 67 gallons capacity was a reminder of the days of ringers' jugs, and the original purpose of this utensil was a matter of wonder. After thanking the guide and his rather shy assistant and buying an immense supply of postcards, the visitors adjourned to a nearby inn for tea, during which meal the baby of the party gave one of the oldest members some good advice, to everyone's great amusement.

Lacock is a most interesting village, full of charming old buildings, of which the Parish Church is no exception. Dedicated to St. Cyriac, it has some grotesque gargoyles and the interior possesses a fine fan vaulted chapel with a painted roof. The bells are a moderate ring of six with a tenor of doubtful weight. In the belfry, which is on the ground floor, a most curious ringing box was found. It contains a series of changes, written out on a long strip of paper, and made to wind round two rollers inside the box. The conductor, who does not ring, holds up the box and by turning a handle causes the changes to

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### A LONDON JUBILEE PEAL.

#### COMMEMORATED AT CRIPPLEGATE CHURCH.

On Sunday, September 1st, during evensong, at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, an event of interest to ringers took place when a peal board was unveiled. The peal thus recorded was one of 5,025 Stedman Cinques rung on Jubilee Day by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and the record is the gift of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Giles'. The unveiling took place during evensong, when, after the reading of the second lesson, the choir, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the west end of the church. The covering was pulled away by the senior churchwarden, Mr. C. V. A. Ottaway, who said that the peal and the board were commemorative of the 25th year of the reign of His Majesty King George V.

In his sermon the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Turner), who took for his text the words of St. Paul, 'Whosoever ye do, do all to the glory of God,' referred to the ringing of the peal on Jubilee Day, and to the presence of the ringers of that peal amongst the congregation. He spoke of the association that bells had with the life of their country. Their patron saint, he said, was the leader of a great monastery, and the monks of old were foremost amongst those who led the way in art and music and in the ringing of bells. They in England loved their bells, and they at St. Giles' were very proud of the peal that had been rung on their bells on Jubilee Day.

The service was attended by eleven of the peal band, with several friends, and the bells were rung both before and after the service. The peal board has been placed on the wall at the west end of the church, close to the door leading to the belfry. It is of light stained oak, with black enamel lettering, and besides stating that the peal was rung to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King George V., it contains the names of the ringers of the peal, the names of the Vicar, churchwardens and towerkeeper, and bears the footnote, 'This was the only peal rung in the City of London on Jubilee Day.'

The day was, appropriately enough, the feast of St. Giles, and it was fitting that the bells of this fine old church should be rung on such an occasion. At the conclusion of the ringing after the service, the Vicar greeted the ringers on their emerging from the belfry, and the conductor of the peal (Mr. C. T. Coles) took occasion to thank the Rev. E. G. Turner for the gift of the peal board, of which they of the Middlesex Association were very proud.

### A MEETING AT FARNHAM ROYAL.

#### GREETING FROM A VETERAN.

'A most successful meeting' was the vote of everyone present at Farnham Royal for the meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild. The village seemed full of ringers, and, judging by the volume of sound from the inside of the church during the service, there certainly were a few ringers (with voices) about. An enjoyable service, with a talk by the Vicar on what really meant wholeheartedness, an excellent tea kindly provided by a dear old friend, Mr. J. J. Parker, and methods to suit all (not forgetting rounds) made the gathering a most enjoyable one. Of course there were a few trips, but Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London were accomplished and a good touch of Oxford Bob Triples to give the birds a treat. It is rumoured that they (the birds) used to sing Oxford Bob at Farnham Royal.

A full programme of meetings was announced, including Joint and Triple, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The evening concluded with the eight bells being lowered in peal. Ringers were present from Amersham, Andover, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Coddham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Harrow, Hillingdon, Iver, London, Maidenhead, Reading, Ruislip, Stoke Poges, Watford, Wooburn and High Wycombe, and they received a cordial welcome from Mr. Parker, now 81 years of age.

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appear at an aperture in the side of the box. The efforts of Mr. John Swinfield to conduct a touch from this machine were more amusing than successful.

The visit to the Abbey, together with the time taken up with tea and ringing, caused the party to be rather behind scheduled time, and they were not surprised when on arriving at Keynsham they found that the steeplekeeper had abandoned his vigil. However, the pilot, Mr. Knight, managed to find him, and all ringers in the party managed to have a short touch. During the waiting time an amusing interlude took place. The coach was waiting very near to the stand occupied by the regular service bus to Bath, and a certain somewhat inebriated gentleman took possession of the back seat and refused at first to be evicted. However, he eventually yielded to Freddy's persuasive powers. Bristol was reached rather late, but just in time for some of the party to join with the Bristol ringers at the weekly practice at St. Stephen's, and afterwards to spend a pleasant hour at headquarters.

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### NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's on the 12th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. Annual dinner on Nov. 9th. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome. — W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Tea (1s. 3d. per head).—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ashdown's coach has been booked to take ringers to this meeting, and will leave Market Road, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m., picking up en route; fare 2s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. —F. Clark and M. E. Wilson, Hon. Secs.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at St. Mary's, East Molesey, on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. All ringers welcome. Nearest station Hampton Court. Bus 214 from Kingston via Hampton Court passes church.—D. Cooper and F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged in village. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Puddletown and Wool bells also available. Permission is given to visit the noted gardens.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dinder on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 52, Burcott Road, Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Parbold Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Come and spend a day in the country. 'From Rounds to Cambridge Surprise.' — Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Short service in St. Benedict's Church at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. E. C. Essex, followed by business meeting in the Vestry. St. Benedict's bells available afternoon and evening. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12) 6-8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—Saturday, Sept. 7th, Bedfont, 3 to 4.15 p.m.; Stanwell, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; Harmondsworth, 7 to 8.15 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.30 p.m. Price, 1s. each. Buses (No. 116) leave Hounslow every half hour from 2.1 p.m., but please bring your car, or cycle, if you have one. If you can, notify me about tea! Thanks! Note.—Joint meeting at Staines on Sept. 28th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hungerford on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place on Sat., Sept. 7th, at East Crompton, near Oldham. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in tower at 6.30. Roll up and make this a good meeting. — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec, 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**PENARTH, GLAM.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Llandaff on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 6 p.m. A new ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Usual arrangements. Will members please note alteration of tower?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION.**—A reunion DINNER, followed by an exhibition of Mr. Rupert Richardson's PICTURES of the Australian tour, will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, London, on Saturday, Sept. 14th, at 6.30 p.m. Dinner 4s. per head, open to all ringers and friends, but notifications with remittance must reach me not later than Saturday, Sept. 7th. Visitors should indicate if they wish for any ringing in the afternoon. — J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 4.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 14th, at Upper Sheringham. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Please help to make this meeting a great success.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Oxenhope, near Keighley, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head. Apply before Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. D. Maude, Uppertown, Oxenhope, near Keighley.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — North-East Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday, Sept. 9th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**ABBOTS LANGLEY.**—Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Meeting after. Ringing till 8.30. Bus or coach to church from St. Albans or Watford. Nearest rail, King's Langley. Names for tea by Sept. 11th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**SALISBURY GUILD.** — N. Dorset Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Childe Okeford on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Okeford Fitzpaine, Iwerne Minster and Manston bells also available. All ringers welcome.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) ready 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Assembly Rooms, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Notice for tea must be sent by Wednesday, Sept. 11th, to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. Hoping to have a good meeting.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A special meeting will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Sept. 14th, as a farewell to Rev. R. P. Farrow, who is leaving the district. Ringing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by a social evening at the Star Inn. Light refreshments. Please notify A. Ballard, Hinckley Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicester. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston, Bath, on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by Sept. 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Sept. 14th, not the 7th as printed on meeting cards, at Alsager (8 bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly inform me on or before Sept. 11th? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District. — Meeting at Haslemere on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. E. J. Ayliffe, Woolmer Croft, Critchmere Hill, Haslemere, by Sept. 10th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — Meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 76, Church Street, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, by Wednesday, 11th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryu View, Newport, Mon.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, Sept. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 11th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21st. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested in order to help a young band.—W. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 17th to Mrs. C. Osler, Fabians, Bramley.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Birstwith, near Harrogate, on Saturday, Sept. 21st, when the new peal of 8 bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the general committee will be held in the schools at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) also in the schools at 5 p.m., and all who require tea should notify Mr. Jackson Ewbank, Rose Cottage, Birstwith, by Wednesday, Sept. 18th. General meeting immediately after tea. There is an hourly bus service from Harrogate, leaving at a quarter past the hour. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without further delay. — J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Greenstead Green on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present please send their names to Mr. A. A. Saunders, Greenstead Green, Halstead, not later than Wednesday, the 18th, or to me, F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne?

**LEA, LINCS.**—A Ringers' Day will be held at Lea (1 mile from Gainsborough) on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells (6, tenor 13½ cwt., recently rehung) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. The Rector will provide a free tea as usual, but only to those who notify me before Tuesday, Sept. 17th. All ringers will be welcome, and everybody who can handle a bell will be catered for.—Leslie Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell prize contest at Holmfirth on Sept. 21st. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each, only to those who notify by Sept. 14th.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Alfriston on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kinver on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. J. A. Mercer, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Bus leaves L.M.S. Station Yard, Wolverhampton, at 1.50 and every half-hour. Reports ready. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, at usual terms. Service at 6 o'clock. Ringing afterwards. Please send advice for tea to Mr. G. R. Goodship, 14, Lorne Road, Wealdstone, not later than 18th inst. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Highley, Salop, on Sept. 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible. — H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, Salop.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Old Hill, Staffs, on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Tea will be provided for all those **WHO SEND ME THEIR NAMES** by the previous Wednesday (Sept. 18th). Members are reminded that the branch officers are elected at this meeting. Also it is requested that all outstanding subscriptions for 1935 should be paid by this date. — Wm. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham 17. Phone: Selly Oak 1246.

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

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting at West Hallam (Newark not available), Saturday, Sept. 28th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee meet 3.45. Short service 4.30. Tea (1s. 3d. per head) 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Frequent bus service from Nottingham via Ilkeston; also buses from Derby. All attending must notify E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than 25th. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The fourth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, at 6 p.m. The Very Rev. A. Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester, will preside. Hotel situated two minutes' walk from Foregate Street Station, and car park available on premises. Bells available: All Saints' (10), St. John's (8) and St. Nicholas' (6), all 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from branch officers, Dinner Committee, or Joseph D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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Mr. Tony Price writes that the ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Double Norwich rung at Clare on August 17th during the East Anglian tour was George R. Newton, not George R. Pye as published.

He thanks our correspondent for his account of the tour, but points out that it was the Sudbury ringers who went to Stoke-by-Nayland and Assington, the Lavenham men being at work. At least one, and probably all three, of the Sudbury ringers had their tea in front of them when called upon, yet filled the gap at a moment's notice. The visitors greatly appreciated this enthusiasm and obliging spirit.

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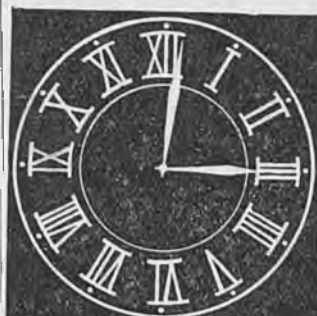
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