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AMBITIONS.

The art of ringing lends itself to a variety of ambitions, and generation after generation of men has striven to raise new standards, until in some directions there seem to be no more worlds to conquer. Yet ever, in new ways and in old, there is some phase in which individuals find an outlet for their energies, for the gratifying of ambitions beyond the reach of their neighbours. Ambitions lie in numerous and interesting and in some cases curious directions. Longer lengths, more peals, more methods, more towers, more heavy tenors, even more bad-going bells—these are some of the ways in which ringers satisfy their enthusiasm.

We record this week yet another step in raising the number of Minor methods in a peal. The Cheshire band have carried the total to eighty-four, and one begins to wonder when finality in this direction will be reached. There must be an end somewhere, imposed by the mathematical limitations of the process of adding method to method, but where this is, short of a different method for every lead, it is unsafe to prophesy. One not only marvels at the ability of men who can ring these complicated peals, but at the skill and patience of those who build them up on paper. It is the ambition of such people that has carried method ringing to the high standard which it has now reached, and which is leading ever towards new developments.

In a different field we record to-day the fulfilment of another ambition. The veteran, Mr. William Fussell, has completed the desire of a long lifetime by finishing off a peal in every county in England and Wales. His peal at Beaumaris, in the island of Anglesey, is the culmination of a long quest, and he is the first to reach the goal. Mr. Fussell is one of the most travelled of all ringers. He organised the Australian tour, he has rung in New Zealand, he has visited Scotland and Ireland and, as we have mentioned, has penetrated every county of his native land and the Principality of Wales. Ringers will congratulate him upon achieving final success, which he has reached in his 77th year. As an individual ambition it has been a meritorious and interesting one, but it is not without its value as an example to the Exercise. The wider one travels the more one gains, not only in experience and knowledge, but in friendships, and the appreciation of the good qualities of others. The man who never rings but in his own tower, who does not share the social side of ringing, which means comradeship, has but a limited vision of all that is best in connection with our art. Not everyone is able to explore the world of ringing as Mr. Fussell has done, but what he has achieved is an ambition that others might emulate with advantage to themselves and the furtherance of the cause we all have at heart.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 1	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 8
SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 10
JOHN S. MASON 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Specially arranged and rung to commemorate the centenary of the city of Birmingham and the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt, 3 qr, 14 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. 1	*WILLIAM A. WOOD 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	*FRANK K. MEASURES... .. 8
*RALPH NARBOROUGH... .. 3	ARTHUR CATTRELL 9
*FREDERICK A. SALTER 4	*GEORGE A. NEWTON 10
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE... .. 5	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS 11
ALFRED BALLARD 6	*ARTHUR DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First twelve-bell peal. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells, in the diocese and by the association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER 1	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 6
THOMAS MILLER 3	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY 7
GEOFFREY D. PRATT 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Bob Major. Specially arranged as an 80th birthday compliment to Thomas Miller.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE... .. 1	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
JOHN BEST 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr, 26 lb.

ROBERT MATTHEWS 1	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOHN SMITH 6
BERNARD C. ASHFORD 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
*ERNEST HALL 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal of Triples.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
 AND THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 3	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

CHESTER.
 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, July 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	FRANK VARTY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, July 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	HERBERT A. MCKINNEILL ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 3	JOHN HASSELL 7
*ALBERT FORD 4	FRANK REYNOLDS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the Manchester centenary celebrations.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

*STANLEY A. WOODING ... Treble	E. GEORGE MORRAD 5
JOSEPH H. WICKS 2	HORACE H. BARDEN 6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	CYRIL W. HAMMOND Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 G. LINDOFF'S SIX-PART, No. 25. Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON-DRAGE 6
*WILLIAM J. VANN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*ERNEST J. WELLS 4	GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
 THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF NEWBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD LUCK Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	WALTER AYRE 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.
 THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

A. THOMAS CHINERY Treble	CHARLES W. SMITH 5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD... .. 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
STANLEY H. GOODWIN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE DEANERY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
 Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.
 A birthday compliment to Mr. L. E. Pitstow. First peal of London as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 14, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble

WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 5
GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 3
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
PERCIVAL W. GRICE 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
 Rung to welcome the new Rector of Seales, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, M.A.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
 Tenor 12¾ cwt.

PHILIP A. CORBY Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT' 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the treble ringer.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY 5
WILLIAM J. THYNG 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 6
WALTER ALLWOOD 3	HERBERT CHADDOCK 7
PERCY J. JERVIS 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
 The composition, No. 433, was rung for the first time.

ASHTED, SURREY.
 THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	GEORGE H. F. MARRINER ... 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3	JOHN HOYLE 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
WILLIAM CROSS Treble	*JAMES CROSSLEY 5	WALTER GORTON 2	ROBERT EASTHAM 6
HAROLD GORTON 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7	*WILFRED JOHNSON 4	RICHARD WM. MOSELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gorton and Mr. Gorton's 77th birthday. Also for the centenary of Bolton's incorporation.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
*WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	HORACE WHITEHEAD 7
WILLIAM BIDNELL 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Major in the method.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
FREDERICK G. SMITH ... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLY 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	ERNEST W. PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER

First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HARRY G. RIDGWAY ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
JOHN A. GREEN 2	A. NUNNELEY WOOD 6
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

The conductor's one hundredth peal. Composition No. 202 in Central Council's 'Collection.'

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Treble	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 5
ARTHUR BIGLEY 2	ALBERT E. PLOWMAN 6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
HARRY CHAMBERS 4	SAMUEL FARKETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Perkins.

CHERITON, HANTS.—On Thursday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Shaw 1, E. Lane 2, H. Newnham 3, A. Tremear (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, L. Tremear (conductor) 5, W. Sims (first quarter-peal) 6. This was rung after meeting short for a peal attempt, and Mr. Sims, the local captain, kindly rang the tenor. He was unable to stand the time required for a peal, owing to the results of an accident. The other ringers are from New Alresford.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cunecastre, Annable's, Rosendale, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROLAND HILL Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. H. Crossland, aged 93, who was a ringer at this church for over 60 years.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, July 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, York, Snowdrop and Nelson Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	CLIFFORD ROBINSON 4
HERMAN RUSBY 2	NOEL MOXON 5
*FREDERICK RUSBY 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Crossland for his 93rd birthday.

WOODLESFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE WARD Treble	GEORGE W. STEEL 4
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY... 5
PERCY MASSAM 3	*HARRY HOMER Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First attempt for a peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Taylor and Co.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 9, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
EDWARD STEEL 2	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE 5
NEVILLE HOLLAND 3	ARTHUR W. HALL or

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 13, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN NORRIS... .. Treble	*JOHN ROBINSON 4
CHARLES W. METCALF ... 2	JOE READER 5
JOHN R. WILSON 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Minor.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): S. Oughton 1, P. Stone 2, A. Bristow 3, S. J. Oughton 4, W. A. Stote (conductor) 5. First quarter-peal for S. and S. J. Oughton, and the first quarter-peal 'inside' for A. Bristow.

**BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK W. STOKES Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JOHN WALDEN 5
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Conducted by F. W. STOKES
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 84 methods, viz. :-

1. Freiston, Candlesby, Butterwick, Tattershall, Benington, Langton, Frampton, Alford, Denton, Poynton, Sutton, Chelford, Wrangle, Leake Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
2. Double Oxford Bob, London Bob, Lytham Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, College, Childwall Bob, Wavertree College, Fulbeck Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob.
3. Rostherne, Chepstow, Wilmslow, Balmoral, Knutsford, Skipton, Bogedone, Fotheringay, Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Bourne and Hull Surprise.
4. Newdigate, Charlwood, Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston, Clarence Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
5. Oakley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston, Oxford Treble Bob, Carisbrooke, Donottar, Pontefract and Wath Delight.
6. Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Cambridge, Primrose Surprise, Burslem and Waltham Delight.
7. Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke, Edinburgh, Barham, Oswald Delight, Berwyn and Waterford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	ERNEST BENNETT 4
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

178 changes of method. The greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents. Denton, Poynton, Sutton and Chelford Alliance are now rung for the first time.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Oxford combined, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN R. WILSON Treble	*JOE READER 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS G. BURCHNALL 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal 'inside' in more than three methods.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	GEORGE H. TAYLOR 4
CONRAD PHILLIPS 2	WILLIAM MULCOCK 5
WILLIAM C. SCRIVENS 3	JOHN LINDON Tenor

Conducted by G. H. TAYLOR.

Rung to celebrate the royal visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to Birmingham, also to mark the centenary of Birmingham and the tercentenary of the 2nd, 5th and tenor bells.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*ANTHONY BARKER Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 4
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 5
JOHN O. WELLER 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal in seven methods.

BASSINGHAM, LINC.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

S. GEORGE VESSEY Treble	GEOFFREY M. MAYER 4
JACK C. VRSSEY 2	KENNETH W. MAYER 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Sydney G. Davies to Miss Marjorie I. Mayer, which took place in Lincoln the previous day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

Rung on the fifteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. ANDERSON, 3, SALTERS ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7-8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 9-10	

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

KELHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 17, 1938, in One Hour and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE HOUSE OF THE SACRED MISSION,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS BARLOW BROWN 1-2	ALFRED FRANCIS SARGENT 3-4
RALPH NARBOROUGH 5-6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

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PEAL NOTES.

MR. W. H. FUSSELL'S RECORD.

Mr. William H. Fussell, the doyen of ringing travellers, has just consummated one of the great ambitions of his life. He has now succeeded in ringing a peal in every county in England and Wales, an achievement which no one else has yet managed to complete.

In every other county in these two countries he had rung a peal except the island of Anglesey, where there is only one ring of eight—at Beaumaris. For years Mr. Fussell had waited for an opportunity; it came rather unexpectedly on July 9th, when a band gathered from Chester and Bangor and the record was made.

It is 25 years since the last peal was rung there, and the visitors highly appreciate the kind welcome of the Vicar (the Rev. Rummage) and the courteous attention of the tower foreman (Mr. R. Jones).

During his visit to Chester, Mr. Fussell also scored two other peals, one at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls and the other at St. Mary's-within.

The centenary of the city of Birmingham was last week celebrated by a series of important events. St. Martin's Guild, which was in existence 60 years before the incorporation of the city, fittingly marked the auspicious occasion with a peal of Stedman Cinques at the Parish Church.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. F. E. Haynes) rang the tenor and has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Morris J. Morris rang his 400th peal. One hundred and eighteen out of his total have been peals of Stedman Cinques.

Manchester has also been celebrating its centenary, and at Miles Platting on July 12th a commemorative peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung. The composition which was rung, conducted by the composer, Mr. C. K. Lewis, has previously been published to Rochester Surprise. The band are indebted to Mr. Alfred Barnes, who filled a gap at the last moment.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Perkins, of Draycott, Staffs, was celebrated by a peal of Minor at their Parish Church. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

A BIRMINGHAM VETERAN.

Tom Miller (he will pardon us the omission of the prefix Mr. on this occasion) has been one of the best known figures in Birmingham ringing circles for two generations. He has just celebrated his 80th birthday by ringing in a peal of Bob Major at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, where he rang his first peal in February, 1878—over 60 years ago.

The method was appropriate, for is it not Tom who sings a song about 'Sweet Bob Major'? But whether or no, Tom is a great raconteur, and the tales he can tell of long past days; of the days of Henry Johnson and Harry Bastable and others—when men were men and beer was beer—are worth going a long way to listen to. Many happy returns of the day, Tom!

A peal that was 'a real tough job' was rung at Brant Broughton, Lincolnshire (tenor 24 cwt.), the heaviest ring of six in the county, on July 15th. The last peal on the bells was in 1911.

The Midland Counties Association was credited, on Saturday, with its first peal of Bob Maximus. It was rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on the nearest available date to the Patronal Saint's Day, and not only was it the first peal of Bob Maximus by all the band, but also the first twelve-bell peal by no fewer than seven of the ringers, while for eight of them it completed the series of peals of Plain Bob on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, and Mr. Ernest Morris has now called a peal of each.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Rock, Worcestershire, was arranged to enable Mr. Ernest Hall, of Kidderminster, to ring his first peal of Triples on the bells of his native parish, where he first learnt to ring.

The bells of Woodlesford, Yorks, have been recently rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the first peal on them since 1910 was rung on July 9th in seven Minor methods.

Four birthdays were celebrated with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Folkestone on Saturday; those of Mrs. H. Baker (Fritten-den), G. Kenward, L. J. Honess and the conductor (Mr. T. E. Sone). The peal composition (Arthur Knights' No. 189) was rung for the first time.

Another of Mr. Knights' Treble Bob compositions was rung for the first time on Saturday, when he called his No. 433 at Eckington.

For over 60 years Mr. H. Crossland was a regular ringer at Cawthorne, Yorkshire, and rang in winning teams in ringing contests when he was 81 and 82 years of age. He has recently passed the 93rd milestone, and his friends rang two peals of Minor at Cawthorne in honour of the event, the first on July 2nd, the second before evensong on the following day. Except the conductor, Mr. D. Smith (of Felkirk tower), all the ringers who took part in this latter peal are regular service ringers at Cawthorne Church.

Mr. Crossland is still active and thinks he could still ring if it were not for the climb up the steps to the ringing room.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the first attempt on Saturday at Hollesley, Suffolk.

What has been described to us as an 'old crocks' band, rang a peal at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday. All the ringers had taken part in peals at Ashted over 30 years ago, the first peal in the tower of each individual having been as follows: A. H. Winch 1902, J. Beams 1896, A. C. Otway 1897, F. G. Woodiss 1906, G. H. Marriner 1904, C. Hazelden 1902, J. Hoyle 1898; J. H. B. Hesse 1903.

(Continued in next column.)

BELLRINGING NOT A DEAD ART.

RINGING CLERIC REPLIES TO PESSIMISTS.

The Macclesfield and Stockport Branches of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a joint meeting at Bollington on Saturday week, when 36 members and friends attended. The bells of St. John's Church were kept going to various standard methods, and a ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. C. R. Ollier. Before commencing the service he apologised for the absence of the Vicar, due to holidays.

In a very interesting address, the Rev. C. R. Ollier pointed out the part played by ringers in church life, and deplored the attitude of some people who think that ringers have no part in the affairs of the Church, as though the tower and belfry were separate from the nave and chancel of the church. Bellringing, he went on to say, was essentially a British art and the sound of church bells calling them to church was as big a tradition as the 'roast beef of old England.' He said that in some quarters the pessimists would tell them that bellringing was a dead art, that young men would not learn to ring, but, looking round the gathering that afternoon and from his own experience as a ringer, it could be said that this was definitely not so.

Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, 'dropped' in just in time for a touch of Double Norwich before tea, and, after ringing the tenor, was successful on this occasion in obtaining the measurements of the bell. It is understood his venue for Sunday was Gawsorth and Higher Sutton, making three more towers to his already large collection.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. J. Kingdon, was elected an honorary member and the Rev. C. R. Ollier a ringing member of the Macclesfield Branch. Other business was of a routine nature.

The Stockport Branch secretary (Mr. K. Lewis) thanked the Macclesfield Branch for their kindness and hospitality, and proposed to return the hospitality by arranging a joint meeting at Disley on September 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. C. R. Ollier for conducting the service and meeting concluded the business. Further use was then made of the bells until 9 p.m., on an enjoyable time having been spent by all.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A MID-WEEK MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Henfield on Wednesday, July 6th. Members attended from twelve Sussex towers, and visitors from London, Tring, Croydon and Plymouth were present during the evening, making in all an attendance of 40.

The bells were available from 2.30, and during the course of the day ringing was heard ranging from rounds to London Surprise. A peal of handbells was also in use after tea, and the weather made it possible to hold the business meeting and the handbell ringing in the open air.

The election of Mr. J. Hobden, of Burgess Hill, was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. R. Overy, seconded by Mr. A. Brown.

In the absence of the Rector, the service was taken by the Rev. C. E. Tuppen, of Lower Beeding, who took as his text the inscription on Great Paul, 'Woe to me, if I preach not the Gospel.' The preacher pointed out that the sound of the bells was always a constant reminder that the Gospel was preached in the place where they sounded, and to those who were unable to attend service they themselves acted as the voice of the Church.

ANOTHER SURPRISE METHOD.

(Continued from previous column.)

The Hertfordshire Surprise experts have added another new method to their rapidly growing list—Newbury—which they rang at Bushey on July 14th without any previous practice. For Messrs. Maurice Hibbert and H. G. Cashmore it was the thirtieth Surprise Major method in which they have rung a peal. The method is one of the 'Cambridge' group, but has repeating work after bobs, on the Treble Bob principle.

We are glad to see the Midland Counties 'Wednesday' band in the news again. Last week Mr. Maurice Swinfield called another new peal of Stedman Triples—Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's six-part, No. 25. It was rung at Burton-on-Trent.

A peal of Bob Major was rung on the back eight of the twelve at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on July 14th.

Mr. Walter Gorton has been a regular ringer at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, for 53 years, and he has just celebrated his golden wedding and his 77th birthday. A peal in honour of these events was rung at the Saviour's Church on July 16th. It also marked the centenary of the granting of the charter of incorporation to Bolton.

The seventieth birthday of Mr. Walter Perkins, of Irthingborough, Northants, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples, which he called, on Saturday. Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, Sussex, should have been in the peal, but weather conditions prevented him getting there.

The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to Birmingham, the centenary of the city and the tercentenary of three of the bells at St. Edburgha's Church were celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Yardley.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

The annual ringing festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Callington on Saturday, July 2nd. Over 100 ringers from all parts of Cornwall were present, including Mr. W. H. Southeard (Master) and Col. C. F. Jerram (Assistant Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (diocesan secretary), Messrs. H. Ransom and P. Williams (branch secretaries). An apology was received from Dr. J. Symons (president). Seven towers in the district were open, and the bells were rung in rounds, call-changes, Grandire and Stedman.

Service was conducted by the Rev. R. W. Marsh (Rector). The address was given by the Archdeacon of Bodmin (Canon Williamson), who stressed the importance of the work done by ringers. The bells, he said, were rung to tell people to come to church or, if people preferred to go away for pleasure, the bells reminded them of their duty to God and they should ask God for His blessing on what they intended doing.

Tea was served in the Callington Town Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, seconded by Mr. H. Ransom. The Rev. W. H. Marsh, replying, said he was pleased to see several of the clergy present. He thought it was their duty to take an interest in ringers and attend their meetings.

Mr. Southeard said he hoped the time would come when ringers in Cornwall would take an interest in the Guild, not only as bands, but as individuals, as in other guilds and associations. He spoke of the work of the Central Council and pointed out that their interest was not confined to change ringers, but they looked after the interests of all ringers.

After tea the ringers returned to the towers, where the bells were kept going until late in the evening.

RINGER'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS.

Mr. Alfred Rowley, who has been a bellringer for 51 years, is a life member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and who lives at Cranfield, Castle Road, Tipton, Staffordshire, has recently presented a set of handbells (14 in number, in the key of A) to the Parish Church of St. James, Bishampton, in the diocese of Worcester. Mr. A. Rowley's brother, who passed away seven years ago, was formerly a police officer at Bishampton and the donor often stayed in the parish. A short service of dedication was held by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wilkinson) during evensong on Sunday, July 26th.

Mr. Rowley commenced his bellringing at the tower of St. Peter's Church, Martley, in the diocese of Worcester, with the present Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. F. Hastings, and is well known in the various towers in the dioceses of Worcester, Lichfield and Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSED FORMATION OF BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday and attended by ringers from all parts of the county. A service in the Cathedral was conducted by Provost Morrow, and an address was given by the Rev. Hamish Gray, of Seven Kings, formerly Precentor at the Cathedral. The lesson was read by the Master of the association, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, of Great Baddow.

At the annual meeting which followed in the Chapter House, the Master (who presided) was re-elected and thanked, as were the other officers, including the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. L. J. Clark, of Chelmsford) and the peal secretary (Mr. L. W. Wiffen). The Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. E. N. Gowing) was added to the vice-presidents.

The Master's report mentioned that the number of towers in affiliation showed a decrease of one, the number now being 106. The membership had increased by eight, as follows: Honorary members 85, ringing members 766, non-resident 263, total 1,114. The district meetings had not been quite so well attended as last year, the average attendance being 36 members, against 40. The number of peals rung during the year showed an increase of 23 on the previous year, and although only 25 rang their first peals against 33 the previous year, 96 rang their first in the method against 76, and three conducted their first peal. The standard of ringing was well maintained and St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung for the first time. The conducting of these peals was shared by 34 members. A very satisfactory restoration of the peal at Great Waltham had been carried out. Mr. W. J. Nevard was setting an excellent example by having the peal of eight at Great Bentley rehung at his own expense. It was proposed to add two trebles to the existing ring at Dagenham to make a peal of eight, and this was to be carried out soon.

The financial position of the association was satisfactory and the Bell Restoration Fund had a balance in hand of £69 8s. 4d.

The formation of a Benevolent Fund was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk, of Wanstead, and, after discussion, it was decided to refer the matter to the General Committee.

Mr. E. J. Butler referred to the fact that next year the association would celebrate its diamond jubilee.—It was left to the committee to consider steps to celebrate the occasion.

Luncheon was served at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Ringings took place during the day at the Cathedral and at eleven other churches in the district. Methods from Doubles up to Cambridge and Superlative Maximus were rung. One energetic band, having rung at all the twelve towers which were officially open, were only satisfied after having obtained permission to visit the thirteenth.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The restored bells of Tynemouth will be dedicated on Saturday at 6.30 p.m.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has had to transpose the dates of two of its meetings. The meeting on July 30th will be at Farnborough instead of Hawley.

The High Court meeting of the Ancient Order of Foresters is to be held in the Rochester District. There will be a parade service at the Cathedral on Sunday morning, July 31st. Any brethren attending the service who are ringers will be welcomed in the belfry of the Cathedral at 9.30 a.m., also in the following towers at about 5.30 p.m. for evening service ringing: Frindsbury, Chatham, Gillingham, Rochester (St. Margaret's) and Rainham.

Messrs. A. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, are to repair the frame at Eynesbury, Hunts, and rehang and quarter-turn the bells with new gudgeons and bearings and adjust the clappers.

A lady's umbrella was left in the belfry at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, after the Ladies' Guild meeting. It will be returned to the owner if she will apply to the hon. secretary.

Two trebles have been added to make a peal of eight, two bells recast and a complete restoration carried out at Ewhurst, Surrey. The work, done by the Loughborough Foundry, was dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday afternoon. The trebles are the gift of a parishioner, the rest of the work has been done by the Barron Trust.

Over 100 ringers and friends visited Brasted on Saturday, July 9th, and were entertained to tea by Mr. E. H. Lewis. This was the summer meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association. A further report of the proceedings will appear next week.

Flying Officer Cyril Bunch, a ringer at Yateley, Hants, won the Grand Aggregate at the National Rifle Association's meeting at Bisley last week.

VISITORS TO BOURNEMOUTH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Many requests have been made by parties of visiting ringers to ring the newly-restored peal at Bournemouth Parish Church, and in most cases permission has been granted.

The Vicar has asked me to bring to the ringers' notice, through 'The Ringing World,' that whilst he is ready to assist the Exercise in every way possible, he may be forced to refuse some requests by reason of the situation of the tower in the centre of the town.

I would like to point out that we welcome visiting ringers to join in our practices, Thursday evenings, and also on Sundays at 9.30 a.m., 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 in the evening.

Perhaps organisers of outings who had thought of Bournemouth this year will be able to defer their visit until another season.

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YOUNG RINGERS.

THE ADVANTAGES OF BEGINNING EARLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was glad to see lately that somewhere ex-choirboys were being enlisted as ringers, for I was about to make the same suggestion. When their voices break and they are no more use in that way, it is a means of keeping them as churchworkers when there is a chance of their dropping off: besides, being thus kept in touch with the church, they are more likely to return to the choir when their voices are set. I noted in the issue of April 22nd that a parish council had ordered that no one under 14 should be allowed to ring, and I have a strong impression that this council was exceeding its powers, for I have always understood that the incumbent was the sole authority for any use of the bells.

My suggestion for getting recruits is that the foreman should ask the parish priest to put an article in the parish magazine, showing how *anyone* may become a ringer. Some such points as the following might be given, and perhaps others may add to them: It is really important to begin early, and there actually are ringers of 13 and even younger. It is not heavy work, as a rule, and boys are quite able to do it. There are no social distinctions among ringers, and the public school boy, the plough boy, the errand boy or the elementary school boy are equally welcome.

A reason for such an article is that there must be many who love bells, but have no idea how to set about ringing. I have been keenly interested in bells as long as I can remember, but it never came into my head to enter a tower. I had a sort of idea that I should be looked upon as a trespasser, and it was not until my last year at Oxford that I found out that I might be a ringer. What a difference it would have made if I had come up at least knowing how to handle a bell. Quite lately I came across a man in middle life who has now taken up ringing, and he told me that in his young days he had often asked how he might set about it, but no one could ever tell him!

It so happens that during the last few years I have had to do with a large number of young men who have begun, but the majority have dropped off when daunted by the difficulties of the early stages in change ringing: other interests have then claimed their attention and brought their ringing to an end. If they had begun earlier and got over the difficult stages before other interests began to multiply, there would have been much less chance of their being turned aside.

W. C. B.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—28.**HAROLD G. CASHMORE.**

The amazing performances of Mr. Harold G. Cashmore, of Watford, in conducting peals of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells have excited profound admiration throughout the Exercise. With his colleagues, he has raised the standard of 'double-handed' change ringing to a level undreamed of a few years ago. Their successes have been no 'flash in the pan'; they have gone on from height to height and their progress has been due largely to Mr. Cashmore's skilled conducting. They began with two methods, and have now rung peals in all numbers up to six, and each time men wonder whether the limit of mental strain has been reached.

Mr. Cashmore, who was born at Apsley End, Herts, on March 23rd, 1904, from the very first showed the promise which has since brought him into prominence as a brilliant conductor. His first peal, rung at Bushey Heath on November 26th, 1921, was Superlative Surprise, and his first as conductor was in the same method at Oxhey on March 18th, 1924, while his first peal on handbells was Superlative, which he called from 3-4 on March 17th, 1927. It has, indeed, been the quality rather than the quantity of Mr. Cashmore's peals that has made him so outstanding a figure. His total is only 155, of which he has conducted 108, but no fewer than 30 different Surprise Major methods are included in his performances, 19 of them being the 'first ever,' and he has conducted a peal in each of them. He has rung 19 peals on handbells in Surprise Major methods, and has conducted 15 of them, including the first peal of Cambridge Surprise on handbells, rung on March 22nd, 1933. Another peal which ranks high in the annals of ringing and which he conducted is the only peal of Eryri Major, rung at Bushey on November 23rd, 1935.

**MR. HAROLD G. CASHMORE.**

It is not only in the actual ringing, however, that Mr. Cashmore excels. In producing some new Surprise methods and the peal compositions to which they have been rung he has shown the greatest ingenuity, and the contributions which he has made to the art put him far for all time in the front rank of this generation of ringers.

LADIES' AND GUILDFORD GUILDS ENTERTAINED.**A JOINT MEETING.**

In conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who held their nineteenth annual meeting, the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held an enjoyable meeting at Pirbright on Saturday. Nearly 40 members and visitors (including the general secretary of the Guild) attended, and were rewarded by a sumptuous strawberry tea, which was provided by the generosity of Mrs. Bruce, vice-president of the Ladies' Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Kelsey) conducted the Guild's service, and, taking as his theme the motto, 'I serve,' gave an address that was of real interest to bellringers.

At the business meeting which followed, a scheme for securing more honorary and ringing members was discussed, and it was unanimously decided that the district should participate.

A message of sympathy was sent to Mr. Walter Harrison, a vice-president of the Guild, in the bereavement suffered by the death of his daughter as the result of a motor accident.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in a variety of methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to an attempt at London Surprise Minor. A touch of Double Oxford appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all the performers, and to be especially relished by the Guild general secretary.

Mrs. Bruce presided at the business meeting of the Ladies' Guild, at which Mrs. Cope, of Guildford, was elected as an honorary member.

Mrs. Bruce was re-elected vice-president, and after much persuasion Miss H. Mills agreed to carry on as secretary. The committee and representatives to central committee were re-elected.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Yorktown on November 19th.

NEW MINOR RECORD.**CHESHIRE RINGERS' 84-METHOD PEAL.**

Once more the record number of methods comprised in a peal of Minor in seven true extents has been raised. The Cheshire men, not to be outdone by the 80 methods of the Lincoln Guild ringers, on Saturday rang a peal in 84 methods at Disley. The first 720 included no fewer than 15 methods, 14 on the Alliance principle, completed with Bastow Little Court. The second 720 was made up of 13 plain methods. The other 720's have been rung in previous peals and are Treble Bob derivatives.

The Alliance extent was arranged by Mr. C. K. Lewis, who conducted the peal. He introduced four new methods into a 720 previously composed by Mr. A. G. Driver. The 13 plain methods extent was also Mr. Lewis' construction.

Since the Lincolnshire band entered into friendly rivalry, after the Chester Guild peal in 51 methods at Marple in 1935, the following is the progress of the record:—

Date	Place	No. of methods	Changes of method
June 13th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	57	196
Aug. 3rd, 1936	Whaplode, Lincs	60	199
Aug. 8th, 1936	Freiston, Lincs	61	196
Aug. 22nd, 1936	Marple, Cheshire	66	138
Sept. 5th, 1936	Disley, Cheshire	68	138
Dec. 5th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	70	173
June 12th, 1937	Buxton, Derbyshire	73	142
Dec. 4th, 1937	Algarkirk, Lincs	80	176
July 16th, 1938	Disley, Cheshire	84	178

LADIES' GUILD.**REORGANISATION OF DISTRICT AREAS.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, London, on Saturday, July 9th, and was attended by 27 members. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening and covered a variety of methods. A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. H. Moncrieff, curate.

After tea, to which 55 sat down, the business meeting was held, at which the president, Miss E. Steel, took the chair.

The accounts showed a much more satisfactory state of affairs, there being an excess of income over expenditure of £3 7s. 6d., as against 2s. 6d. the previous year. The hon. treasurer pointed out that the balance would have been much larger had all outstanding subscriptions been paid.

The hon. secretary reported that the Guild was still progressing satisfactorily, and that the individual reports of the district secretaries would be embodied in the report to be published shortly.

Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Brasted, was elected an honorary member, and Miss Le Beau, of Bocking, a ringing member.

Miss Steel was unanimously re-elected president, and Mrs. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. The three representatives on the Central Council were also re-elected.

Mrs. Richardson reported on the Central Council meeting at Leeds. It was decided to inform the secretary of the Central Council that the Guild would be willing to fall in line with other associations, and would be prepared to purchase copies of the Surprise Major Method book to the value of £2.

The question of the division of districts was next discussed, and it was finally decided to alter and re-name some of the districts and to form one new district. The districts are now:—

1. **NORTHERN DISTRICT.**—To comprise the counties of Yorkshire and Lancashire and counties farther north.

2. **NORTH MIDLAND DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the present Lincoln District, and to comprise the counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire.

3. **SOUTH MIDLAND DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the present Northants District, and to comprise the counties of Northamptonshire, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Oxfordshire and Warwickshire.

4. **EASTERN DISTRICT.**—This to be a new district and to comprise the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and part of Essex.

5. **WESTERN DISTRICT.**—As at present, but to include the counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devonshire and Cornwall.

6. **SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**—As at present, but to include the counties of Hampshire, Berkshire and parts of Surrey and Sussex.

7. **LONDON DISTRICT.**—To take the place of the Central District and to comprise London, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Kent and parts of Surrey, Sussex and Essex.

It was proposed that as a new district was being formed in the Eastern Counties, the next annual general meeting be held at Ipswich.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, and to the officers of the Guild for their work during the past year.

RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

On Sunday evening, June 26th, at St. Peter's, Leckhampton, Glos., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. W. Townsend, wife of the Ringing Master, who was laid to rest on Saturday, June 25th: W. Townsend 1, F. Pratt 2, A. Hunt 3, C. W. Martin 4, W. B. Harley 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6, T. Boreham 7, C. Richings 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

Bell Restoration Grants.

Although not so largely attended as in some previous years, the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Oxford was a thoroughly enjoyable event. Representatives were present from all three of the counties that go to make up the great diocese, and they began the day with service in Christ Church Cathedral. The Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge) officiated, Bishop Allen (Archdeacon of Oxford) read the lesson, the preacher was Bishop R. G. Shedden and the Deputy Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) also took part in the service, which was characterised by great heartiness in the singing.

Bishop Shedden took an unusual text upon which to base his address: 'And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall' (2. Cor. 11, 33). He described the escape of Paul from the Damascenes, and, referring to the group of men who lowered the basket, said their responsibility in handling the rope was the fulfilment of the purpose of God. The contribution of ringers in this generation to the cause of Christ was, he said, through the handling of the ropes. That contribution, as was the case with the men who let down St. Paul in the basket, might be of far wider merit and greater value than they themselves had any conception of. Many of them, perhaps, were ringers principally because they belonged to bell-ringing families. Their fathers and grandfathers, perhaps, were ringers before them, so were their brothers and their uncles and cousins. He knew how strong was the family attachment to things of this sort, particularly in villages and country towns. Or it might be that the fascination of change ringing had attracted them. But subconsciously there might have been a little bit more in it, and whether they realised it themselves or not their contribution was a very important one to the cause of Jesus Christ in this land. Week by week throughout England from thousands of church towers the bells were flinging out Christ's challenge to the world. But for the ringers in their little belfry chambers handling the ropes these bells would be dumb; the challenge would no longer make itself heard so vigorously and methodically throughout the length and breadth of the land.

In many a parish only a tiny handful might assemble itself in the House of God. That might be the fault of the parson, or the fault of the people, or, more probably, the fault of both, but at least the men who handled the ropes in the belfry were doing their bit and the challenge of Christ continued to be uttered. One thought to-day of the lands in which the challenge of Christ had been effectively silenced; of Asia Minor where no single Christian bell sounded through all the land; of Russia where the challenge was being steadily and systematically stamped out; of Spain where, until the rising of General Franco, the same thing was in progress; of Germany where men who ventured to proclaim Christ were placed in concentration camps. Should such a day ever come about in England when the powers that be should attempt to silence the challenge of Christ, he believed that in every town and village the bellringers would be among the first to rally as a bodyguard around their Church to defend the freedom of its teaching, its worship and its sacraments. The clergy were grateful to the ringers for what they were doing for the Church, they appreciated the skill the ringers brought to their task and they wished them 'good luck.'

The collection at the service in aid of the bell restoration fund amounted to £2 13s. 6d.

MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDS.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, presided over by the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge), supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the Rev. St. George Edwards (Vicar of Checkenden). Later in the meeting Bishop Shedden and Bishop Allen joined the members, about a hundred of whom were present, representing all the branches. Among the apologies for absence was one from Lord Nuffield.

The Master, Deputy Master, secretary and hon. secretary each presented a report showing a healthy state of affairs in the Guild. The membership continued satisfactory, although it was regretted that a few towers had fallen by the wayside, 238 being now in union, compared with 258 in the previous year. Honorary and life members numbered 228, and ringing members, including 450 non-resident life subscribers, 2,436. The number of peals rung in 1937 was 83, including many Surprise methods, and a goodly number of first peals by young ringers. The general funds of the Guild amounted to £292 7s. 6d., of which £121 11s. 5d. was in the Restoration Fund. The annual reports cost £26 12s. 8d. to produce, but only £1 10s. 8d. was received from the sale of 92 copies.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £118 8s. 3d., including £101 3s. 7d. from the branches. The expenses were £139 2s. 3d., leaving a balance of £96 1s. 11d. In addition the reserve fund has a balance of £74 14s. 2d.

All the officers were re-elected with thanks for their services. Canon Coleridge, in replying, said he wanted them distinctly to understand that while he was happy to do all he could for the Guild, he was willing to give way to a younger man, one who could get about better than he could and who had more leisure.

Mr. Tom Hibbert reminded the members that that was the 21st time they had re-elected him as secretary, and said he had nearly reached the 'allotted span.' If, he added, I am re-elected 21 times more, I shall be an oldish chap (laughter). I shall be pleased to do what I can for another year (applause).

The General Committee were re-elected, as were also the representatives on the Central Council (Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. E. Lock, A. D. Barker and R. A. Post).

The committee had recommended that the next annual festival be held at Oxford, but the 'usual' amendment that it be held at Reading was put forward. Reading, however, received only eleven votes and 'all the rest,' as the Master put it, voted for Oxford.

An appeal for the Canon Elsec memorial was received. The secretary said that while Canon Elsec was a great man in Lancashire and the Central Council, the Oxford Guild could not afford to put up stained glass windows in Lancashire. They wanted their money for their own restoration fund.

Mr. A. D. Cullum expressed the view that they should confine themselves to worthy objects in their own diocese.

It was decided to take no action on the appeal. The question of revising the annual report was discussed and the matter was left to the officers and committee to deal with.

BELL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES.

Considerable discussion took place on the wording of the committee's recommendation regarding restoration grants: 'That all branch grants be duplicated.' Some members of the committee held that that was not the decision of the committee. The secretary, quoting from the minutes of the committee, showed that the list as recommended had been passed by the committee, and in each case the amount was the same as the sum also voted by the branches concerned, except for Farnham Royal, where the branch amount was less. Eventually, however, the sums recommended by the committee were approved, viz.: Witney £5 5s., Stanton Harcourt £3 3s., Stonesfield £5 5s., Farnham Royal £10 10s., Aston Tirrold £3 3s., Kirtlington £10 10s.

An appeal for a grant to Wantage bell restoration fund was received. The secretary said Wantage was one of the foundation towers of the Guild in 1881; they had never seceded and never been in arrears.

Bishop Shedden said the estimate for the immediately necessary work was £259, while another £60 ought to be spent if they could afford it.

It was stated that £5 5s. had been voted from branch funds, and it was decided to vote another £5 5s. from the restoration fund.

An application had also been received from Wing. The Master said he had been waiting for further details, as they did not yet know what was to be done or what the cost would be.

Mr. Vickers asked the Guild to help Wing, which was an agricultural parish that had recently had to spend £1,000 on the church roof owing to the death-watch beetle.

The Hon. Treasurer said Wing joined the Guild in 1907, but in six years every man had fallen out of the Guild and they had never belonged to it since. He did not think they should deplete their restoration fund for a place which gave no support to the Guild.

It was decided to leave the application in abeyance.

Mr. W. J. Paice said a good deal of restoration work was going on in the diocese. It was interesting to know that Sandhurst bells were being rehung. Sandhurst had been a great place for ringing until recently. It was through holding a quarterly meeting of the Guild there that they found there was trouble with the bells, and inspection showed they wanted rehanging. It was being done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, but there was no need for an appeal to the Guild; the cost was being met by a lady of the parish (applause).

A report on the Central Council meeting was the next item on the agenda. Both Mr. T. J. Fowler and Mr. A. Cullum pointed out that this was entirely unnecessary after the full report published in 'The Ringing World,' and this view was endorsed by the meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer, however, said there was one matter arising out of the meeting that should be brought before the members, and that was with regard to the Surprise Methods book. The various guilds and associations were to be asked to shoulder some of the expense of publishing it. It did not, he said, mean paying money out of the guild funds, but that some responsible person should take up a number of copies of the book for the sale to members of the Guild. He would be prepared to buy a few copies when it was published.

The Master emphasised that this book would be an important addition to the works of that kind on ringing. The collection of methods would be a valuable one and every ringer who could afford it should have a copy on his shelf.

NEW MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 149 members since the last meeting, and this was agreed to.

The Deputy Master reported on the drafting of the new service form for the Guild. It had, he said, been compiled, and he was trying it out at various branch meetings and getting expressions of opinion and suggestions. It was now pretty well in its completed form.

Mr. W. Birmingham, referring to the suggestion in 'The Ringing World' that ringers should be represented on Diocesan Advisory Boards, asked whether there was any representative of that Guild on the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Board to assist them in their deliberations on matters relating to bells.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. KNUTSFORD'S OLD BELLS.

When a meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch was held at Knutsford, some 45 members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity to ring on the fine peal of six bells by Rudhall. The weather was fine and warm and many spent an interesting afternoon exploring the interesting country town, which has close associations with Mrs. Gaskell, the novelist, to whom a monument has been erected in the centre of the town. For those who spent their time in the tower a variety of methods was rung, particular attention being paid to those who wished to try their hand at a new method and to the learners. In spite of the fact that the bells are hung the wrong way round, many good touches were rung.

The usual Guild form of service was employed and was conducted by the Vicar, who also contributed a very interesting address, basing his remarks on the antiquity of the metal used in the bells hung in the tower of his church. He said that they were originally a peal of four bells, and as such were mentioned in the Domesday book, but on transferring the bells to the present edifice from the old church, of which only slight traces remain, it was decided to make them into a peal of five by melting them down and recasting. This was done in the 18th century, when Rudhall, of Gloucester, was instructed to melt the old four bells down and make a peal of five. However, before the work was done, a public subscription was raised, and, as a result, a sixth bell was added to make the present peal. All down these long ages men had rung on these bells to call the people to worship, and, although we might think that at times the service of ringers was taken for granted, as it often was, he reminded them of the great privilege and duty which was theirs in calling together the people for the worship of God. He pointed out that unless the ringers themselves responded to that call, then much of its force was lost.

Tea followed, and, as the Vicar had to leave before the business meeting, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services. The business was then transacted under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, supported by the Rev. F. Bonner.

A report on the Guild committee meeting was presented, and it was decided to make the September meeting a joint meeting with the Macclesfield Branch. A resolution to send a letter to the Rev. Canon Calthrop, Rector of Stockport, expressing the wishes of the meeting for his happy retirement, was also passed.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, the organist and to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Further ringing was then enjoyed until a late hour, and those who did not wish to ring were very kindly escorted by Mr. Hough to Tatton Park, where an enjoyable time was spent in wandering through this pleasant spot.

LUNCH IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL.

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The Secretary said Canon Norris, who had rung bells in his time and knew a good deal about bells and ringing, was on the Board and was keenly interested to keep their end up.

Bishop Allen: He is chairman of the Advisory Committee.

A suggestion by the hon. secretary that the Deputy Master and the hon. treasurer should be allowed to claim their travelling expenses when attending branch annual meetings was referred to the next meeting of the committee after various members had supported the suggestion. The course taken was because the matter, being one of finance, must be put on the agenda, and Miss Robinson asked whether in the meantime the officials mentioned could not 'run up a little bill.'

The Master, however, frowned on this and it was not pressed.

This concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the handsome dining hall of Christ Church, where they partook of luncheon, Canon Coleridge presiding, supported by Bishop Shedden and Bishop Allen.

The toast of 'Church and State' was drunk on the call of the Master, who then tendered the thanks of the Guild to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, and to the Governing Body of Christ Church for the facilities which had again been given them. He referred specially to the privilege of being allowed to use the great dining hall. There was, he said, no other Guild in the country which could hold its annual dinner in a building of that kind. Canon Coleridge also thanked Bishop Shedden for his remarkable address, Bishop Allen for his kindness, and Dr. Armstrong, the organist.

The thanks having been endorsed with acclamation, Bishop Allen responded in a cheery speech of cordial welcome.

During the day many towers in Oxford were open for ringing, and the visitors were active throughout the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral (12), Magdalen College and New College (10), St. Giles', St. Ebbe's, All Saints' (8) and others.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YOUNG MEMBERS IN EVIDENCE.

The summer meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Sunderland on Saturday, July 9th, when the bells of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, and St. Ignatius-the-Martyr were placed at the disposal of the members.

There was no business to transact at this meeting, and the afternoon was devoted to ringing on the bells of St. Michael's.

Tea was served in St. Ignatius' Church Hall, and a representative gathering of 31 persons enjoyed an excellent meal. In the absence of the president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge), who, at the last minute, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present and wishing the meeting every success, the chair was taken by Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president of the Eastern District). Mr. Patterson extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of London, and Mr. C. McGuinness, of Lincoln, and said how pleased the members were to welcome them to the North.

Mrs. Thomas and Mr. McGuinness were elected life members of the association.

A vote of thanks to the clergy concerned for the use of the bells and the church hall was proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and responded to by the curate of St. Michael's.

Mr. John Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for their kindness in serving tea.

Several touches were rung on handbells after tea, and throughout the afternoon and evening the bells of the two churches were fully employed, touches being brought round in various methods up to Surprise Major.

A most pleasing feature of the meeting was the presence of so many young ringers. It is to be hoped their interest will be maintained and that, in the future, they will become staunch members of the association. It was noted with interest that several of them are now taking part in the higher methods.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, the Chairman drew attention to the fact that a number of subscriptions were still outstanding, and it is hoped that members will forward the amounts due (and overdue) without delay, and so relieve the officials of unnecessary work.

ANOTHER GLOUCESTER VETERAN DEAD.

MR. FRANCIS E. HART.

Gloucester has lost another old and respected ringer in Mr. Francis E. Hart, who passed to his rest on July 9th.

Mr. Hart had been a ringer at St. Mary-de-Lode Church for over 60 years and was one of the first members of St. Michael's Juniors. He was a ringer of the first water. He very rarely made a mistake in ringing; he was most punctual and reliable always—a pattern to every young ringer.

He was buried on July 12th, the first part of the service being held in St. Mary-de-Lode Church. As the cortege left the church, the bells were rung half-muffled, and after the committal at the cemetery four veterans rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, their united ages being well over 300 years: S. E. Romans 1-2, J. Austin 3-4, J. Williams 5-6, G. Condick 7-8.

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT RILEY.

A LONDON TOWERKEEPER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Riley, late towerkeeper at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, which occurred on Saturday last in the L.C.C. Hospital, St. Pancras, N.W.

Mr. Riley had been ill for some two years with an incurable internal complaint, which caused him almost continuous pain, and for many months had been a patient in the St. Pancras Hospital. His fortitude under great suffering was the admiration of those of his ringing friends who paid him an occasional visit. These visits, and his weekly copy of 'The Ringing World,' were his sole connection with ringing since he gave up over two years ago.

He was originally a ringer at St. James', Prebend Square, Islington, where there is a light peal of six. Later he rang at St. Mary's, Islington. He rang in a few peals, mostly Grandsire Triples, on the treble or tenor. Since the war he was towerkeeper at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, where he made many efforts to form a local band, with varying degrees of success. If all towerkeepers were as keen and as hard-working as Albert Riley, there would be a different ringing outlook at many places in London.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Middlesex County Association and the London County Association.

The funeral took place on Tuesday last at Highgate Cemetery, after a memorial service at St. James' Church, Prebend Square, Islington.

Afterwards the ringers went on to Appleton, two and a half miles away, where the bells were placed at their disposal.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**RESIGNATION OF MR. W. H. LAWRENCE.****Presentation After Long Service.**

The Eastern District of the Hertford County Association held its summer meeting at Little Munden on Saturday, July 16th. It was probably the largest gathering of ringers ever assembled at Little Munden, and no doubt would have been larger if the weather had been more settled. Ringers came from St. Albans, Hitchin, Hertford, Great Munden, Broxbourne, London and many other districts. A service was held in the church during the afternoon, which was taken by the Rector of the parish, the Rev. J. Walmisley Dresser, the association's service paper being used. As ringers can sing as well as ring, the service was most hearty, helped by Miss Church at the organ (to whom we are most grateful), not forgetting the indispensable gentleman who did the blowing. A brief address was given by the Rector, in which he emphasised the importance of obedience in the belfry to the leader, and also to our common Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a simple yet practical address, and we all felt grateful for the uplifting words. Tea was served in the Village Hall, under the supervision of Mrs. W. H. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, Miss Lawrence and other helpers, and they gave us a delightful tea and many smiles in return for a coin of the realm.

The business meeting followed, with the Rector in the chair. Owing to bodily weakness of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, at his request the minutes were read by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the general secretary of the association.

The chief business was to receive the resignation of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, which had become imperative owing to failing health. Mr. G. W. Cartmel said Mr. Lawrence was elected district secretary for the Eastern Division on April 8th, 1901, so had put in 37 years' service. He appealed to the meeting to appoint a successor at once, as it was a real burden for Mr. Lawrence to carry on.

Mr. Ladley also spoke of his long connection with Mr. Lawrence and his work, his efficiency and the happy smiling welcome he always gave to the ringers at their meetings. One thing, he said, they all could do, and that was to pray daily for their brother in his distressing disablement, that he might be given the strength to attend some of the meetings, even though he was debarred from ringing. They were losing from the Eastern District more than a friend—a brother.

Then came a happy moment in which Mr. Albert Lawrence, a brother, announced that he would carry on until the next meeting of the district, to be held at Aspenden. This removed the tension of the meeting, and we all said a big inward 'Thank you, Brother Albert, for your brotherly action.'

Thanks were given to the Rector for his services, and in return he expressed the hope that another meeting might be held at Little Munden, and that they would accept his hospitality. To the ladies responsible for the catering a vote of thanks was also passed.

Mr. Roy Radley was elected a member of the association.

Under the item, 'Any other business,' Mr. G. W. Cartmel said that they had met that day to honour one who had done an immense service to the association, and who now, against his own wishes, was compelled to give up that work. Mr. Lawrence was one who had endeavoured always to put first things first, and had regarded bellingring as a service to God. In his efforts he had succeeded, and they honoured him for his character and the influence of his life.

Mr. Gilbert Debenham spoke most highly of Mr. Lawrence's good work, character and influence, after which Mr. G. W. Cartmel asked Mr. Lawrence to accept a cheque to the value of £21 from members of the association as a token of affection and gratitude for past services.

It is true to say that Mr. Lawrence was 'nonplussed'; at the moment he was in dreamland. The secret had been so well kept that he could not understand why so many had come to his meeting. He thanked all for their great kindness, and in doing so his heart was filled with such deep emotion that words failed to find expression from his lips.

So the meeting which had been convened under a cloud (even the heavens, black with rain, seeming in sympathy) came to an end, but the joyous notes of the bells and the service of praise and worship in the church and the helpful words from the Rector sent us away happy in the thought that our 'team work' had been successful, and that we had enjoyed the privilege of recognising the great services of a brother ringer in a tangible way. G. W. C.

RINGERS CONDUCT A SERVICE.**DIFFICULTIES SURMOUNTED AT OXFORD GUILD MEETING.**

A meeting of the City and District Branch of the Oxford Guild on July 9th was in some respects remarkable. It had been arranged at Cumnor, but it was found on arrival that the bells were not available for ringing, nor a clergyman to conduct the service. This, however, did not prevent a programme being carried through. Mr. E. J. B. Morton, the new district secretary, being a lay reader, conducted the service and gave a short extempore address. Mr. W. Collett read the lesson, and Master Archibald Hollis, the thirteen-year-old organist at Bladon, who is hoping to become a ringer, presided at the organ.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, when £1 10s. was voted to the J. J. Parker memorial.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) **AND SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Please send numbers for tea to A. H. Smith, Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham, as early as possible.—A. H. Smith and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bexley, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (recently augmented to 8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares, maximum 2s., will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Rd., Belvedere, Kent

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans District) **AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (N. and E. District).—A joint meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. 303 bus leaves Barnet for Walham Green, 10 minutes' walk to church in the park. Please notify numbers for tea to B. Spencer, Churchyard Cottage, N. Mimms, Hatfield.—Harold V. Frost and Gilbert R. Goodship, Dis. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Northchurch on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (a delightful 8) ready from 3 p.m. Friends from Beds and Bucks cordially invited.—W. Ayre, Hon. Sec., Leverstock Green.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at North Nibley, between Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley, on Sat., July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., at The White Hart. All visitors welcome.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

A JOINT MEETING of the Suffolk Guild and Norfolk Association will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Elveden. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome to this beauty spot.—R. Sharpe and A. Harrison, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, July 23rd. Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon W. J. Thomas, Vicar of Gorseinon. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Please notify number for tea to L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, at Acton. Parish Church of St. Mary (8 bells, tenor 14 cwt.). Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room. Reports available, subscriptions due.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., and at Stonham Aspal (10 bells) after tea. Please advise numbers for tea, Parish Hall, 9d. each.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Helmsley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. A hearty welcome from all concerned to all interested, a beautiful and interesting church, and a fine day?—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Northern District.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival at Wisbech on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Woburn on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A special invitation to all ringers.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Liss on Saturday, July 23rd. New ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (8 bells) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Have you sent your contribution to the Farnham Royal Restoration Fund (J. J. Parker Memorial)?—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster, Yorks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The summer meeting will be held at Netherseale on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Usual tea arrangements. A good attendance is requested, so that a hearty welcome may be given to the newly-appointed Rector of Seale, Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, M.A., who will conduct divine service at 4 p.m.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Halton Holgate, near Spilsby, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—W. H. Marsh, Dove Cottages, Street.

NORTH SHIELDS.—Tynemouth Parish Church.—The dedication of the restored bells on Saturday, July 23rd, by the Bishop of Newcastle. Service 6.30. Light supper at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—James E. Scott, Ringing Master, 74, Hollywell Road, North Shields.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Queen Camel bells also available. Postcard for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Branch Sec., Galthampton, Yeovil.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Checkendon on Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., collection for Bell Restoration Fund. Tea 6.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. Please let Rev. R. D. St.G. Edwards, Checkendon Rectory, know how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Elsham on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the School, at 1s. 3d. per head. Everybody is welcome. Business meeting to follow.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tichmarsh on Saturday, July 23rd. Service at 4.30, when Lord Daryngton, P.C., will give the address. Tea and business to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Practice at 7.30 p.m., July 26th, Southwark Cathedral.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Aborfield (6 bells) on Wednesday, July 27th, 6.30 till 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The usual monthly practice will be resumed at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Thursday, July 28th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on July 30th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cafe, 5 p.m. Wheathampstead bells (6) also available for the evening. Special method for practice, Cambridge Minor.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Glossop Parish Church on July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7.30 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Rochdale (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), on Saturday, July 30th. Business meeting (election of a committee man) at 6.30 p.m. in the tower. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next meeting is at Farnborough (not Hawley), on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business following. Everyone welcome.—C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wedmore on July 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh, not Adlington, on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available 3. Business meeting 7. Nominations for president, general secretary, and four C.C. representatives.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cliffe (near Rochester) on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid to members attending. Tea (1s. per head) will be arranged for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, July 27th.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brightling on July 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. We shall be specially pleased to welcome any members of the East Grinstead Guild who care to attend this meeting. All those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, 27th.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1, Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Start your holiday by coming to Roxton on Saturday, July 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All will be welcome. Please come and join us.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE GREAT RINGING MEETING AT DUFFIELD, July 30th, 2.30 to 8.30. Tea will be provided at Bridge Inn 5 o'clock. Nominal charge 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d. All those requiring tea please notify Mr. James Pagett, 19, Lynton Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, July 27th, otherwise make own arrangements.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at St. Mary's, Leyton, E.10. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby. A good attendance is hoped for.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ashover Church, near Chesterfield (8 bells), on Bank Holiday (Monday, August 1st). Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea can be had close by church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will take place at Macclesfield on August 1st (Bank Holiday). Service in St. Michael's Church, 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 noon, and luncheon 1 p.m., tickets for which can be obtained from branch secretaries before July 27th. Bells available: St. Michael's (12), Christ Church (8), and St. James', Higher Sutton (6).

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holme Lacy, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 to 8.30. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, August 2nd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Secretary, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Will all members and friends please note that the next general meeting of the association will take place at York on Saturday, September 24th, instead of September 17th, as was originally decided upon. Full particulars later.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec.

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The secretary of the North Bucks Branch addressed the meeting and expressed pleasure at the splendid response the members of both branches had made. He hoped in the near future to arrange another meeting. These gatherings, he was sure, promoted good fellowship and did quite a lot of good.

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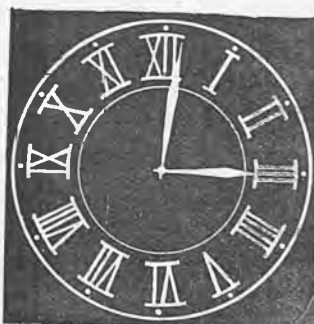
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