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PROMISE OF THE FUTURE.

Although the year that has just closed has produced no record-breaking peal lengths, it cannot be said that 1938 was without notable achievement. There was, for instance, that great performance of the six spliced Surprise Major methods on handbells, while in six-bell ringing the number of methods in seven complete 720's was raised to 84. It is impossible yet to say how many peals, in all, were rung during the year, but they number over two thousand, for only the third time in history; while peals in new methods also show an increase. These are signs of real vitality in the Exercise, but most promising of all is the number of young men who are coming into the forefront, and showing ability not merely as ringers but also as conductors. The future of the Exercise depends upon the youth of to-day, and in various parts of the country there is a strong element of young men who, if they keep their keenness, will do much to maintain the standard of ringing. That, however, is not to say that efforts to encourage new blood can be even temporarily relaxed. There are many gaps which remain unfilled; many bells that are unringed. We hope that in the year before us there will be renewed endeavours to fill the ranks and to bring in young people of the right type who will treat their ringing not merely as a hobby but as a contribution to the work of the Church.

In a letter which appeared in our last issue a correspondent wrote that those ringers who only go about from tower to tower to ring peals and practise to suit themselves are no good either to the Church or to other ringers. This is a drastic statement with which many will disagree, but there is considerable truth in it, although, happily, it applies only to a small minority of ringers. In every walk of life a purely selfish element is to be found, and ringing is no exception. But the vast majority of ringers render loyal and generous service to the Church and acknowledge the debt which they owe to it, for does it not provide the instruments without which it would be impossible to follow the art? On the other hand, it must be appreciated that those who gain practice and experience by peal ringing can render the best service in the belfry by the higher standard which they are able to set. Those ringers who think of nothing but peals and their own convenience render very little real help to the cause of ringing, but the ringer who fulfils his duty on Sundays and takes his peal ringing in his stride, as it were, is a valuable asset to the Church and to the Exercise. We hope that in the coming year service and peal ringing may be combined in a happy blend which will raise still higher the status of the ringers and add lustre to the art.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39½ cwt. in C.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	*RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 8
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT 9
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	EDWIN C. BIRRETT 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	FRANK VARTY 11
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6	HUGH ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	*ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 7
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2	GEORGE RADLEY 8
ARTHUR RADLEY 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 10
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on tower bells.

OXFORD.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	FRANK E. DAREY 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE W. CECIL 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 10
WALTER F. JUDGE 5	JACK A. WAUGH 11
LEONARD FOX 6	JOSEPH T. DYER Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, December 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	ERNEST MANSSELL 7
*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	FRANK E. HAYNES 9
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

 * First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the 40th wed-
ding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 8
*KENNETH SIMPSON 4	ADAM DEAS 9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 3040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

R OBERT SPERRING Treble	FRED HARTMAN 6
R ALPH G. EDWARDS 2	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
G ORGE R. NEWTON 3	HARRY PYE 8
W ILLIAM E. FLETCHER 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
F RANK VARTY 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.
First peal of Oxford and Kent Royal by all the band except the conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3147 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*G. HAROLD NORMAN Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 6
W ALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	†ARTHUR DEBENHAM 7
†SIDNEY HARRISON 3	†FRANK HOWE 8
†ARTHUR WILLIAMS 4	W ILLIAM H. CLARKE 9
H. EDWARD NORMAN 5	J OHN GRANT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
† First peal on ten bells and first peal of Grandsire.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK W. STONE Treble	R ALPH NARBOROUGH 6
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	*EDWARD F. GOBEY 7
*JACK BAILEY 3	*GEORGE TANDY 8
*WILLIAM LANCASTER 4	R ONALD H. DOVE 9
F RANK BRADLEY 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Royal. First ten-bell peal on the bells since recasting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN FLOOD Treble	JACK L. EVANS 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES FULLER 6
†JACK DEAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
†GERALD BROMLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Rung for the golden jubilee of St. David's Church.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	BERNARD ASHFORD 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Pagett and Miss Florice Bradley.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 20, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY RANZETTA Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 6
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 3	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	J OHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wesley Watson and Mrs. E. J. Butler.

LEWISHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1938, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 22½ cwt.

JACK DAFTERS Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	*ROBERT L. W. JONES 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
REV. ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Composed by J. BENNETT.
* First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	*WILLIAM ROOY 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	REOEVERS F. ELEKINGTON 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	*JOSEPH S. CARTER 7
RICHARD F. ROE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by E. MORRIS.
* First peal of Superlative. Rung on the 'Stelfox' eight.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS W. JEANES Treble	JAMES HUNT 5
*ALEX. A. WALKER 2	*HENRY CHURCHILL 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	JACK ROY 7
WALTER H. POOLE 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. G. GIGG.
* First peal of Major.

WOMBOURNE, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

CYRIL TABERNER Treble	JOHN LUCK 5
MADRICE TURNER 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	AUBREY PICKERING 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	ARCHIBALD CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
A birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS Treble	WILLIAM PILKINGTON 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
GEORGE B. JACKSON 3	JAMES MARSH 7
*ALAN CARPENTER 4	WILLIAM DICRENSON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by J. MARSH.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.	
JOHN S. MASON Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES 5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Arranged and rung in connection with the centenary celebrations at this church, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George, Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	DOUGLAS R. HAYES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	COLIN A. HOPPER 6
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	*PATRICK J. SPENCER PHILLIPS
HIRZEL EDWARDS 2	PERCY GREEN 6
NORMAN T. GRINHAM 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 7
*JOHN M. GAYFORD 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Arranged and rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	WILLIAM PILKINGTON 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	GEORGE T. JENKS 6
ALBERT PARKER 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
*ALAN CARPENTER 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS Tenor

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETRICK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED J. WYATT Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 6
*JOHN POGSLEY 3	JACK ROY 7
ARTHUR H. REED 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Major.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*JOHN HASSELL 5
*ALAN J. BROWN 2	*HAROLD WORRAL 6
CRCIL RADDON 3	STANLEY N. HARRISON 7
HARRY PARKER 4	*SYDNEY ANTHONY Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. E. W. L. M. Protherowe.

MILNBOW, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*SELWYN HOLT DEARDEEN ... Treble	*HARRY BYRON 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... 2	IVAN KAY 6
†DENNIS HOLLOS 3	HAROLD HAMER 7
STEPHEN LLOYD PARRY ... 4	†ALBERT BUCKLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD HAMER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. R. C. Gaul, B.A.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HARRY PARKES 6
PHILIP A. CORBY 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
HERBERT E. AADSLEY 4	DEREK M. SHARP Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by HERBERT E. AADSLEY

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. A. Murphy, parents of the ringer of the 5th.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5
HERBERT E. AADSLEY 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	HERBERT E. AADSLEY ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY PARKES 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 90). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

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MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
DEREK M. SHARP 2	HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY
G. V. Murphy's 100th peal for the association.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in 1 hour and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1.	Tenor 21 cwt.
WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by CLARENCE H. DOBBIE.

* Birthday peal for Mrs. S. B. Dobbie. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ROBERT E. COLES 6
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
* ALBERT M. TYLER 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal in the method.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.	Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).
C. PALFREEMAN Treble	MRS. E. BRADLEY 5
MRS. J. RENDER 2	W. HAWLEY 6
* H. BRADLEY 3	E. BRADLEY 7
MISS M. D. HAWLEY 4	* J. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells by the local band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK DENCH Treble	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 2	FRANCIS E. GLEAVES 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. E. PITSTOW.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	WILLIAM T. BERSON 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH
First peal of London on the bells. This was W. T. Beeson's 50th peal of London.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
GEORGE MARTIN 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
* PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	LESLIE W. STEVENS 4
COLIN HARRISON 2	JOHN SADDINGTON 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 15, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two each of Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

* CECIL VEREY Treble	* A. RAYMOND TONKS 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	* WILLIAM T. GOADBY 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in four methods.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 17, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

THOMAS BUSH Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 4
EDWARD TIMPSON 2	WALTER LEE 5
HARRY C. JONES 3	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

WALTER G. SOAR 3	... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	...
WILLIAM J. DUMOLO 2	...	TOM J. DUMOLO 5	...
RONALD H. DOVE 3	...	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Tenor	...

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

ASH PRIORS, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDGAR QUICKE 2	... Treble	WALTER STEVENS 4	...
EDWIN BRANCHFLOWER 2	...	CYRIL STEVENS 5	...
*FRANK BRANCHFLOWER, R.N. 3	...	CLAUDE TARR Tenor	...

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SILVERWOOD 2	... Treble	MISS MARY WHITE 4	...
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 2	...	KENNETH SIMPSON 5	...
HERBERT HELLIWELL 3	...	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor	...

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

UPLOWMAN, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

STANLEY N. BRISTOW 2	... Treble	GEORGE ALDERMAN 4	...
CYRIL J. STEVENS 2	...	WALTER STEVENS 5	...
*FREDERICK ALDERMAN 3	...	†WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY Tenor	...

Conducted by F. ALDERMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Albans Delight, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

SAMUEL DANIELS 2	... Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 4	...
RONALD J. SHARP 2	...	C. HENRY HARDING 5	...
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 3	...	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor	...

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

One 240 of Morris' arrangement and 40 six-scores, 11 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALFRED HUGHES 2	... Treble	TREVOR JONES 4	...
HARRY T. CHANDLER 2	...	JOHN F. BUTLER 5	...
*WALTER EVANS 3	...	†JOSEPH BAKER Tenor	...

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A farewell peal to P.O. H. T. Chandler, who is shortly leaving for the East.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*KENNETH THOMASSON 2	... Treble	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4	...
ERIC CLAREE 2	...	RICHARD T. HOLDING 5	...
ALBERT THOMAS 3	...	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor	...

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. The 50th peal on the bells.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, five callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES TREMLETT 2	... Treble	ARTHUR H. REED 4	...
JACK ROY 2	...	JAMES HUNT 5	...
WALTER H. POOLE 3	...	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor	...

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung to celebrate St. John's Day.

REPORTS OF PEALS.

May we ask those responsible for sending in reports of peals to do so immediately after the peals are rung, and not to delay them, as is often done, for a week or even more? It adds to our difficulties, and is unfair to those who make a point of forwarding their reports promptly.

Also, we would request those who send reports of peals to copy the form always used in 'The Ringing World.' It will avoid the omission of essential details and consequent delay in publication.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD ASHFORTH 2	... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4	...
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	...	*IVAN SALY 5	...
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	...	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor	...

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEAL.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 22, 1938, in One Hour and Thirty Minutes,
AT 9, PATRICK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD BROWN 1-2 | RALPH NARBOROUGH 3-4

*HAROLD PARFEMENT 5-6

Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.

Witness—Mrs. R. Narborough.

* First peal 'in hand.'

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MR. C. W. CLARKE'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN BEDFORDSHIRE RINGING.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As one who has been closely acquainted with Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, for more than 30 years, I feel that the account of his ringing career, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently, did not give him anything like the credit he deserves, but no doubt it was owing to his own reticence in not sending fuller information of his ringing activities.

As regards peals for the Bedfordshire Association, in addition to the Bob Minor at Biddenham you mentioned, he called the first peal of Bob Triples, Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich and Superlative, and took part in the first of Cambridge Surprise Major. He also called the longest peal yet rung by the association, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Irthlingborough, a 6,000 in nine Minor methods at Harrold, 7,200 in 10 methods at Bromham, and 10,080 in 14 methods at Emberton. The latter peal had been attempted three weeks previously, but was lost through a rope breaking after five hours. Charles Clarke never likes leaving anything unfinished, so he made arrangements for another try, which was successful.

When one considers his only means of travel, a push bike, and the condition of the roads at that time, especially in winter, one can only admire the wonderful enthusiasm he displayed. No matter what the weather was like, if he had promised to meet he would always be there. You referred to him in Belfry Gossip once as the grand old man of Bedfordshire. It was a splendid compliment to him and one that he fully deserved. It would be good for the Bedfordshire Association if someone was coming along who could fill his place, now that advancing years prevent him from doing as he used to do in former years.

H. W. G.

AN OLD CUSTOM AT DARLINGTON.

The custom of ringing the bells at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Darlington, Co. Durham, on Christmas Eve, while the citizens are doing their Christmas marketing, has long been kept, with the exception of the war years, and again two years ago, when the bells were away for recasting. Last Christmas Eve a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Oliver 1, Roland Park (conductor) 2, T. Cooke (first quarter-peal) 3, F. Newton 4, J. Gibson 5, F. Tinsley 6, W. A. Pack 7, L. Venus 8. Ringers of 1, 2 and 7 belong to Holy Trinity band, the rest to St. Cuthbert's.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A HASTINGS TOWER TO REJOIN.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, December 17th, when members attended from Hailsham, Eastbourne, Heathfield, Rotherfield, Echingham, Battle, together with the local ringers. The Master of the association (Mr. H. E. Butcher) was also present. The service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a most interesting address. Afterwards he presided at the tea and business meeting.

At the commencement of the meeting he referred to the death of Mr. A. Hobden, of Waldron, who had been a member of the association for a great many years, and, as a mark of respect, the members stood for a few moments in silence.

It was with great pleasure that the secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst) announced that Christ Church, Blacklands, wished to be affiliated in the New Year.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for the use of the bells, conducting the service and for presiding at the tea and meeting, also to Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for bearing the whole cost of the tea.

The members then went on to All Saints' tower, where they were joined by three members from Horsmonden, and the bells were kept going until after 8 o'clock.

WEDDING BELLS AT ARMLEY.**BRIDE A YORKSHIRE RINGER.**

The wedding took place at Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, on Saturday, December 24th, of Miss Olive Renton and Mr. Harry Whitehouse. The bride had been a keen and regular ringer at Christ Church for the past 12 years and is a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Yorkshire Association. The local company, kindly assisted by members from Headingley, Bramley and Rothwell, rang for about an hour previous to the ceremony, and as the happy couple left the church some very well-struck Queen's and Fling completed the proceedings.

At the ceremony, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A. LL.D., one of the bride's fellow-ringers officiated at the organ. The Vicar spoke very appreciatively of the bride's services as a ringer and of the other ways in which she had played her part in the work of the Church.

A reception was held in the Co-operative Hall, attended by about 70 guests.

On Sunday for evening service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in honour of the event: Jos. Thackray 1, F. Tindall (Ripon) 2, James Hey 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, J. Renten 5, F. Rayment (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. William H. Fussell, of Slough, is in King Edward Ward, Windsor Hospital, where he was operated on last Saturday. He is cheerful and progressing favourably. Ringers everywhere will wish him a rapid and complete recovery.

The joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wigan Branches of the Lancashire Association at Liverpool, which was to have been held on January 14th, has been postponed to January 28th. The meeting of the Preston Branch, advertised for to-morrow, has been postponed to the 21st.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, of Bromley, who was formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, is sailing to-morrow, with Mrs. Young, for South Africa. He will be away for some four months.

In the figures of Mr. C. J. Sedgley's peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major printed on page 850 last week, the calling of the course 56234 should have been Wrong and Home. The Wrong was accidentally omitted.

Mr. R. Maynard rang the old year out at Walthamstow on Saturday night for the 65th time. It would probably have been the 67th time but for the silencing of the bells during the war. He has rung in celebration of Christmas in every year of his long career.

We are happy to state that Mr. James George has made such rapid progress during the past ten days that he has now been discharged from hospital and is home again.

Sympathy will be extended to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, in the sudden death of Mrs. Swinfield, which occurred on the last day of the year. Mr. Swinfield has been a member of the Midland Counties Association since 1883 and has represented the association on the Central Council since 1929.

NEW YEAR BELLS.

WHAT THE B.B.C. GAVE US.

A New Year's Day feature of the B.B.C. programmes was the recorded 'greetings' from many European countries, in native languages, followed in each case by 'a peal of the most famous bells in that land.'

Those who listened must have been disappointed. They heard words spoken in unknown tongues and, in most cases, a jangle of bells, but they had little or no idea from which countries they came.

There were two or three carillons, upon which a few chords were heard; England was represented by call changes, apparently at St. Clement Danes, the rest was the usual Continental clashing of large and small bells (except for one or two instances of the tolling of single bells).

'After this,' one non-ringer said to us, 'no one need write to "The Ringing World" about bad striking in this country.'

St. Clement Danes' bells formed a good deal of the basis on which the programme of 'New Year Greeting,' heard just before midnight on Saturday, was built up.

ANCIENT GUILDS.

ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL, AND OTHERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I again pay tribute to the wonderful industry with which Mr. Trollope still pursues his researches. I have often made inquiry from my Bristol friends in reference to their Elizabethan Society of Ringers. The article in your last issue tells us much, even if, here and there, we read between the lines. Mr. Trollope always gives us much to ponder over, so that we shall await the concluding article with added interest.

I have been particularly struck by the company's old rule (No. 20) adopted when, according to Mr. Trollope, it was founded in 1620. This sternly enjoined every Companion to kneel and pray, on entering the belfry (not the ringing room, I observe). If we, to-day, had but the courage of our forefathers! There is, however, one point re this rule upon which Mr. Trollope might kindly enlarge, viz.: Why, though he concurs with Toulmen Smith that it is probably a mediæval one, he is still so sure that this newly-formed secular body coldly adopted it (if I may be forgiven the paraphrase) with the same nonchalance as they might one about Grace before food? I feel some doubt as to this. And I cannot remember any rule like it in those of other contemporary secular ringing bodies.

'Ringers and singers are little home bringers.' One is tempted to say, with a smile, in view of this then current gibe. Did they put the rule in for just 'eye-wash'?

In reference to what I might term the two rivers of ringing: (1) Service reverential, and (2) secular scientific-cum-jollity, Mr. Trollope has not yet commented upon the Master's quotation from Spenser at the College Youths' tercentenary. I would like to take this opportunity to quote from a 'catch' also Elizabethan and rather significant: 'All, into Service let us Ring' (1600 or before).

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—52.

WILLIAM SHORT.

On the 25th of this month, Mr. William Short, towerkeeper and conductor at Clent, Worcestershire, will reach the jubilee of his first peal as conductor, which he rang at Hagley, where, only two months before, on November 24th, 1888, he scored his first peal. Both these were Grandsire Triples. Since that time Mr. Short has spent 50 years in encouraging and helping others in the art of change ringing. He was Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, from 1899 to 1906, instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild from 1902 to 1915, and Master of the Worcestershire Association from 1934 to 1938. He represented the association on the Central Council for nine years, was a member of the Central Committee for 25 years and has been a member of the association for 51 years. This is an honourable and enviable record of service in the interests of change ringing, and in recognition of all he had done for the Worcestershire Association he was made the first 'Freeman' and a lay vice-president.

In addition to all this, however, Mr. Short has helped to make history in ringing, for he has shared in a number of record performances as well as other notable peals. He conducted the record peal of Stedman Cinques, the 11,111 at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 26th, 1901, and took part in the record length of 14,112 London Surprise Major, rung at King's Norton, on May 11th, 1903; also in the records of 10,176 of Double Oxford Major at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on December 27th, 1909, and the 9,728 of Superlative Surprise Major at Clent on December 26th, 1910. Mr. Short called the first peal ever rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead on May 29th, 1901, after a tour in which he had conducted the first true peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in Ireland and had taken part in the first Surprise peal rung out of England.

Ten years earlier, on October 24th, 1891, Mr. Short had rung in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Windsor Castle, the only one on the bells during last century. On August 1st, 1898, he rang in the only peal of Stedman Cinques on the old twelve at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and to do this he cycled there and back, a distance of 90 miles.

He conducted the only peal of Stedman Cinques on the old twelve at Worcester Cathedral, and the last peal on the old ten at Birmingham Cathedral, this latter having been rung in 1903, although the bells were not recast until more than 30 years later. Mr. Short conducted the last peal on the old ten and the first on the new at Warwick, both Stedman Caters, in 1900 and 1902 respectively. He conducted in 1897 the first peal of Double Norwich and in 1899 the first of Double Oxford Major rung in Birmingham, and in 1907 the first of London Surprise in that city.

He was one of the first, if not the first, to ring peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve, which he completed in 1912, and among the tower bell peals which he has rung have been silent peals of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. On handbells he has rung Stedman from Triples to Cinques, including 8,868 Caters, which, when it was rung on March 23rd, 1898, was the record length in the method 'in hand.'

Born at Pershore, Worcestershire, on April 12th, 1868, Mr. Short, despite his 70 years, is still active in peal ringing, and has now rung 919 peals, of which he has conducted 329. They have been spread over 24 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, and have been rung for eleven associations.



MR. WILLIAM SHORT.

A HALF-PEAL.

At All Saints' Church, Kingston, for watchnight service, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 45 minutes: E. Parker 1, C. C. Rayner 2, G. C. Goodman 3, W. Massey 4, H. G. Andrews 5, H. W. Barrett 6, P. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 7, W. Maxwell 8. With the exception of the ringer of the 5th, all are Sunday service ringers at this church. It was the longest length by ringers of 1, 2 and tenor.

CONDUCTORS AND CONDUCTING.

HINTS ON CALLING PEALS.

The following article has been specially contributed to 'The Ringing World' for the benefit of would-be conductors.

The conductor's job is threefold. He has to call the bobs at exactly the right time and in the right place. He has to make sure that throughout the peal the bells are ringing the correct changes, and to stop it when once things have gone wrong. He has to correct mistakes and trips to the best of his ability.

The last is the most spectacular of the three, and many people judge of a man's capacity as a conductor simply by his ability to pounce on a ringer who has made a trip, or by the way he can drag a band out of a mess or save a peal when more than half the band are hopelessly lost.

Actually, however, these are the least important of a conductor's duties. The correcting of trips is a job which belongs to any one of the band and not exclusively to the conductor, though usually he is the one best fitted and best able to do it; but whether it is a good thing to save a peal after nearly everybody has lost himself is one of those things which are open to argument. 'Give one good fire and do as I tell you' is good advice when your object is to pile up as many peals as possible, but in these days when peals are so many and comparatively so easy to get, it is better to have a higher standard and to stop before things get as bad as that.

The young conductor is justified in taking up the attitude that it is not his business to ring all the bells in the tower, and if the others can't ring the method without losing themselves they ought not to have the credit of scoring a peal.

BOB CALLERS WITH LIMITATIONS.

In bygone days it used to be considered sufficient if a man could call the bobs at the right places and if, now and again (say at the part ends), he could see that the right changes came up. Some could not do even so much as that. They called the bobs at the right places as far as they were able, but they did not know in the least whether the bells were right or not, and often went on perhaps for an hour or two right to the end of the peal before they discovered that anything was wrong. These people were contemptuously termed bob-callers and not conductors and the breed is not yet extinct. There is, however, this to be said that many a good peal has been rung in this way. It means that everybody in the band has to ring his own bell and not make too many trips or the peal cannot be rung at all.

Jasper Snowden in his 'Rope-Sight' (which every ringer should own and study even if he thinks Plain Bob is too elementary stuff to bother much about), gives some directions for calling Bob Major and tells us how a good average conductor called his peals 50 years ago. Things have advanced since then and to-day the standard is much higher and the conductor ought to know a good deal more than Snowden thought necessary.

It very often happens that a young conductor has to call as his first peal one of Grandsire Triples. This is rather unfortunate, because Grandsire Triples is one of the most difficult of all methods to call properly. It is much harder than, say, Superlative. That is the reason why although there are scores of available peals in the method practically only one is ever rung. It used to be Holt's Ten-part; now it is Parker's Twelve-part. There is, of course, the Original, but that stands in a class by itself.

HINTS ON DOUBLE NORWICH.

Bob Major is the best method to learn conducting in, as it is the best method to learn to ring in, but many companies think it rather beneath them and the young conductor will perhaps have to call his first peal in a more advanced method. We will suppose it to be Double Norwich. The first thing he should do is to write out clearly a full plain course—not merely a lead. The next thing is to choose a peal to call, and here he will do well to select a simple peal, and there is no better for the purpose than the six-part which usually goes by J. R. Pritchard's name, though it has been composed by quite a number of people, including Henry Johnson.

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32465	—	—	—	
24365	—	—	—	
43265	—	—	—	
62345	—	—	—	
23645	—	—	—	

Five times repeated. Single at 4 in last course of third and sixth parts.

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HOW TO LEARN A COMPOSITION.

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He should write out the whole of the peal and not merely one part as given here. Then he must decide which bell he will ring himself. He will probably pick the tenor, because it is the observation bell and at first is the easiest to call from.

Now let him turn to his plain course and study, first, what positions he will be in when he has to call the bobs and then exactly where he will meet the bells which are in second's, third's, fourth's, fifth's and sixth's at the course ends. The sixth's place bell is the one he dodges with at front and behind; the fifth's place bell is the one that comes to the seventh after he leaves that bell. Those are easy to see. The others are not quite so easy and he need not bother at first about all of them, but some are important. After the course end before he makes his far places from behind he should take particular notice of the bell he dodges with in 3-4, which will be the second's place bell. As he goes to dodge on the front or behind with the sixth's place bell he should take particular notice of the bell which has been dodging with that bell, which will be the fourth's place bell.

He can then learn the calling of his peal, which will not take him a couple of minutes—Five and two Sixes, One and three Sixes, One and two Sixes, five times repeated—and if he has a good memory that can be the thing he mainly relies on for calling. But he wants to know a good deal more.

He must learn the sixth's and fifth's place bells throughout the peal. It will not take a great deal of doing and it will enable him to know at very short intervals whether two at least of the bells are in their right places. The sixth place bell is fixed for the whole of a part and he cannot miss that.

He must notice which bells are affected by the bobs at 1, 4, 5 and 6. The bob at 6 does not shift either the fifth's or sixth's place bells, and as one is called in every course except the first (where there is a 5), he will have no difficulty about them.

The bob at 1 alters the fifth's place bell and puts into that position the bell which was in second's at the last course end. So what the conductor must do is to notice which bell he dodges with as he goes to make his far places from behind; if it is the one he wants for his new fifth's place bell he must call the bob at 1.

When he studies the figures of his composition he will notice that there is one bell (the second) which throughout is never in fifth's or sixth's, but it does a very regular work. It is at home at the part ends and it is always a fourth's place bell whenever a bob at 1 is called.

CALLING FROM A WORKING BELL.

In the same way the conductor can find out many things which will enable him to see at once whether the bells are in their right places, without having to depend on noticing any particular rows which sometimes are not too easy to read. It is a mistake, however, to try and learn too much at first. Enough should be known to give frequent checks of different bells.

It may be that a conductor cannot ring the tenor and has to call from another bell. He can choose the seventh, which is as much an observation bell as the tenor, or he can call from one of the working bells.

Good conductors will ring any bell and call from the tenor just as if they were ringing it themselves. Better conductors still will ring any bell and call from the positions of all the bells. But those things take practice. A beginner calling from one of the working bells can learn the work of that bell at the bobs and so call his bobs, checking himself by the position of the tenors, which he can notice by sight and sound. Some people seem to think that this is not a legitimate way of calling, but it is a perfectly sound and safe method, the only objection being that it takes some amount of trouble. Some men call peals from a working bell by counting the number of leads between the calling positions. That method is not to be recommended.

The best plan is to know always what position your bell is in at the course end and what effect any bob will have on it. Suppose you are ringing the second and have to call 1.6 in the first course. At the 1 you will make the bob which will make you a fifth's place bell. At the 6 the fifth's place bell has just finished its near places from behind. It is not a great task to find out what every bell is doing when any bob is called, and, when you are ringing a working bell, directly you call a bob you can work out where you will be at the next bob.

This is a most excellent method of calling, and if you learn it for Bob Major you will find that it applies in exactly the same way to Superlative, Cambridge, London, Yorkshire or any other method which has second's at the plain lead and fourth's at a bob.

NEARLY A FAMILY AFFAIR.

Five out of six of the ringers of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on December 27th at Wicken, Northants, belonged to one family: Miss K. Green 1, A. J. Green 2, James A. Green 3, F. Green 4, J. A. Green (conductor) 5, R. Carr 6. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

LADY'S PEAL RINGING RECORD.

MISS SYLVIA BOWYER HEADS 1938 LIST.

Other Interesting Performances.

The year 1938 witnessed a great deal of peal ringing activity without the incentive of any national rejoicings such as had been provided by the Coronation in the previous year. It is not yet possible to say exactly how many peals were rung in the twelve months, but the number is likely to exceed 2,030, the highest since 1932, when 2,199 peals were rung. Indeed, on only one other occasion has the total been more than two thousand, and that was in the record year of 1913, when 2,359 peals were rung.

For the first time in history a lady heads the list of peal ringers, Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, rang no fewer than 62 peals during the year.

Among others of the younger generation who have been busy in this direction are Mr. F. A. Corby, who rang his 50th peal of the year on the last day of December, and some of the members of the Crayford band.

Some of those, too, who have reached the veteran stage have not lost their youthful ardour for peals. Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, for instance, rang 56 and conducted 30; Mr. G. R. Pye, of Chadwell Heath, rang 51; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, scored 32 peals between Scotland and Cornwall and measured many more tenors; while Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who was 81 last May, rang 36 peals, of which he conducted 12. They included peals of Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, and London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major. What a record for an octogenarian! But then, Mr. Williams is only 81 years young.

There are many ringers, of course, with totals for the year between 25 and 50, or even over, and among the most notable performances have been those by the Hertfordshire Surprise band. Here, for example, is the list of Mr. Harold Cashmore, who, as conductor of the talented company ringing the Spiced Surprise peals on handbells, has achieved such great distinction. In 1938 he rang 28 peals, of which he conducted 24. They included the following 12 Surprise methods rung for the first time: Ickleton, Apsley, Kendal, Hitchin, Southall, Sedbergh, Raunds, Woodston, Delrow, Verulam, Titchurst and Newbury. There were also two others, the first by all the band, Minsmere and Deben, and, in addition, a peal of Grandsire Caters, one of Superlative, two peals of London and Bristol Surprise, and on handbells a peal of Bristol, two in four Spiced Surprise methods, one in five methods and one in six methods. The mere list almost makes one dizzy.

These peals in new methods are part of the increase made in new methods rung during the year. Altogether there were peals in 19 new Surprise Major methods, one new Surprise Royal method and one of Major and one of Royal in plain methods. In 1937 fourteen new Surprise Major methods were rung and three new plain Major methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson rang the most peals together of any married couple last year. They were in 32 peals together, and, in addition, Mr. Richardson rang four others.

Miss Bowyer's ringing career has been meteoric. She began ringing exactly four years ago and rang her first peal on February 8th, 1936. In that year she rang eight peals, but in 1937 she scored 42 and incidentally set up a record for a lady. Her 62 peals last year is, of course, a new record. It is a comprehensive performance, and her 51 peals for the Suffolk Guild is the highest number rung in one year by a member of the Guild. She is the only lady to ring peals in eight different Maximus methods, including six Surprise methods, and she is the first lady to call peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. She conducted them all in 1938. She has rung peals of Kent Treble Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, and of Yorkshire Surprise on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

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MISS SYLVIA BOWYER.

PEAL NOTES.

PEALS, WEATHER OR NO.

Ringers, particularly in the East and South-East of England, who had peal arrangements at Christmas and had to travel, were faced with some of the worst weather conditions for years, but, judging from the reports that have come in, most of them, at any rate, kept their engagements.

An interesting name appears among those who this week are recorded as having rung their first peal. Paul L. Taylor, who rang the treble to a peal of Bob Minor at Loughborough Bell Foundry, is the youngest son of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, and has entered the business which has been in the family for many generations.

Three peals of Stedman Cinques were rung on Boxing Day. Lancashire and Cheshire men scored one at Liverpool, members of the College Youths, drawn from London, Surrey, Sussex and Somerset as well as Oxford, rang one at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the Royal Cumberland Youths were successful at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, where peal ringing opportunities are restricted to an attempt only on the morning of Boxing Day.

At Oxford, a 5,001 Stedman Cinques by C. W. Roberts was rung for the first time. It starts with a quick six:—

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* S3.5.6.9.12.16. † 2.SS.6.13.14.15.16.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's 50th peal on twelve bells. They have been rung in 27 towers and are made up of Stedman Cinques 37, Grandsire Cinques 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 9, Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Maximus 2.

MISS BOWYER'S PEALS.

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Miss Bowyer, who is only 22 years of age, is now Master of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, and was recently elected the first hon. secretary of the new Eastern Branch of the Ladies' Guild.

In the following interesting list of Miss Bowyer's peals, it will be noticed that she is credited with a 'half' as conductor in two peals of Minor. In these peals she shared the conducting.

	1938		Total	
	Rung	Cond.	Rung	Cond.
Pudsey Surprise Maximus	1		1	
Rochester Surprise Maximus	1		1	
Yorkshire Surprise Maximus	1		1	
Superlative Surprise Maximus	2		2	
New Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1		1	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	1	7	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus			2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus	1		1	
Stedman Cinques			1	
Rochester Surprise Royal			1	
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1		1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	1	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		2	
Grandsire Caters			1	
London Surprise Major	4		4	
Yorkshire Surprise Major	3		3	
Superlative Surprise Major	4	1	6	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	7	2	10	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1		2	
Kent Treble Bob Major	1		6	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major			1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major			2	
Bob Major			2	
Stedman Triples	1		1	
Grandsire Triples			3	
Minor—7 methods			8	
5 methods			1	
6 methods			3	
4 methods		1½	10	2½
3 methods		½	6	1½
2 methods			1	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	2	1	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Minor	2	1	2	1
Oxford Treble Bob Minor			1	
Bob Minor	2		5	
Bob Doubles			1	
Totals	62	9	112	12

A peal of Stedman Cinques as one's first peal on tower bells is an unusual performance, but Mr. A. J. W. Hughes distinguished himself in this way by ringing the 7th at St. Martin's.

The last of the peals in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker's 40th wedding anniversary was to have been a 5,040 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 20th. Owing, however, to unavoidable circumstances, the band met one short and a peal of Stedman Caters had to be substituted. However, it gave Mr. S. O'C. Holloway the opportunity to complete peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

HOW CINQUES WAS BOILED DOWN TO MAJOR.

The peal at Leicester Cathedral on Christmas Eve was a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Taylor, towerkeeper at St. Martin's, who attained the age of 80 years a few days previously. A peal of Stedman Cinques had been arranged, but a funeral service in the Cathedral did not allow sufficient time. The Coroner's Officer was forthwith released to attend to his official duties and the Lancashire lad was packed off to Lancashire. A peal of Caters was then decided upon, but as one of the ringers put in a very late appearance, this also had to be abandoned. Two more ringers were 'shunted' and the peal of Cinques 'boiled down' in the end to a peal of Major on the light eight. But the seven visitors to the tower did not have their journeys in vain.

A peal arranged in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester was rung at Great Baddow, Essex, on Boxing Day. One of the band was Pat Spencer-Phillips, son of the Master of the Essex Association (Dr. Spencer-Phillips), who rang his first peal of Double Norwich at the first attempt. He only learned to handle a bell a year ago and has rung his first three peals in three methods. Those who have rung with him predict a brilliant ringing future for this young enthusiast.

Mr. Percy Green, the conductor of this peal, would like to thank Mr. H. J. Mansfield, of Maldon, and Mr. A. H. Everett, of Boreham, who very sportingly turned up in spite of the extremely bad weather.

Three ringers travelled from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Bradford, Yorkshire, to take part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at the Cathedral on Boxing Day. They were Messrs. C. E. Lawson, W. J. Davidson and Adam Deas. The peal was arranged for them, and, despite the weather, they kept the 'date.'

BLIND RINGER'S ACHIEVEMENT.

The golden jubilee of St. David's Church, Bangor, North Wales, was celebrated with a peal of Bob Major on December 18th.

The fourth bell was rung by Mr. Gerald Bromley, who has been blind from birth. It was his first peal and he struck his bell admirably throughout. Mr. Bromley graduated R.A. at Oxford and now rings at Llandudno. He has mastered four standard methods and is learning Double Norwich.

After the peal the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pegler, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The birthday of Mr. Wesley Watson, a veteran among Essex ringers, was celebrated on December 20th, when a peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at Romford. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Butler, wife of the hon. secretary of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Christmas Eve, in connection with the centenary celebrations of this church and as a compliment to Mr. James George, who reached his 85th birthday on November 27th.

Mr. George is Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's, but being, unfortunately, still in hospital, was unable to take part in the peal, which was conducted by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of King's Norton, from the tenor. Mr. Cartwright has now called a peal of Stedman Triples from each bell in an octave.

After a band had met short for a peal of Bob Royal at Wigan, Lancs, on Boxing Day, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight.

Mr. Lewis Tyldesley has put in 53 years as a ringer at Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire, and to celebrate this long service a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells on Boxing Day.

OFF TO THE FAR EAST.

Petty Officer H. T. Chandler, of Herefordshire, who has recently made his home in Devonport, is shortly leaving for service in the Far East. A farewell peal was rung for him at New Radnor, Radnorshire, on December 27th. This peal of Grandsire Doubles was his 25th peal on six bells and his 25th peal for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

The peal was originally arranged for Boxing Day, but Mr. J. Butler, who had to cycle over 50 miles from Shrewsbury, arrived three hours late and the attempt had to be postponed to the following day. We understand, however, that it was not the distance that caused Mr. Butler's delay, but a certain wedding at a famous Shrewsbury church.

Five members of the Dobbie family rang a birthday peal for Mrs. Stanley Dobbie at their home tower, Sittlingbourne, on December 27th, when Clarence Dobbie, whose peal ringing experience is very wide, rang his first peal as conductor on tower bells.

The Rev. W. N. Mayne has completed 40 years as Rector of Wistaston, Cheshire, and on December 27th a peal of Minor was rung at the Parish Church to celebrate the event. It was the 50th peal on the bells, and Mr. Albert Crawley, who called it, has the distinction of having rung in all of them. Messrs. R. T. Holding and G. H. Crawley, who took part in the 50th peal, also rang in the first peal on the bells.

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PEAL NOTES.

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Mr. Ernest Stitch, of Port Talbot, Glamorgan, rang his 250th peal on December 27th at Llangibby, Monmouthshire. It was a peal of Bob Major, in which Messrs. Mogford and Tyler, of Bristol, took part; and the conductor (Donald Clift) and Mr. George Popnell rang their fortieth peal together.

On Boxing Day at Newhall, Derbyshire, Mr. J. W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association, rang his 100th peal, and on the following day, when the first ten-bell peal since the recasting of the bells at Duffield by Messrs. Taylor and Co. was rung, he scored his century for the association.

At Newhall, Mr. Ronald Dove, a former secretary of the Burton District and now living at Headingley, Leeds, rang his 150th peal, which, by a coincidence, was his 50th peal for the Midland Counties Association.

Saffron Walden and the name of Pitstow are synonymous in connection with ringing. In a peal of London Surprise Major rung there on December 27th, three members of the family took part.

The first peal at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire, by a local band was rung on December 27th. The company included three ladies.

The first peal on the bells at Uplowman, Devon, since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. was rung on December 27th. It was 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and Frederick Alderman's first peal as conductor.

Mr. C. H. Harding rang his 50th peal when he took part in seven Minor methods at Maulden, Bedfordshire, on December 27th.

The peal at Wombourne, Staffs, on Christmas Eve, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Chris. Wallater, of Willenhall.

RINGERS MOVE UPSTAIRS.

The peal of Minor rung at Ibstock on December 15th was specially arranged to celebrate the removal of the ringing chamber from the ground floor to a beautifully fitted belfry 2ft. nearer the bells. This has meant the fitting of a false floor suitably packed with sound resisting material, and although the ringing is now done immediately below the bells, there is no unnecessary noise.

The ringers wish to couple the name of Mr. J. W. Hopkins with the peal, as this grand old man, now well in his eighties, finds it impossible to climb the steps to the ringing chamber, and has, therefore, been compelled to retire after many years' faithful service. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Cotton.

On Christmas Eve, a peal of Major was to have been attempted at Hughenden, Bucks, but, meeting short, six of the band rang a peal of Bob Minor instead.

Not everybody had a holiday on Boxing Day. A good many ringers took part in two peals in the one day, but what about the three enthusiasts who rang Stedman Cinques for three hours and 38 minutes at Liverpool and also three hours and 32 minutes in a peal of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Royal at Wrexham in North Wales?

A number of Kentish ringers also spent a very busy time during the two bank holidays that followed Christmas. They rang two peals on Boxing Day and two on December 27th. We admire their enthusiasm especially in such weather. Into their bag went two peals of Cambridge, and one each of Superlative and Double Norwich.

The peal at Crayford on Boxing Day was a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. A. Murphy, parents of Mr. Geoffrey V. Murphy, who, on the following day, rang his 100th peal for the Kent County Association and his 50th peal with that other youthful enthusiast, Derek Sharp.

Seven ringers took part in all these four peals, and there were old heads as well as young hands among them.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at St. John's, Leicester, on Boxing Day, was rung on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the bells after having been augmented to ten, the two trebles being the gift of that old Leicester stalwart, Mr. William Willson. All who have had the pleasure of ringing at St. John's know what a perfect 'splice' the founders made.

Mr. James Hunt, of Taunton, rang his 550th peal on Boxing Day, when he called a peal of Bob Major at Timberscombe, Somerset. Mr. John Pugsley, who took part, is the first resident ringer of the Dunster Deanery to ring an 'inside' bell to a peal of Major.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at All Saints', Daresbury, Cheshire, on Boxing Day, as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. F. W. L. M. Protherowe). An earlier attempt for the peal failed through the clapper of the tenor falling out while ringing was in progress.

Mr. W. T. Beeson, who is a member of the Surrey Constabulary, rang his 50th peal of London Surprise Major on December 27th when a band, incidentally drawn from three counties, visited Pulborough, Sussex.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, January 7th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, at 6 p.m. prompt. The bells at St. Martin's Church will be available from 4.30 p.m.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 7th. The Abbey Church bells (10) available from 2. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea (1/3 each) in Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m. Please inform Mr. E. Storr, 65, Green Lane, Selby.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Tiverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Swaffham on Saturday, January 7th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, January 7th. Start the new year well by attending this meeting and giving a hand with the learners. Subscriptions due.—Ivan Kay, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Brown's Cafe, 5.15.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, January 7th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m. Will those who require tea please advise Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon, Co. Durham? A good attendance is requested, and all ringers are welcome.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 7th. Bells available from 2.30. For tea, for which a small charge will be made, please notify the undersigned.—S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Bells just recently rehung.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Abbey House, Winchester, on Saturday, January 7th, by kind permission of Gen. F. H. Griffiths, Mayor of Winchester. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4 p.m. Members attend service in the Cathedral at 5.15 p.m. The address will be given by the Rev. J. H. K. Percy, Rector of Wonston. Please

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Creswell Church (8 bells) on Saturday, January 7th. For tea, please notify Mr. L. W. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmton Road, Creswell, near Worksop.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for evening service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Sunday, January 8th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for January: Southwark Cathedral, 10th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 17th; St. Magnus', 19th; Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 31st. All at 7.30 p.m., except Holborn, 8 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, January 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) available at 3. Business meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The seventh annual supper will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3/6 from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston bells available from 3 to 5.40 p.m. It is hoped that all members of this Association, whether of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and help to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, January 10th. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, January 14th. The bells of St. Peter's Church will be available from 2.30, and tea will be provided in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Service at 4.30. Will all members make an effort to attend? Everybody welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. All ringers welcome. Also Ottery St. Mary bells (8) available at 7 p.m.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available from 4 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. Application for tickets (5s. 6d. each), with remittance, must be made to me by January 10th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All welcome. Come and try this hefty lot. Will members please note that there are a lot of outstanding subscriptions for the past year? Will those in arrear please oblige?—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Harmston (8 bells, available 2.30-9), on Saturday, January 14th. Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Wednesday, January 11th.—Kenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea by the 12th.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, near Frome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Apsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please let me know by January 12th whether you require tea or not. Let us have a bumper meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify by the 12th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Emberton, Saturday, January 14th. Ring up 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is requested that all members will try and attend. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Geddington (5 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea subsequently, 1s. 6d., except for branch members. Tea will be provided by ticket only, and application must be made by first post January 14th.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The general meeting of the above is arranged to take place on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 2s., 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea oblige by informing me not later than January 11th.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in New Rectory Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. Brinsley, 177, Sheffield Road, Barnsley, not later than Wednesday, January 11th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 14th. Usual times. Postcards for tea (9d.) to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, not later than Friday, January 13th, please. Start the New Year well. Come early. You will be welcome.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Shrewsbury on January 14th. Ringing, St. Chad's, 3 p.m.—4.30 and 6.30—8.30 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30. Tea and meeting Church Room. Numbers for tea to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available: St. Mary's, 2.30—4.15 and after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30—4.25; St. Michael's after tea. Service at Holy Rood 4.30. Tea, St. Michael's Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea by January 11th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough (6 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Owing to Chertsey bells undergoing repair, other arrangements have had to be made at the last minute. Further details next week.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Room 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 17th. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30, St. Paul's 3.15 to 4. Both towers after the meeting.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. Please send numbers for tea to me not later than Wednesday, January 18th. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday, January 21st. Names for tea (1s. per head) to N. H. Manning, Dis. Sec., 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wymondham calling all members of the North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Wymondham on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 18th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 25th. Service at the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 6 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30 to 9. Afternoon ringing yet to be arranged.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held in Leeds on Saturday, January 28th. Members are requested to note the date. Full particulars later.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—The joint meeting of these branches will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 28th. Further particulars later.—S. Forshaw and G. R. Newton, Branch Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee is desirous of keeping up to date the list of non-resident members, together with the number of peals rung by them. Will those members kindly send a postcard furnishing such information to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire?

DEATH.

SWINFIELD.—Mary Ann, beloved wife of John Henry Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, suddenly on December 31st, aged 74.

LATE NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Special practice for Wednesday, January 11th, 7.30 p.m., on twelve bells at St. Giles', Cripplegate. Also note date of annual general meeting, February 11th next.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Will all members please make it convenient to attend? Bells available from 3 p.m. A card to the Secretary by Wed., Jan. 11th, will ensure tea arrangements.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, nr. Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea and meeting at Falcon Hotel at 4.30. Evensong at 6 p.m.—W. J. Smith, 130, Station Road, Yate, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on January 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business: election of local officers for 1939. Visitors welcome.—H. O. Over, District Sec., Hugglescote.

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