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RINGING TOURS.

With the arrival of the holiday season, ringing tours are now in active progress—not the ringing tours which form a day out for a tower company, but programmes which occupy a week or more, and which are carried out by ringers usually collected from a wide area. There are generally three or four notable peal-ringing tours in the course of the late summer, and one such begins to-day in Lancashire. Others of a similar kind are to follow in the next two months, but in these days not all tours are peal-ringing tours. A peal-ringing tour is a fairly serious undertaking, especially if the party is not overmanned, for it is usual to have at least two peal attempts a day, and, when the necessary travelling is taken into account, this form of holiday can provide a pretty strenuous time, although those who participate will tell you that, hard work though it may be, they thoroughly enjoy it.

But there are other ringing tours, not involving peals, which also make a pleasant holiday. One, organised by Bristol United Ringing Guilds, is in progress this week in the west. Those who are sharing in it are making daily coach tours and interspersing sightseeing with ringing at a number of churches. It is the kind of tour which can be taken at ease, and which would probably appeal to the majority of ringers if they could make an opportunity to join it. Another tour, with a deliberate avoidance of peals, concluded last week, when a party of youthful enthusiasts completed ten days awheel in Devon and adjoining counties. It was carried out by a section of the ringing community who have been humorously dubbed the National Union of Tower Snatchers, and to ring in 66 towers in the space of ten days certainly shows their keen interest in adding fresh rings of bells to their lists. They 'collect' towers, in the same way that peal ringers do, but, as their call can be of the briefest character, they have the advantage of being able to add considerably to their daily 'bag' on such excursions. Then there is the holiday which strikes a happy medium, such as that in Somerset last week, which is not entirely devoted to peals and which satisfies the desires and ambitions of the one-peal-a-day ringer.

Whatever kind of tour is indulged in, however, there is much to be said in commendation. Touring in either manner helps to increase interest in the art of ringing and give a spur to enthusiasm. Whether it be a strenuous two-peals-a-day programme, a leisurely coach tour, or a combined ringing and cycling expedition, which means, probably, the output of equally as much physical energy as the peal ringers exert, it is good to know there are men and women sufficiently keen to engage in this

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the art wherever they go.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 2	† WILLIAM M. STONE 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	† WILLIAM E. CHEATER 8
* MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 3	* WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 9
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS 10
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
THOMAS BYVAN 6	† HARRY J. GILLARD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PERCIVAL RICHARDS 2	CHARLES WOODBURY 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	FREDERICK HANDLEY 7
JOHN BASS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 8
JOHN PAGETT 4	BERNARD ASHFORD 9
* J. WILLIAM SMITH 5	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal of Caters. First peal on ten as conductor. Rung in
honour of the Queen's birthday.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF WINTON COURT BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	RUSSELL W. CURSON 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 7
GEORGE MAYERS 3	CHARLES W. LOOME 8
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 9
ERNEST WHITING 5	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Presumably the first peal in the method.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	† JAMES S. WEBB 6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 2	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	HORACE WHITEHEAD 8
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
* JOHN E. SPICE 5	WALTER H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

* First peal in the method and first peal of Caters. † First peal
in the method and first peal on ten bells.

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On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE TOWER OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	REV. REGINALD ROUTH ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE 7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 8
NORMAN H. MANNING... .. 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
R. THOMAS NEWMAN 5	*FRANK HOPGOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 7
ALBERT M. TYLER 3	GILBERT PEARCE 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARE 5	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Rung in celebration of the wedding of Mr. Cecil Mogford and Miss S. E. Drake.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
EDWIN BARNETT 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
HARRY HOVED 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 9
PHILIP A. CORBY 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	GEORGE T. COUSINS 5
*ADSTIN T. WINGATE 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
WALTER TAYLOR 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
REV. E. G. BENSON 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

MRS. J. BRAY Treble	GEORGE DOBBS 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 2	*JAMES CHAPMAN... .. 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	†PHILIP BARNES 7
FRED JEFFERY 4	JACK BRAY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

Rung to commemorate the 1,270th anniversary of the dedication of the old part of this church.

EASEBOURNE.—On Thursday, August 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Stringer 1, F. S. Wilson 2, W. J. Etherington (conductor) 3, F. A. Ashby 4, C. S. West 5, S. G. Orchard 6. This was the first quarter-peal by the local band and was specially rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. West.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN HALL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	PHILIP A. CORBY 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 6, 1939, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING... .. Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
*ARTHUR S. BOAR 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 6, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. GARDNER Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON 5
JAMES ROBINSON 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
THOMAS ROBINSON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN... .. 7
*ARTHUR MADDOCK 4	WILLIAM MADDOCK Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the centenary of the church.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 108). Conducted by F. A. CORBY.

* First peal of 'New' Cambridge. Mr. S. H. Green's 200th tower-bell peal. The conductor's 100th peal.

MALPAS, CHEESHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 3 qr. 6 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
ARTHUR PRITCHARD 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
THOMAS PRICE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE... .. 4	ARTHUR E. FEGLER Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' (2nd observation).

Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	*FREDERICK J. BULLLEY ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	JOHN PUGSLEY 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	WALTER H. POOLE 7
*LEONARD S. MASON 4	JACK ROY Tenor

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal of Stedman and belong to local band.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF AIREDALE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JAMES F. HARVEY Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 5
GEORGE ROBINSON 2	HARRY DAVISON 6
KENNETH SIMPSON 3	†FREDERICK SEAGER 7
*ALFRED SMITH 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal in the method. Mr. George Robinson's 100th peal.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

KENNETH SIMPSON Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
*ALFRED SMITH 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	HARRY DAVISON 7
*JAMES F. HARVEY 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal in the method.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER F. JAGGARD Treble	JOHN M. GAYFORD 5
HIRZEL EDWARDS 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
NORMAN F. GRINHAM 3	*WALTER G. DORKING 7
HARRY WARN 4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. H. EVERETT.

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

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	PHILIP A. CORRY Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*LAURENCE H. HAZELDINE Treble	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 5
†PETER F. DAVY 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
CHARLES W. DENYER 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 13 C.C.C.).
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*ERNEST HALL Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	HARRY PRICE 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
*CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 4	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*THOMAS BUSH Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
FRED WIGMORE 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
CHARLES ROBINSON 3	RONALD BULLEN 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Archdeacon G. H. and Mrs. Ward, of Hilgay.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1939, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN BROWN 2	†SELWYN H. DEARDON 6
*WILFRED CORE 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE 7
*WILLIAM H. DEACON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 9, 1939, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. SHEARS Treble	CHARLES SANGWIN 5
RONALD HILL 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
FREDERICK SANGWIN 3	JOHN W. SANGWIN 7
A. WILLIAM MYERS 4	WILLIAM MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

T. G. Myer's 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 6
COLIN HARRISON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY 4	C. FERGUSON HOWITT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ARNOLD BRUNTON.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT H. ROBINSON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 2	GEORGE F. GARRISON 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
ALLAN SHORT 4	JOHN GILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston on the 40th anniversary of their wedding.

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**CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

**A PEAL OF SPICED KENT, OXFORD AND CRANTA TREBLE BOB
MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.**

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 1	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRED HARTMAN 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
JOHN BEST 3	FRANK VARTY 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
First peal to be rung in these three Treble Bob variations.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.**

HERBERT A. HOLDEN 1	FREDERICK E. PITMAN 5
ERNEST H. OXENHAM 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
*ALFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN O. WELLER 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	ALAN G. HALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN G. HALL.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**ALESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Thursday, August 3, 1939, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

FRANK W. PERRRENS 1	*JOHN TAYLOR 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRRENS.
* First Surprise peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Gardner.

**BARNESLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

*On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE LORD 1	WILLIAM GREEN 4
ROLAND HILL 2	ERNEST BROOKES 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH 6

ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. C. D. Potter.

**DRAYTON PARSLOW, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

N. GOODE 1	*J. DODDS 4
F. WARD 2	W. SAYERS 5
C. KNIGHT 3	E. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by C. KNIGHT.
* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a last tribute to the oldest church member of Drayton Parslow, the late Mrs. Gynn.

QUARTER-PEALS.

For morning service, at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. Howes 1, C. Raynor 2, H. G. Andrews 3, W. Massey 4, G. C. Goodman 5, F. G. Woodiss 6, H. W. Barrett 7, F. E. Hawthorne (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

As a welcome to the new Rector of Halewood, Liverpool (the Rev. F. H. Milward), after the service of induction, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. W. Gardner 1, J. Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, A. Maddock 4, H. Ludkin (conductor) 5, J. Robinson 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Maddock 8.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

EDGAR QUICKE 1	CYRIL J. STEVENS 4
JOHN SUMMERHAYES 2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR 5
WILLIAM C. NEWBERRY 3	*DOUGLAS BELLAMY Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

* First peal and first attempt. The first peal on the bells.

MARKET DEELING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 5, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTBLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise; (2) Plain Bob; (3) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double Court; (5) Cambridge Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Court Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN 1	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES WOODS 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	HARRY GIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Horace Stafford and Miss Adeline Yates.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells; (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourn; (3) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (4) Rossendale; (5) Lightfoot; (6) York; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRED BRIGHTMAN 1	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES WOODS 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	HARRY GIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST H. WILLIAMS 1	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONS 2	GEORGE T. COUSINS 5
*WILFRED F. MORETON 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 7, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 1	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 4
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
HARRY D. LISTER 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 8, 1939, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Canterbury Pleasure, six of April Day, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM GRIGGS 1	EDWARD SMART 4
DONALD L. COCKINGS 2	*A. JAMES STUART 5
MAX LAUGHTON 3	RESWIN BAYES Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS

* First peal.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising four extents each of Stedman, New Bob, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, April Day and Plain Bob and 18 of Grandsire.

*SYDNEY FLINT Treble	MISS EDNA BEDFORD ... 3
GEORGE MAYERS 2	*ALBERT G. WARNES ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles in seven methods. † First peal of Doubles.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

NORMAN G. SALMONS ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	ERNEST H. WILLIAMS ... 5
*WILFRED F. MORETON ... 3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Doubles.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*REGINALD A. TEED ... Treble	JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... 4
BRYAN PIDGEON 2	*CHARLES J. TURNER ... 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3	JOHN ARBURY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 10, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 240's (Morris' arrangement) and thirty-six 120's (10 callings).

RONALD STOCKALL ... Treble	HARRY V. PARROW ... 4
JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
ARTHUR J. ALLEN 3	*FREDERICK J. KENDRICK ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First attempt for a peal.

OAKLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... Treble	DONALD W. NASH ... 4
DAVID H. ANSTY 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 5
RONALD F. KINGHAM 3	ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Conducted by DONALD W. NASH.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the ringer of the tenor.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 12, 1939, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4
R. THOMAS HOLDING 2	J. WILLIAM EDGE ... 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Francis C. King, one of the local ringers, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Jessie Garnett.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

BIRMINGHAM RINGER REACHES 500 PEALS.

Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, has discovered that he only needs fifteen hundred more peals to complete his two thousand. Since returning home from his restless 'rest cure' at Surfleet, he has found that the peal of Stedman Cinques, which he called at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, was his five hundredth peal, of which no fewer than 326 have been on twelve bells.



MR. ALBERT WALKER.

This is a remarkable record. Over 100 of the peals on twelve have been on handbells and the rest rung in 37 towers. Mr. Walker also holds another unique distinction. He is the only ringer who has called a peal on fourteen bells. When the Birmingham band after the war were at the height of their handbell ringing fame, they rang a peal of Stedman Sextuples and Mr. Walker called it from 3-4. He has also taken part in two non-conducted peals of Stedman Cinques on handbells and a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus on tower bells.

Mr. Walker began his ringing career at Taunton, where he rang his first peal in 1896. His first peal as conductor was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1904, and he has now conducted 201 peals on eight to 14 bells. Of his 353 tower-bell peals, 159 have been rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, while his handbell peals number 147.

Several correspondents have pointed out that the peal of Cambridge at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, on Bank Holiday, was not the first peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells. As a matter of fact, the statement (it was not the conductor who sent it) was withdrawn before the report appeared, but just too late to prevent its being printed.

The late Mr. William Pys called a peal of Superlative Maximus on the bells on August Bank Holiday, 1928, so the peal last week was the first of Cambridge Maximus on the bells.

THREE TREBLE BOB MAJOR VARIATIONS IN A PEAL.

For the first time a peal in three variations of Treble Bob—Oxford, Kent and Granta—has been rung. This was at Christleton, Cheshire, last Saturday, and was conducted by Mr. Percy Swindley. The composition was by Mr. James Morgan, of Pulford.

Granta Treble Bob gets rid of the tenors from the slow work. These bells do not dodge with the treble on the front. Instead, they come from 3-4, lead a whole pull and go away to 3-4 again, the treble making 2nd's over each in turn, and leading a whole pull in between.

Not all of those who rang in the peal of York Surprise Maximus at Ipswich agree that the method is 'very easy' or 'only one degree in advance of Treble Bob.' These were not our opinions, we merely printed the comment of a correspondent. But then opinions often do differ on questions of this sort. What one man thinks simple, another looks upon as difficult or catchy. We understand York is tricky kind of stuff that catches the unwary.

The fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston of Erdington, Birmingham, was celebrated on Saturday by a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Barnabas' Church.

Mr. Preston is Ringing Master and secretary of Erdington tower, but he was unfortunately unable to take part in the peal, owing to indisposition. He was, however, able to join the ringers afterwards, and all were entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Rev. W. S. and Mrs. Power. Mr. R. H. Robinson, who made up the band, belongs to Portsmouth, and was on holiday in Birmingham.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Beddington on Saturday was rung after two or three unsuccessful starts for Double Norwich Caters. The trouble about the Caters was that too many men came with the intention of ringing the tenor.

Two young ringers shared in a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, Guildford, on August 8th. Lawrence Hazeldine, aged only 14, rang his first peal, and Peter Davy, of Bramley, aged 16, scored his first peal on eight bells, his only previous peal having been one of Bob Minor.

A peal of Minor in eight methods, which included a 720 of Spliced London and Wells Surprise and a 720 of Combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, was rung at Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, on August 5th, for the wedding of Mr. Horace Stafford and Miss Adeline Yates, which took place the same afternoon.

Mr. Harry Gibbard has now rung each bell at Market Deeping Church to a peal.

Five of the six ringers who took part in this peal participated on Bank Holiday in a peal in 14 Surprise Minor methods (four of the 720's being spliced) at Rippingale.

The band who rang the peal of Bob Major at Bexley, Kent, on Saturday, wish to associate with it Mr. Percy J. Spice, who stood in an unsuccessful attempt on the previous Monday, when, after ringing 1 hour and 20 minutes, two bells changed over. The age of the conductor of the peal, Alan Hall, is 16 years 5 months, and he is one of the youngsters of the new band being taught by the leader, Mr. H. A. Holden.

Mr. Cecil Mogford, a member of the band at St. Stephen's, Bristol, was married on August 8th to Miss S. E. Drake, and his colleagues rang a peal of Stedman Caters in honour of the event.

A GOOD START.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, made a good start on his second fifteen hundred during the holidays—Cambridge Major on Saturday, Superlative on Sunday and New Cambridge on Monday. Next week he will be busy in Lancashire.

At Hadlow, where he called the first peal in a Surprise method, the bells cannot be said to be one of the best rings of eight in Kent, as the gentleman who was responsible for the tuning of the two trebles seems to have ignored the fact that they ought to be in tune with the back six.

The golden wedding of Archdeacon and Mrs. Ward, of Hilgay, Norfolk, was celebrated on August 8th with a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at the Parish Church. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Bullen.

On August Bank Holiday a band met at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, for a peal of Stedman Cinques, but on arrival at 11 a.m. were informed that a memorial service had been arranged for 2 o'clock, and this, with other services, prevented a peal attempt. The Master of the Oxford Society and the Master of the London County Association interviewed the authorities in residence at Magdalen College, and after conferences permission was obtained and a peal of Stedman Caters was the result, Messrs. R. A. Post and H. Spencer standing out.

The Rev. R. Routh, Rector of Beaconsfield, Bucks, took part. Since he has been a ringer it has been one of his great wishes to ring a peal at his college. After the peal he entertained the band to tea, and this opportunity came unexpectedly.

Messrs. A. J. Wyatt and James Hunt, of Taunton, rang their one hundredth peal together on Bank Holiday, at Minehead, Somerset. They have been ringing together for 20 years.

The composition of the peal of Stedman which was rung was an adaptation by Mr. Hunt of Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part, making the second the observation bell. It is an excellent peal, which, among other advantages, brings 6-7 behind together in a four-bob set at the end of each quarter.

A peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Wetherden, Suffolk, on Bank Holiday, the first peal on the bells since 1912.

Mr. Stafford Green sought to establish a new personal record on Bank Holiday by ringing the treble to two peals in a day. All was well for the first one at Chilham, but the second—Oxford Treble Ten at Canterbury Cathedral—had to be abandoned after 2 hours 5 minutes' good ringing, owing to the obstinacy of one of the bells.

The Chilham peal was Mr. Green's 200th on tower bells, and at the same time Mr. P. A. Corby, the conductor, reached his century. It was also the first peal on the bells since they were rehung.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Barnsley, Yorks, on August 5th, to the memory of the late Mr. C. D. Potter, president of the Barnsley and District Association. It was intended to ring Major, but the band met a man short, so a peal of Minor was substituted, with the tenor covering, to enable all those present to take part. None of them had rung a peal of Minor with a covering bell before.

SUNDAY SERVICE BAND CELEBRATE CHURCH CENTENARY.

The centenary of St. Nicholas' Church, at Halewood, Lancashire, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples on Sunday, August 6th. Except the conductor, Mr. Herbert Ludkin, all the band are Sunday service ringers at Halewood.

A Yorkshire band scored a couple of peals of Surprise Major on Bank Holiday. Airedale Surprise had been rung for the first time two days before at Northowram; they quickly put another one on the book at Mytholmroyd and went afterwards to Heptonstall, where they rang a peal of Cambridge. The peal at Mytholmroyd was Mr. George Robinson's 100th peal.

A band of Royal Cumberland Youths, including two ladies, visited Christchurch Priory Church on Saturday and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques. There were two first peals on twelve bells and three first peals of Stedman Cinques in the achievement.

The thanks of the company are extended to the local leader, Mr. George Preston, for making the local arrangements, and they also acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Drewitt, a College Youth, who provided refreshment of a very welcome kind for some of the thirsty ones afterwards.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the will, proved last week, of the Rev. Henry S. Travers, of Great Cheverell, Devizes, he directed that his funeral should be of the very simplest and inexpensive, bright and cheerful, with no mourning.

He also directed that, if he should die nearby, he should be buried in his old parish of Erlestone and 'a peal of bells, not muffled, to be rung directly after the funeral, and the ringers to be paid £2 for the same.'

Erlestone, according to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild's last Report, has a peal of six, with tenor of 9 cwt. in bad ringing condition.

The meeting of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association at Broughton Astley is to be held on August 26th and not the 23rd as mentioned in our notice column last week.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow has taken up his appointment as Precentor of Norwich Cathedral. His address is now The Hermitage, Bishopgate Norwich.

The date of the dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford has been fixed for Saturday, November 18th. It will be held at the Molineux Hotel, Wolverhampton.

PEAL RINGING TOUR IN LANCASHIRE.

SIXTEEN ATTEMPTS ARRANGED.

The peal ringing tour which starts in Lancashire to-day, by the party organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, have the following programme arranged, headquarters being at the Victoria Hotel. It will be seen there are to be 16 peal attempts in the nine days.

Friday, August 18th
Saturday, August 19th
Saturday, August 19th
Sunday, August 20th

Garston (8), St. Michael's, 12½ cwt.
Bebington (8), St. Andrew's, 9 cwt.
Chester Cathedral (10), 33 cwt.
Newchurch (8), St. Peter's, 14 cwt.
Service ringing at St. Nicholas' (12) and St. Francis Xavier's (8).

Monday, August 21st
Monday, August 21st

Halewood (8), St. Nicholas', 11 cwt.
Liverpool (12), St. Nicholas', 39½ cwt.
Afternoon visit to new Cathedral tower.

Tuesday, August 22nd
Tuesday, August 22nd
Wednesday, August 23rd
Wednesday, August 23rd
Thursday, August 24th
Thursday, August 24th
Friday, August 25th
Friday, August 25th
Saturday, August 26th
Saturday, August 26th

Tarleton (8), Holy Trinity, 13 cwt.
Woolton (8), St. Peter's, 20 cwt.
Poolstock (8), St. James', 25 cwt.
Wigan (10), All Saints', 29 cwt.
Prescot (8), St. Mary's, 14 cwt.
St. Helens (10), St. Helen's, 25 cwt.
Ormskirk (8), SS. Peter and Paul, 25 cwt.
Aughton (8), Christ Church, 16 cwt.
Runcorn, All Saints', 15 cwt.
Liscard (8), St. Mary's, 16 cwt.

A GREAT LEICESTER CITIZEN.

DEATH OF SIR FREDERICK OLIVER.

Leicester has lost one of its most distinguished public men by the death, at the age of 71 years, of Col. Sir Frederick Oliver, High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 1934, who for more than 40 years had played an active part in nearly every phase of the city's public life. In addition to political activities, Sir Frederick had been chairman of the Leicestershire County Cricket Club, president of the Leicester Rugby Club for many years; he held the high office of Grand Master of the Leicestershire Province in Freemasonry; he was a former Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion, the Leicestershire Regiment; a lay canon of the Leicester Cathedral Chapter; and deputy chairman of Leicester Royal Infirmary.

It was through his efforts that the tenor of the new peal of bells at Leicester Cathedral was given by the Freemasons of the city and named by royal permission. When the bells were opened on Coronation Day, Sir Frederick was the first to 'ring' this bell.

There was a great demonstration of sympathy and regret at the funeral on Friday last. The Cathedral was filled with mourners representing the civic life of the city, its commerce and industry, the defence forces and Freemasonry. Outside crowds numbering several thousands assembled to watch the cortege pass.

After the service the Cathedral ringers rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 59 minutes: F. H. Dexter 1, J. O. Lancashire 2, J. H. Swinfield 3, H. W. Perkins 4, H. G. Jenney 5, P. L. Harrison 6, C. F. Howitt 7, A. J. Harris 8, A. Brunton 9, T. Taylor 10.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

At Cawthorne, Yorks, on Monday, August 7th, a date touch of Minor was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lise, who were married at All Saints', Cawthorne, on August Bank Holiday, 1889. The 1,939 changes, rung in 1 hour 8 minutes, comprised 720 Plain Bob, 600 of Oxford, 600 of Kent and 19 of Original Minor. The ringers were L. W. Carbutt 1, R. Hill 2, H. Rusby 3, E. Brookes 4, C. Robinson 5, D. Smith (conductor) 6.

A BROKEN ROPE.

On Sunday, August 13th, members of Devon Guild paid a visit to Whitstone to attempt a peal of Bob Minor, but in the third 720 it came to an abrupt end owing to the 5th rope breaking: J. Deem 1, H. G. Lewis 2, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, A. Lovering 4, B. Pidgeon 5, A. Patrick Cannon 6. The attempt was arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon, who wanted to add another tenor to his list.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

BRED AND DRYNKE FOR THE PRIEST, CLERKE AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In his interesting letter, Mr. Trollope gives play to his imagination, and helps us to visualise what happened in old days, but we must not take what he writes too literally. For instance, William Walpole, in 1539, leaves money or land for the payment of one clerke. Mr. Trollope speaks of several, and adds deacon and sub-deacon. Now it is most unlikely that it would be usual to have a High Mass of this character at the death of an ordinary person, and certainly not every year afterwards on his anniversary. Nor because candles and ringers are both mentioned in wills, are we to suppose that they are comparable. It is true that I am a ringer, but I should prefer not to be classed with a candle, or even with a wax taper, by permission of Mr. Trollope! Nor do I think that people in pre-Reformation times would think differently, even if they were ringers.

No parish clerk would think nowadays of 'picking out a few lusty young fellows from the parish and sending them up into the tower to pull the ropes,' and why should we imagine that bells went so much more easily of old that it was possible to do so then?

One Sunday afternoon, we were sitting on a seat in Dinard, Brittany, and across the road we saw the parish clerk open the west door of the church from the inside. We then watched him pull the tenor bell nearly up, when he left it to fall slowly by itself, while he went off to see to what had to be done. This was an easy and simple way of letting the bell sound, but it requires a considerable amount of practice to acquire sufficient skill to do this without injuring oneself or other people. It is probable that this is the way bells have always been rung from earliest times; and when several bells were added they would be jangled together in a similar manner, but one ringer for each bell.

Mr. Trollope says that 'probably the bells were properly rung in rounds.' This is so unlikely that we may even say it was impossible. To-day rounds and call changes are rung only by those who cannot ring correct changes; no doubt this was always so. That is to say they are a mere corruption of change ringing; therefore, that art must have come first. No one rang rounds or call-changes till after change ringing was attempted.

HALESWORTH BAND'S LONG EXISTENCE.

When change ringing was well established, and there were several rings of bells in a town, a company or society of ringers would be formed, and they would be responsible for the ringing in a certain number of towers. The only such societies now existing are the College Youths and the Cumberlands. It is fairly certain that no such society ever existed at Halesworth, for there was never more than the one ring of bells in the place. But there is now a band of ringers there, and it is known that there has been one there every year for over 200 years; for they have each year partaken of the 'bred and drynke' left by William Walpole in 1539.

There is not absolute proof that they have done so every year since 1539, but it is most probable that they have, the still existing tradition being that if they did not the legacy would be lost. The land left by William Walpole (or bought with his money) is now merged with other charity lands. It was, however, recognised by the Charity Commissioners in their inquiry in the forties of the last century. Their actual words can be read in their report, by anyone who has access to a good library. If they were satisfied, I think we, too, may be satisfied that the Halesworth band have made good their claim to have been in existence when William Walpole made his will in 1539. I do not suppose that any band or society can attempt to make anything like such a claim as this.

There are two matters which do not seem quite so certain as Mr. Trollope supposes. He writes, 'It was the usual thing to send them beer and bread, which they consumed in the belfry.' Now Mr. Trollope would not make such a statement unless he had what he thinks is clear proof. I should, however, much like to see it, as I cannot imagine either statement to be correct.

Again he writes, 'In some cases the ringing at an obit seems to have lasted off and on all the day.' Last June I was again in Brittany, and one day the church bell or bells seemed to be going, off and on, all morning. I was staying near the Church of St. Enogat; and at length, hearing both bells at two o'clock, I went to investigate. I was in time to see the coffin being borne up to the chancel, where the vested priest was waiting for it. The church was full of people singing the funeral music, and there were quite a number of us outside who could not get in. A few days later came the sad news of many Breton sailors drowned in the loss of a submarine. Again the church bells were going off and on all morning. But this time there was no ringing in the afternoon.

Now all this ringing was either before Requiems or at the consecration in the service. Is there any reason to suppose that the bells were rung for any other purposes, before change ringing was started? (Perhaps they would ring also for 'Placebo' in the late afternoon before, and for the Dirge that night.) But it was after the Reformation had reduced the number of services that people began to look about for other uses for the bells, and lit on the practice of changes.

Now as to the written changes at Halesworth. When these were transcribed by Mr. George Symonds, and appeared in your columns last year, they were no doubt recognised as being the same as are

printed at the beginning of Stedman's 'Tintinnologia,' where they are called 'The Plain Changes on Four Bells.' In this, the treble is the only bell to hunt, which it does in the ordinary way through the other bells, which lie still; except when the treble is twice behind or at lead, when the farthest pair change places. As these two bells are at the extreme end, away from the treble, the book says that this change must be called an 'Extreme.'

It will be noticed that I have just written 'This Book' and not 'Stedman,' for I still cannot bring myself to believe that the same man wrote the first 42 pages (in the reprint), and also the rest of the book (the 'Seven score,' etc., on page 83, is evidently misplaced: it would seem to follow on from page 40).

At any rate, for one who has mastered the latter part of the book, the first forty pages are not only superseded and out of date, they are absolutely misleading and a hindrance.

EARLY SEVENTEENTH CENTURY CHANGES.

It is, therefore, pretty certain that anyone who took the trouble to copy out these Plain Changes cannot have heard of the changes given in the latter part of 'Tintinnologia.' Now the book is dated 1668, and is a record of methods rung by the different companies mentioned, obviously covering a period of years. It would seem, then, that anyone who would carefully write down these Plain Changes would do so not earlier than the first quarter, shall we say, of the seventeenth century. This agrees, too, with the 'sixty years' mentioned on the first page of the book.

Now let us see what the writing itself tells us. We find it on the flyleaf of a manuscript book, about a foot high with narrow pages, written by one Thomas Fella, who was elected churchwarden in 1611. This Thomas Fella was an artist, and his handwriting is the most beautiful and the clearest that I have ever seen. Evidently he was a pious man (of sorts), for on the first page he transcribes a prayer; which ends with a violent denunciation of—tobacco. On the next page is drawn, and well drawn, a symbolical tree; then follow extracts from wills and other documents, the fourth page being filled with an ornamental drawing of an upright wreath, which occupies the centre of the page, as a panel, all the rest being filled with basketwork ornament, leaving but a narrow outside margin. He makes a good deal of having begun the book in 1611, and the last date seems to be 1627.

Over three-quarters of the book consists of blank pages, no one having dared to follow such beautiful handwriting. The only other writing is that, when you open the front cover, on the left-hand page is written in the middle near the top the date 1621. And on the right page (the fly leaf) are written out these plain changes. The date is written in a fine, somewhat elaborate clerical hand, not a bit like the body of the book, so that it was evidently not inserted by Thomas Fella. Again the changes are well written in a third hand. The style is somewhat primitive, of a very simple kind, looking almost as though of a previous century. Perhaps by one accustomed to carve or mould figures in an antique style.

This bears out Mr. Lambert's suggestion, that they were written out by John or William Brent, of Norwich, who were recasting Halesworth bells in 1621. It will be noticed that the date is not written as if it belonged to the figures. One can only attribute it to them by saying that there seems no other reason for its being there. The regular position of the figures of the changes are such as would be written by a man who was used to careful placing, as a bell founder would be. These figures are not written by a man accustomed to writing in books. Such a man would have begun on the left-hand side of the page; but these figures begin on the right and occupy most of the right-hand part of the page.

We cannot be certain that the date 1621 refers to the time when those figures were written; but we are certain that they were written within a few years of that date. Nor can we be certain that they were written by a Brent; although it is quite likely that they were. But we can be certain that they are the oldest changes pricked for ringing in existence. The scraffi on the jamb of the door to the belfry stairs at Buxhall may be nearly as old, but there are only two and a half rows, not enough to identify the method or for them to be used for teaching purposes.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

BISHOPSTOKE RINGER'S DEATH.

INSTRUMENTAL IN INCREASING PEAL TO EIGHT.

One of the most respected and esteemed residents of Bishopstoke, Hants, has passed away in the person of Mr. Charles Ayliffe, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church for 29 years.

Mr. Ayliffe commenced to ring when a ring of five bells was placed in the tower in 1910, and was the last member of the band that was formed at that time. He was chiefly instrumental in getting the bells increased to eight in 1920.

Mr. Ayliffe had taken part in several peals for the Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for the whole of his ringing career.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week. Mr. G. Williams (Master) represented the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and members were present from Bishopstoke and North Stoneham. A large number of people were present testifying to the regard in which Mr. Ayliffe was held.

Immediately after the funeral a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the church bells, which were fully muffled, with the exception of the tenor, which was open at hand.

Mr. Ayliffe leaves two daughters and two sons, one of whom, Mr. Ernest J. Ayliffe, is a ringer at Haslemere, Surrey.

CHURCH BELLS IN WAR TIME.

ARTILLERYMEN'S 'LOOT' FROM CAPTURED CITIES.

By J. ARMIGEE TROLLOPE.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have taken as their 'patron saint' William Duke of Cumberland, the younger son of King George II., and round him and his supposed connection with the society a number of legends grew up in the course of years. He was said to have been delighted with the welcome the ringers gave him on the bells of Shoreditch, when he returned to London in 1746 after the battle of Culloden, and to have personally thanked them. He was said to have been himself a ringer and to have given the two bells to St. Leonard's when the ring was increased to ten. His portrait, a presentation from himself to the society, was said to have hung in the vestibule of the church and later to have been removed to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

It is the fact that the society to-day honours his memory by putting his portrait on its membership certificate, and the Master wears, as his official badge, a medallion struck in his honour. But personally the Duke had no dealings with the society and probably was not even aware of its existence. The only connection between him and church bells that I have been able to discover is the following incident:—

When the Highland army under Prince Charles Edward Stuart retreated to Scotland after its unsuccessful invasion of England in 1745, a small garrison was left in Carlisle, which surrendered in December to the royal army under the command of the Duke of Cumberland. The city was treated as if it had been an enemy town, the mayor, town clerk and other prominent citizens were arrested, the Cathedral was used as a prison for confining captured rebels and a demand was made by a Major Balfour, in the Duke's name, for the bells as 'a perquisite to the train of artillery,' a demand which naturally 'was a surprise upon the members of the Chapter and very ill-relished by them.'

Some of the clergy waited on the Duke to desire his protection. They pointed out that the bells were the property of the Dean and Chapter, who all along had been loyal to King George, and that, even if the town had offended, the citizens had no rights in them.

The Duke received them coldly and refused to interfere. He told them, in effect, that he thought the claim was a good one, but, of course, the Chapter would not agree to it. Prebendary Wilson wrote to Dr. Waugh, the Chancellor of the Diocese, who was in London, asking for his advice and help. 'A moderate composition,' he wrote, 'would, I believe, pacify the claimant, but I'm firmly resolved at present and so are my two brethren not to admit to any.' And he goes on to express his opinion that 'if the major takes them down, which he still threatens, I doubt not that the Lord Chief Justice would oblige him to replace them.'

The firm stand by the Cathedral clergy had the desired effect, and in the end Major Balfour left the town without pressing the thing further.

It seems a very curious incident and a preposterous demand which no law or custom could justify. Wilson was undoubtedly right when he said that, if the bells had been taken down, the Law Courts would have ordered them to be replaced. But it was not an ordinary case of looting enemy property in a captured town.

For centuries there was a strong tradition in the English army that, whenever any town was captured, the officer who commanded the artillery had a right to all the church bells in the place as his personal perquisite.

WHEN BRISTOL FELL TO THE ROYAL TROOPS.

An almost exactly parallel incident happened during the Civil War between Charles I. and the Parliament. In 1643 Bristol was captured by the royal army under Prince Rupert, and, as at Carlisle, a demand was sent to the town authorities for the church bells. The only account we have of the incident is in the letter of protest, a copy of which was preserved by Thomas Hearne in his Diary. It runs as follows:—

'To the Rt Honbl our very good Lord the Lord Percies these present at Court
' Rt Honbl

'Upon receipt of your Lordship's letters, by which you make Claime to the Bells of this Cittie as General of his Majesties Artillery, We doe humbly conceive that yf any such Forfeiture were incur'd (as is pretended), yet by Agreement on his Majesties Parte when his Forces entred it was in Effect condiscended into that there should noe Advantage be thereof taken, but that all things should continue as formerlie without Prejudice to any Inhabitant. And the Bells of each Church being (as your Lordship well knowes) the proper Goods of the Parishioners are not at our Disposal, neither have we to doe with them. All wch we humbly submit to your Lrps better Judgement and taking our Leaves doe rest

Your Honors most humbly at Comaundmt.

Bristol this xxist of Nov 1643.'

In this case, as in the other, no actual confiscation seems to have taken place, but it is quite clear that the officers of the army quite honestly believed that the claim was justified by the rules of warfare.

In the British Museum there is an ancient manuscript which throws some light on the matter. It is in a folio containing a number of manuscripts in various handwritings and of various dates from the

time of Henry VIII. to Charles II. This paper is neither signed nor dated and I am not sufficiently skilled in old caligraphy to give it a precise date, but I should put it about 1600. It is headed 'These be the Authorities and Powers that the Provoste Marshall and his Lieftenant have in the Jurisdiction of the Artillerie.'

Among the items which follow is the following: 'As a towne is wonne (whether) it is by assalt, per force, subtilie practice or by anie other manner given up, be it towne, castell, pyle, church, or bastille, or fortesse, the chief master of the artillerie or his lieftenant shall ordayne that the master gunners and their companie shall have the best bell within that place so wonne or the Churchwardens shall appoynt or compound with the great master of the Artillerie and his counsell. And that to be reported by the Provoste of the Artillerie and given knowledge to the Lords and Rulers of that place soe wonne with the comons of the same what that the Master of the Artillerie his counsell and mr. gunners and their companie have determined and ordeyned by a convenable and reasonable estimation to see and knowe if the lordes and comons will hold the ordinance and appoyntment made.'

What authority there was behind this statement I do not know, but I find much the same thing in a later history of the French Army: 'Le grand maitre a encore une privilege. C'est que quand une ville ou fortesse a laisse tirer le canon, les cloches des eglises,' etc.

In addition to the two instances I have mentioned, there are several cases where this rather curious claim was made. At Tong, in Shropshire, there is an entry in the parish accounts for the year 1644 during the Civil War: 'Paid to the cananere (cannoner) for redeeming of the little bell, 6-0.'

BELLS FROM CHERBOURG.

Thirteen years after the affair at Carlisle an English army captured Cherbourg, and among the booty brought home were six bells taken from the churches of the town, five of them serviceable and one broken. They were placed in the Tower of London, and Colonel Desagulier, who commanded the artillery during the attack on Cherbourg, having made frequent application to be paid their value as his personal right, William Pitt, then Secretary of State, directed that the Board of Ordnance should enquire into the matter. The Board reported that they had never heard that the right of the commanding officer to the bells taken from enemies had ever been disputed, but whether the Colonel was ever paid is doubtful, for no record of any such payment could afterwards be found.

The bells remained in the Tower and I was rather curious as to what eventually became of them. I discovered quite by accident. When I was writing my 'Stedman,' one of my tasks was to find out what had become of the board which recorded the first peal of Stedman Caters at St. John's, Horsleydown. So I made a pilgrimage to that somewhat remote and inaccessible place. On my way I walked along Tower Wharf and my attention was attracted by two very handsome bronze guns. Stopping to examine them, I read this notice: 'This gun was made at Woolwich from ordnance taken at Cherbourg, 1758.' So that is what became of the bells. 'Ordnance taken at Cherbourg' reads better than 'Bells looted from French churches.'

When Quebec was captured from the French a Colonel Williamson took the bells down from the cathedral and sent them home to a lady named Jane Williamson, probably his wife. She offered them to some important person unnamed, possibly William Pitt, for her letter is among the Chatham papers. What became of them is unknown, but one, I think, is now in the tower of the Church of All Hallows, Tottenham.

A Colonel Paterson was said to have received £300 in lieu of the bells of Guadelope, when the island was captured from the French, but when the island was captured the second time and a Colonel Burton made a similar claim it was refused.

But the tradition still survived. In the great war with Napoleon Genoa was occupied by an English force and, after the army had returned to England, Colonel Lemoine was reminded of this supposed ancient right. He went back to Genoa, and, making enquiries, found that the town contained upwards of ninety churches, each with an average of five bells, which, according to the price given him by the man who had cast most of them, were worth two hundred and thirty thousand lire Genoese. It was a fortune worth trying for, and so, partly to uphold an established privilege, but mainly, as he admitted, on his own account, he tried to see if there was any chance of getting that amount from the Treasury. Almost needless to say his attempt was not successful.

Some bells seem to have been brought back as loot from Genoa, for on one of the bells at Liversedge in Yorkshire is the inscription, 'These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815 with brass ordnance taken at Genoa.' This was the last time on which this claim was officially made, but not the last time that an English army looted the church bells in an enemy country.

At Windsor Castle there is a celebrated bell taken during the Crimean War from a church at Sebastopol and presented by the army to Queen Victoria. It is tolled at the funeral of a sovereign.

Queen Elizabeth took a very different view of the propriety of looting church bells, for 'hearing that Sir John Skelton, for want of other prey, had brought a Bell from the sacking of Calles (Cadiz), she was highly offended and said "By God's death she would make him carry it back thither."'

THE TOUR OF THE N.U.T.S.

CYCLING AND RINGING IN THE WEST COUNTRY.

Sixty-Six Towers Visited.

For the third year in succession, a tour has been held for members of the N.U.T.S. (National Union of Tower Snatchers), who enjoy combining the fine exercises of ringing and cycling. In spite of the difficulty of would-be participants in getting their holidays together, ten eventually managed to do so, and a most enjoyable expedition, covering ten days, resulted. The absence of the past secretary, the Grand Mug, and others who had previously shared in the excursions, was much regretted, but it was encouraging to have fresh young blood in the party, the average age of which was 22½ years, and also to have the Ladies' Guild section augmented to three.

Castle Cary, Somerset, was chosen as the meeting place, and by noon on Saturday, July 29th, the widely scattered members, representing ten towers in six counties, had assembled and new friendships had begun. During the day the towers of Castle Cary (8), North Cadbury (6), Yeovil (10), Sherborne Abbey (8), Bradford Abbas (6), Thornford (6) and Yetminster (6) were visited, and ringing was so much enjoyed at the earlier of these that we were half an hour late leaving Sherborne, but this time was made up by the end of the day. A strong head wind and heavy rain somewhat detracted from the beauty of the ten hilly miles between Yetminster and the night's

Axminster (8) and Ottery St. Mary (8), all of which were well worth a visit, particularly, we thought, Whitechurch and Axminster. The bells at both these churches are in the key of D and have a glorious tone, although both require handling to ring well. The visit to Ottery St. Mary was extended long past schedule to allow plenty of time to see the magnificent cathedral-like church, and the day ended at the hostel two miles away, where once again tea and biscuits formed our supper.

Tuesday was to prove our worst day for weather, for whilst climbing the 1 in 4½ hill out of Sidmouth after ringing there, a terrific storm set in and continued for a couple of hours. However, we were only about a quarter of an hour late at Littleham, and soon the delightful little peal of eight, tenor 7½ cwt., was responding to several methods. A real N.U.T.S. touch, consisting of two leads of Treble Bob, was tried here and found to work. It consists of alternate leads of Oxford and Kent with bobs, and proved very useful subsequently when time was short. A fine lunch followed the ringing, arranged by Mrs. Gatter, wife of the foreman ringer, and when we took the road again we felt fit for anything. Happily the rain was now over, and after a ring on the good eight at Withycombe Raleigh, Woodbury (8) was visited. Here, as in other towns in the district, were found records of peals rung by the Guild of Exeter Cyclists about 40 years ago, but the go of the bells is now such that two short touches sufficed for the 1839 cyclists.



This picture shows the cycling N.U.T.S. on Dartmouth ferry. Left to right: K. C. Davis (Bragden, Somerset), R. Beach (Wraysbury, Bucks), D. Brock (Sunbury, Middle-Uxbridge, Middlesex), H. Smith (Melksham, Wilts), Miss A. Look (Ditcheat, Somerset), Miss B. Look (Ditcheat). The photo was taken by Mr. M. Melville (Coventry), who was with the party during part of the week.

quarters at Cerne Abbas Youth Hostel, but it takes a lot to make the N.U.T.S. downhearted. After a quickly served supper, at which the teapot (sic) worked overtime, we sorted the wet from the dry and toddled off to bed. Incidentally the hostel had once been a work-house, so we probably did not look out of place.

Sunday morning was still young when we all trooped off to an early Celebration at Cerne Abbas (where the bells unfortunately are unringable) before having breakfast and running down into Dorchester (St. Peter's, 8) to ring for Matins. An hour later, in glorious sunshine, we were having lunch at Upwey, where permission was readily granted to try the pleasant peal of six. The afternoon was spent cycling (and walking) along the beautiful coast road to Burton Bradstock, where a spare hour was occupied by a dip in a very boisterous sea before ringing on the delightful peal of six at the Parish Church. After tea a quarter-peal (already recorded) was rung for evensong at Bridport, while Symondsburry (6) was snatched by the 'overflow.' Litton Cheney (6) was the last tower of the day, and after the boat had been launched by Edna to celebrate her 400th tower, we turned in at the hostel nearby.

On Monday the weather continued to look promising, and the programme went off like clockwork. Towers visited were Bradpole (8), Beaminster (8), Whitechurch Canonorum (8), Lyme Regis (8),

Alphington, with a beautiful ring of eight recently restored, was the next port of call, and Dunsford (6) concluded the day's ringing. Here, as at several other towers, we mystified the local ringers with our 'Scientific,' for by now we were in the area where call-change ringing holds sway. We appeared to create a good impression, and we were not, on the whole, ashamed of our performance, especially considering that as a rule in these towers the ropes have a single tail end often up to a yard too long for the normal ringer.

The general opinion held in these parts seems to be that 'Scientific' beats call-changes when it is well done, but they are reluctant to start it for fear of breaking up the bands which are so proficient at their local art, particularly in rising and falling in peal. Many change ringers would do well to hear the perfection of striking of these bands and to observe the keenness with which they strive for a high place in their competitions. Their Sunday ringing, on the whole, is also well looked after, as testified by several of the clergy we met.

Wednesday was to prove very eventful, for the peals visited throughout the day were exceptional. After a climb to over 960ft., there was a run down to Moretonhampstead, where we found a glorious peal of eight, tenor 15 cwt. The usual three-quarters of an hour was allowed here before the next climb to 1,200ft. and the subsequent drop to the

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THE N.U.T.S. TOUR.

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charming village of Widecombe-in-the-Moor, now unfortunately fast becoming a peepshow. However, the grand church tower holds a lovely peal of six in excellent condition, and good use was made of them before adjourning for lunch. The feelings expressed by the local constabulary when we banded over a dog which had insistently followed us over the 8½ miles from Moretonhampstead are best left out. As if we could help it when the little chap took a particular liking to us!

Buckland-in-the-Moor, in what must be some of the most beautiful country in England, was the next tower visited, and the grand little peal of eight, tenor 7 cwt., was one of the best we had struck for anything like the weight. Ashburton (8) was next visited, then Buckfast Abbey, but unfortunately permission to ring had not been forthcoming, so after being joined by Mr. Aubrey Bennett for tea, visits were made to Buckfastleigh (8), Dartington (6) and Totnes (8). The latter in particular are a glorious peal, and we nearly got ourselves into trouble again by ringing several bells up together, which was calculated to bring out the fire brigade. Only the fact that we had started by ringing the tenor and seventh singly saved us, apparently.

Thursday, after a night at the Dartington Hostel, was to prove a busy day, and visits were in many cases cut down to half an hour. Towers visited were South Brent (6), Ugborough (8), Loddiswell (6), Aveton Gifford (8), Churchstow (6), Kingsbridge (8), West Alvington (6), Malborough (6), Galmpton (6). Most of these we found in excellent condition, but the most outstanding was Ugborough, our most westerly point, which boasted a peal in 'E flat minor,' with a tenor of 24 cwt. We found the most musical arrangement was to ring the front five and back three as two separate peals, which, as such, were good, and they were lowered in this way. To finish the day we went for a spin to Hope Cove before adjourning to Salcombe Hostel. The weather had been grand, and bed was welcome, as were the Zam Buck and 'Buck-you-up-oh' tablets, to prepare the travellers for another day of raising and falling in peal.

Next morning we commenced badly by being half-hour late in starting, and somehow the head wind, hills and occasional showers seemed determined not to let us make it up. Towers visited were East Portlemouth (6), Stokenham (6), St. Saviour's, Dartmouth (a very fine eight), Brixham (8), Churston Ferrers (6), Paignton (8) and St. Mary's Church, Torquay (8). The route covered can be well recommended, being very beautiful though somewhat hilly.

After a night spent at Sheldon we found a blank in our programme, due to a report that the tower of St. James', Teignmouth (8), was unsafe, so a visit was paid to Bishopsteignton, where permission to ring on the good peal of six was readily granted. After visits to St. Michael's, East Teignmouth (8), Kenton (6) and Exminster (6), the party was made very welcome in the Exeter area, St. Thomas' (8), Clyst Honiton (8) with a fine tea arranged for us, St. Sidwell's (10) and Heavitree (8) being the places visited. Of these, special mention should be made of Heavitree, with its truly magnificent peal in perfect going order, untouched since they were installed 40 years ago.

Our second Sunday was to prove another busy day, for after attending the 8 a.m. Celebration at Countess Weir, we rang at Broadclyst (a grand eight), Burescombe (6), Wellington (8), Wilton (8), Drayton (8) and Butleigh (6) before adjourning to Street Hostel. Sixty-two and a half miles were covered and we arrived ahead of schedule everywhere! The day concluded with a celebration of Dennis' 500th tower over bottles of lemonade and 'pop' in the hostel common-room.

Bank Holiday, the last day of the tour, was to prove one of the best, for the weather and bells were as good as could be wished for. Visits were paid to Glastonbury St. John's (8), West Pennard (6), Evercreech (8), Ditcheat (a magnificent 8) and Bruton (6). At the last-named place at about 3.45 p.m. the party split up to find their various ways home. It was felt that the programme had gone off very well, 66 towers in 10 days with 400 miles of hilly country is not too bad, especially when it is remembered that we were expected to raise and lower in peal practically everywhere. As in previous years, a different member of the party was put in sole charge each day, and the scheme worked very well, giving all would-be conductors a chance.

We should like to take this opportunity of heartily thanking association officials, towerkeepers and incumbents, whose co-operation made this memorable tour possible.

R. DARVILL.

KING EDWARD VII.'S CORONATION COMMEMORATED.

At Willesden, on August 9th, a third of a peal of Spiced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (1,696 changes) was rung in 57 minutes by E. Lankester 1, J. A. Trollope 2, G. M. Kilby 3, J. H. Botham 4, Mrs. Botham 5, A. Cutler 6, H. Kilby 7, E. O. S. Turner (conductor) 8. Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation of King Edward VII.

This anniversary is commemorated every year at Willesden in accordance with a bequest made before the war by an admirer of Edward VII.

APARTMENTS.

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BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Tributes to the memory of the late president of the Barnsley and District Society (Mr. C. D. Potter) were paid at a meeting held on Saturday at Darfield, and it was decided to hold a special memorial service at Barnsley on September 9th.

About 20 members were present from Arksey, Doncaster, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Earisheaton, Felkirk, Meltham, Sandal, Wath and the local company. Tea was served in the Church Schools and was very much enjoyed by all.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. Drown) presided at the business meeting and at the outset referred to the great loss the society had suffered by the death of the president, Mr. C. D. Potter.

This was supported by Mr. G. Clark (Arksey), who said he had known the late Mr. Potter for over 30 years and knew that he spent his happiest moments among ringers. The loss to ringers in the Barnsley District, he said, was very great.

Those present then stood in silence as a token of respect.

It was decided to hold a special memorial service at Barnsley on Saturday, September 9th, and all ringers are invited to attend.

Seven new members were elected, A. L. Carter, L. Manchester, E. Whiteley, C. Byram and F. Webster (Meltham), W. Walker and T. Duffin (Ossett) and G. W. Pickles (Horbury).

Mr. Clark moved and Mr. Gill seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, to the ladies for the splendid tea provided, and to the local company for all they had done.

The Vicar suitably replied. He said he was pleased to welcome the society once more to Darfield, and he offered the ringers a hearty welcome.

The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening, the methods being Grandsire Doubles, and Minor from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

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ANOTHER ROYAL METHOD.

Winton Court Bob Royal was rung, it is believed, for the first time on Bank Holiday, when Mr. Nolan Golden called a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. His composition, in 34 courses, in two equal parts, contains the 24 course-ends with 6587, 5687, 6578 and 567890's, and is probably the first peal of Plain Royal to be rung with these qualities.

Mr. Thomas Myers, of Plymouth, rang his one hundredth peal on August 9th at Bridgerule, Devon, where he called a peal of Grandsire Triples. He has rung peals on all numbers from six to twelve bells and the methods include Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. Myers has conducted 40 out of his century.

Rock, Worcestershire, is truly rural, being literally miles from anywhere. Its serenity never appears to be disturbed by motor-coach and only seldom by the motoring tourist. Rock possesses a fine church and tower, and, to crown all, a beautiful peal of eight, augmented in 1913 by Taylor's by the addition of two trebles, while at that same time three of the old six were recast.

Members of the Worcestershire Association visited the village on August 8th and rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but they consider themselves lucky in accomplishing the peal, as the second rope broke while the bell was being lowered.

An amusing incident occurred just before half-way, when the ringer of the 4th, in attempting to dislodge some chewing gum from his top denture, let gum and denture fall to the floor. By a wonderful piece of timing he retrieved the denture, putting it back to where it belonged, while he had his bell in place within a whole pull. The titters of the band might have changed to something else, though, if they had 'busted' up, but doubtless the sight of a grinning denture on the floor would have been most disturbing!

Miss Edna Bedford, of Uxbridge, Middlesex, and Mr. Sydney Flint, of Sefton, Lancs, took part in a five-bell peal in seven Doubles methods at Forncett St. Peter, Norfolk, on August 10th. Norwich ringers made up the rest of the band and it was the first peal in more than four methods on the bells.

We are extremely glad to see the return to peal ringing of Mr. Harold J. Poole, who took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry, with his wife and some of his Leicester friends, on August 10th. Inspector Poole is now on the road to complete recovery, after his rather long breakdown, and the news of his return to his wonted activity will be received with great pleasure by a host of ringers.

Incidentally the peal at Loughborough was Mr. C. Ferguson Howitt's fiftieth for the Midland Counties Association.

The band who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Rushall, Staffs, on August 10th, included five of the local Sunday service ringers; the other was the conductor.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Denbigh Arms.—Dorothy E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Ideal spot. An historic village and eight beautiful bells for the summer meeting of the above district at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m., and usual tea arrangements. Open to all ringers and friends. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Chertsey and Leatherhead districts are holding a joint meeting at Cobham on Saturday, Aug. 19th, when everybody will be welcome. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea at 6, in the Church Room.—A. H. Smith and F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Stoney Stanton on Aug. 19th. Usual times. Names to me by Friday, Aug. 18th, for tea, please. Also please note that on Aug. 26th there will be a by-meeting at Broughton Astley. An extra attraction will be the local Wakes. Ringing at usual times. The Rector will arrange tea on the lawn, if fine, otherwise in the Rectory. Price will be 'a bob a nob.' Come and have a crack at Mr. Bird's Doubles while the lady friend has a crack at the nuts. Badges will be on sale. Names to Mr. H. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley, or to W. A. Wood, Local Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Empingham on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Notify for tea.—S. Towell, 27, West Road, Oakham, Rutland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The first meeting of the re-formed district will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Will all members and local friends please note and attend to show appreciation of the new Rector's cordial invitation? Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Names, please, to Mr. P. Jervis, Stead Street, Eckington.—S. Scattergood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, Aug. 19th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea cannot be guaranteed unless ringers notify Mr. H. Tyson, 9, Crescent, Tanfield Lea, Newcastle-on-Tyne, of their requirements as soon as possible.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The beautiful peal of ten bells in Wrington tower will be available for practice on Saturday, August 19th, from 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, August 19th. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting. A nice ring, recently rehung, tenor 7½ cwt.—F. Warrington and A. R. Paul, Dis. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — Meetings for practice during August: Southwark Cathedral, 22nd; St. Clement Danes, 24th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, 29th; St. Magnus', 31st. *Business meeting afterwards. — A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eastham (bells 6) on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. No service. Please let me know if you intend to be present.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — The next meeting will be held at Ingatestone on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, please. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Fylde Branches.—The joint meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Bells (10). All ringers welcome.—A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District), the Middlesex County Association (South and West District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (North-Western District) will be held at St. Mary's, Staines, on Saturday, August 26th. Service at 5.15 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. J. R. James (Vicar of Staines). Tea, followed by meeting, in the Church Rooms at 5.45 p.m., 1s. each. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Frisby, Church Street, Staines, by August 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Mary's, Staines, from 3 p.m.; Egham, from 3 p.m.; Wraysbury, from 3 p.m. (interval from 6.30 to 7 p.m.). St. Peter's bells will also probably be available. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), J. E. Lewis Cockey (Middlesex County Association), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild) and F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), District Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing continued at 6.15 p.m. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The next monthly practice meeting will be held at Uphill (6 bells) on Saturday, August 26th, at 6.30 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Practice Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea provided free. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Aaron not later than Wednesday, August 23rd.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bere Regis on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and short business meeting. Permission has been given for a conducted tour round the noted gardens.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church in North Mimms Park on Saturday, August 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., to be followed by tea at the Churchyard Cottage. (Post-cards will greatly help arrangements.) 238 bus from St. Albans to Welham Green stops at Park Gates.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Hawkhurst and District Guild at Tenterden on Saturday, August 26th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells available 3.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—East Farleigh and hops are well known throughout Kent. A welcome awaits all ringers there on Saturday, August 26th, the occasion being a by-meeting of Maidstone District. Usual arrangements, etc. Names for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, August 23rd, please.—R. G. Rayfield, Hon. Dis. Sec., Downsview, Spring Lane, Ightham.

HAWKHURST & DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting with the Romney Marsh and District Guild will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody very welcome.—J. G. Powell, Hon. Sec., 1 Woodbury Road, Hawkhurst, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, August 26th. Usual arrangements. Visitors welcome, but tea can only be provided if notice is sent to W. A. Farmer, 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harpole (5 bells), on Saturday, August 26th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, 5, Williams Terrace, Daventry, Northants.

CALLING ALL RINGERS.—What about a trip to Woodhouse Eaves on Saturday, August 26th? **WHAT'S ON?** Why, the monthly meeting of the Loughborough District, M.C.A. **WHERE IS IT?** Why, it is the well-known health resort of the Charnwood Forest. Beautiful scenery and a fine peal of six bells. Tea arranged if you drop a card to Mr. G. H. Haynes, 31, Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough. Other arrangements as usual.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Huntsham on Saturday, August 26th, to represent an opening day for the recently rehung peal of bells (8), from 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea will be provided. Any requiring tea or conveyance from Tiverton to Huntsham, please notify me as soon as possible.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at Hatfield. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who will require it. A good peal of bells—come and use them.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A joint mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wednesday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Cricketers, Epsom Common, at 5.30. Service at 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Monday, August 28th. All ringers welcome.—I. R. Housden and F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District) and Eastern Branch.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Horncastle on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Church Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Monday, August 28th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Eastern Branch, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall. Bells ready 4. Meeting in tower at 6.30. Everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West and South-West Divisions.—A joint meeting will be held at Epping Town on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—W. Wheeler and J. H. Crampton, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, August 29th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

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ALDENHAM.—Saturday, September 2nd. Changes of all description at your disposal.—Herts Association.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christow, on September 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Trusham and Ashton will also be visited. Motor coach leaves Paul Street Park 2.45. Seats, 1s. 6d. to members, non-members 3s. Please notify me by Aug. 26th.—W. H. Howe, 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea following at 1/- per head. Names for tea, please, to:—Mr. W. C. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, Canterbury, not later than Thursday, August 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A special memorial service for ringers will be held at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on Saturday, September 9th, as a tribute to the late president, Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley. Please reserve the date, as all ringers are cordially invited to join in. Further particulars later.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The above society will hold a dinner at the Molineux Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. Further announcement later.

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