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**THE EXERCISE AS A WHOLE.**

An effect of these last six years of war, which may have important though unnoticed results in the future, has been the mingling together of ringers from all parts of the country. In years of peace a man is necessarily confined during most of his time to the society of those among whom he lives, and even though there has been in the last quarter of a century an increased and increasing tendency for ringers to visit other and more distant belfries, it has been confined largely to a small section of the Exercise and to holiday times. Now the demands of war work and the obligations of military service have in a few years brought ordinary people into contact with far more strangers and far more fresh and unfamiliar places than they would ordinarily meet in a lifetime.

All this will certainly influence the Exercise and its character. Whether ringers will ultimately benefit by it is a question for the future. One thing we may be sure of. This increased intercourse with others, powerfully aided by the general tendencies of the times, will, especially among the younger generation, weaken and perhaps overthrow many an old prejudice and tradition which ringers have clung to, usually without realising that they did so. There will, in short, be many more open minds in the Exercise, and that may be a good thing. We are not now referring to those much debated questions which from time to time exercise the best brains among ringers, nor to those mathematical problems which in any case are, and will be, for the comparatively few; but to those ideas and impressions which make up what we may call the public opinion of the Exercise. In any living society there must always be prejudices and traditions which need to be modified or abolished, and it is a good thing to have an open mind on any question so long as it is not merely a vacant mind.

There is among the rank and file of ringers a great and general tendency to confine their attention and interest to their own belfry and to their immediate circle of friends and acquaintances, and to treat with indifference anything which happens to those with whom they seldom or never come in contact. It is quite a natural feeling, and up to a point an inevitable one. Every ringer's first duty is towards his own belfry, and if he does not consider his own friends before all others he has no right to call them friends. But when these obligations are fully met the best men can still find room in their thoughts and interests for a wider circle. Ringers have a first duty to their own belfries and their own friends, but they have also a duty

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to the whole Exercise, and in these things a man's duty is the same as his personal interest. Most of us are ringers (let us be honest about it) because we enjoy ringing. But we cannot enjoy ringing to the full unless we undertake the duties and obligations which are involved, and unless the duties in fact cease to be looked on as duties and become part of the enjoyment. There are few things in the world of which it can be said more truly than of the ringing Exercise that none of us liveth to himself. The ability of any individual ringer to enjoy his art and the welfare of any individual band depend quite as much on what is done in the Exercise at large as on his own endeavours and activity. Other men have laboured and he enters into their labour.

And, after all, the duties a good ringer is called upon to perform are not, or should not be, so very onerous. It falls to the lot of only a few to do the work of arranging and organising the activities of associations and bands. The average ringer is called upon to do little more than to consider the convenience and interests of other people beside himself. Not much, but it makes all the difference in a society like the Exercise, and if a wider outlook and more open minds among ringers lead them to realise and appreciate its personal advantages to themselves, a tremendous lot will have been gained.

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, August 4, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirty One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 6	...Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2		JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 3		ALBERT WALKER ... .. 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4		FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 9
RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... .. 5		GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 27, 1945, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... .. 5	...Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 5
*PETER J. STANIFORTH ... .. 2		JOHN WORTH ... .. 6
DAVID VINCENT... .. 3		WILLIAM J. ROOT ... .. 7
JILL POOLE... .. 4		HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1945, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

AN EIGHT-PART VARIATION OF BROOKS'. Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 5	...Treble	HARRY G. WAYNE ... .. 5
JILL POOLE ... .. 2		HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6
PETER J. STANIFORTH... .. 3		JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 7
ALBERT WARD ... .. 4		JOHN GRANT... .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1945, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE LEDSHAM ... .. 5	...Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... .. 2		PERCY SWINDLEY... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3		FRANK VARTY ... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1945, in Three Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*BASIL A. EDWARDS ... .. 5	...Treble	WILLIAM T. PROCTOR ... .. 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 2		†VICTOR A. JARRETT ... .. 6
HARRY SPRINGETT ... .. 3		FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... .. 4		CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.

\* First peal. † Fiftieth peal.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1945, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ALBERT I. WALPOLE ... .. 5	...Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... .. 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 2		H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... .. 6
GODFREY WALPOLE ... .. 3		FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. 7
†STANLEY FENN ... .. 4		CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*MISS MARY DAVIS ... .. 5	...Treble	†WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
MRS. F. JOHN MARSHALLSAY 2		REGINALD W. REX ... .. 6
*ANDREW I. PEARMAIN ... .. 3		FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 7
*BRUCE B. ROGERS ... .. 4		ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. ‡ 200th peal.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5	...Treble	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 2		GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3		*REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... .. 4		CHARLES J. CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major inside.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5	...Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER... .. 5
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 2		ALBERT DISERRNS ... .. 6
*BETTY SPICE ... .. 3		*JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 7
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... .. 4		WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* 100th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERIC A. DENCH ... .. 1 treble	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5
* LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... .. 2	VICTOR WOODARDS ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	ISAAC J. ATTWATER ... .. 7
PHILIP J. COWARD ... .. 4	WILLIAM H. WHEELER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15½ cwt.

RICHARD J. B. HADDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. 5
* G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... .. 6
S/LDR. JOHN S. MASON ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. B. HADDEN.

\* First Surprise peal inside. First of Surprise as conductor.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

THE ST. PHILIP'S SOCIETY (SYDNEY).

On Saturday, July 28, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

* W. HARRY SHORT ... .. Treble	S/Lt. A. R. PINK, R.N.V.R. 4
* RALPH A. JOYNER ... .. 2	* EDWARD F. CONNOCK, R.M. 5
* WILLIAM M. ROWE ... .. 3	* ARTHUR C. MACEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal. The first peal of Doubles rung in Sydney.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	RICHARD E. PRICE ... .. 4
EDWARD BARKER ... .. 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 5
FRED WIGMORE ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 2, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

* PETER J. SMITH ... .. Treble	* REGINALD E. BETTS ... .. 4
ALAN CATTELL ... .. 2	↑ GORDON OLLIFFE ... .. 5
* JOHN BRAMLEY ... .. 3	FREDERICK WATSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON OLLIFFE.

\* First peal. First as conductor.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

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

JAMES H. CRIDLAND ... .. 1 treble	* RAYMOND YOUNG ... .. 4
SIDNEY WYBURN ... .. 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... .. 5
ARTHUR T. BELLAMY ... .. 3	JOHN M. COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. WYBURN.

\* First peal.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1945, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

ERIC HITCHINS ... .. Treble	LAURIE HITCHINS ... .. 4
* DONALD LEE ... .. 2	ROY HARDING ... .. 5
FRED SLATFORD ... .. 3	PERCIVAL HARDING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

\* First peal. First peal of Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 1, 1945 in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

* DAVID VINCENT ... .. 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6
JILL POOLE ... .. 3-4	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7-8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on ten handbells.

SREWSBURY.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1945, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT BREWERY ROAD, CHESTER STREET,

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

Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

* A. EDWARD REEVES ... .. 1-2	* F. HECTOR BENNETT ... .. 3-4
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

\* First peal in hand.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN ST. MICHAEL'S RINGING CHAMBER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

* JENNY PYM ... .. 1-2	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... .. 3-4	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

\* First peal on handbells and first in the method.

WOODTHORPE, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1945, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT 42, ARNO VALE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;**

* FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE ... .. 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	ROBERT A. WARD ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire—T. Groombridge, sen.

\* First handbell peal.



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Correspondents are again reminded that notices and small advertisements can be published only when they are prepaid and received at the office not later than the previous Monday.

Reports of touches and quarter-peals are not charged for, and no postal orders should be sent with them.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL LIBRARY.

The hon. librarian would be grateful if orders for C. C. publications could be delayed until the first week in September.

Members of the Essex Association should note that the correct date of the meeting at Loughton is August 25th. Names should be sent to Mrs. Crampion by August 22nd.

The peal at Bradford Cathedral on August 11th was rung for the golden wedding of Mr. H. C. Buckley, for more than 50 years a member of the local band.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Carhampton on August 6th was rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. J. Watts, who for more than 60 years has been a member of the local band.

### THE MONTH'S PEALS.

During the month of July 90 peals were rung, 72 of them on tower bells and 18 on handbells.

The tower bell peals were: Grandsire Doubles 4, Triples 4, Caters 2; Bob Minor 8, Major 6, Royal 2; Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 2, Royal 1; Stedman Triples 7, Caters 2, Cinques 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5; Victoria Little Court Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Minor 2, Major 5, Maximus 1; Superlative Surprise Major 3, Rutland 1, Yorkshire 1; 17 Spliced Minor 1; Doubles 1; Minor 9.

The handbell peals were: Grandsire Triples 2, Caters 3; Bob Minor 2, Major 2, Royal 1; Stedman Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Doubles 1; 16 Spliced Minor 1.

In January 60 peals were rung, in February 74, in March 77, in April 84, in May 164, in June 102, making a total for the year (so far) of 661. In July last year 47 peals were rung, and during the first seven months 291.

### LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT CAERPHILLY.

A meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Caerphilly on August 11th, at which about 50 members attended, in addition to visitors from Croydon, Swansea, Llanelly, Hereford and Kilburn. After service, conducted by the Rector, the visitors were entertained to tea by the local ringers.

At the business meeting the Rector presided. A notice of motion to divide the association into two branches and other suggestions for its reorganisation were read. Discussion was postponed to the annual meeting. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major and rounds.

### CALL CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—So far, no reasons are forthcoming to show that the majority of people, in this country or elsewhere, prefer well-struck changes to clashing bells. I have given several reasons to prove that they do not. Therefore, at present, judgment goes in my favour by default.

Still, I will give some more reasons to be going on with.

Why is the 'firing' of bells so universally practised and approved, at weddings and other celebrations? No change ringer likes these sounds and they are certainly not well-struck changes. Can it be that they are appreciated as being a form of call changes?

Why is it there are—I won't say so many, but—any bad strikers among change ringers? And why is it that one hears so many exhortations to strike well? No one deliberately wants to strike badly, and it is not very difficult to strike well. Does not this show that it is natural to make bells clash, and that well-struck changes are an acquired taste—however estimable that taste may be?

Then why call changes which will be an obstacle to a beginner acquiring so admirable a taste? HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT STANMORE.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Stanmore on July 28th. The provisional election of Mr. B. D. Price (Ebbw Vale) was confirmed and the following were also elected: The Rev. E. F. Carpenter (Stanmore), honorary; the Misses C. M. Hoare and P. Harrison (Stanmore), ringing; and Mr. W. G. J. Knight (Gillingham), non-resident life. Mr. Lock advised those interested that a few extra copies of 'The Ringing World' were now being printed. Handbells were employed on the Rectory lawn after tea, and the tower bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to rounds and Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

### THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, on August 11th, a rule was made restricting the membership to persons of over 16 years of age.

### JOINT MEETING AT LEATHERHEAD.

A joint meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North Western District of the Surrey Association, held at Leatherhead on Bank Holiday, was attended by about 50 ringers. During the afternoon and evening a good variety of methods was practised, including Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Leatherhead, who afterwards joined the ringers at tea at the Duke's Head. In spite of threatened railway strikes and thunderstorms, the meeting once again was a very successful and enjoyable affair.

### BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.

#### MEETING AT WORTLEY.

A meeting of the Barnsley District Society, held at Wortley, near Sheffield, on August 11th, was attended by members from Bolsterstone, Barnby Don, Cawthorne, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Handsworth, Wath and the local belfry. Among the visitors were Mr. B. Knights, of Preston and Mr. P. Knights, of Sheffield.

At the business meeting Mr. J. R. Brierley, the president, took the chair. Bolsterstone was selected as the place of the next meeting, to be held on September 8th.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### MEETING AT SEAL.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, held at Seal on August 4th, was attended by 25 members. Mr. B. Collison took the chair at the business meeting, at which four members were elected, Mr. L. Butchers, of Goudhurst, and Messrs. G. T. Hodges, G. T. Acott and D. J. Johnson, of Seal Chart. It was decided to hold a joint meeting with the East Grinstead and District Guild on September 8th at Tunbridge Wells and the annual district meeting at Tonbridge in October.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

#### MEETING AT WASHFIELD.

A feature of a meeting of the North-East Branch of the Guild of Devon Ringers, held at Washfield, was tune ringing by the Misses Mansfield (3), Voysey, R. Evans and N. Corey, who had been trained by the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Turner). Grandsire Triples was rung by the Rev. E. V. Cox (president), Messrs. Selley, A. W. Searle and H. Pook. Service was conducted by the Rector. There was a fair attendance. Bampton was chosen for a meeting on October 27th.

## CURIOUS TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

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At the church of St. Mary, Walsgrave-on-Sowe, Warwickshire, there is a ring of five dating from 1702 to 1843. The 4th bell, after giving names of vicars and wardens, has the unusual inscription:

'Harken do ye heare  
'Ovr claperes want beere.'

'Claperes' appears to be a euphemism for 'ringers.' The 5th bears an inscription in cryptic Latin with sentiments much the same. The late 'Uncle' Joe Sykes, after ringing in the first peal here, on April 23rd, 1927, in a letter to the press, says, 'It is the most unique tower I ever visited. When you arrive at the door of the "place where you stand to pull the ropes"—ringing chamber would be a misnomer—you descend into a pit 10 ft. by 5 ft. by 6 ft. deep, open to the elements, as there are no window frames or glass in the holes in the tower walls, and I don't believe there ever have been. The tenor man has to throw his rope out all the time, as the hole in the roof is so close to the wall, and he has only about four square feet to perform his gyrations. If he exceeds this, he hangs the 4th ringer. But the poor treble ringer's rope comes down exactly in the corner of the pit only three inches from the angle, and he is obliged to ring with his back to the rest of the band, with his face in the corner like a bad boy. The 4th tries to slip wheel every six-score. The tower is a nice one, 'tis the ringing room and appurtenances which are so bad, and why such conditions prevail one cannot understand.'

At Taxal, Derbyshire, the church of St. James was rebuilt in the Gothic style in 1825 with the exception of the tower. This is ancient and embattled, with pinnacles, and has a ring of six, four of which were added in 1904. They are rung from the ground floor and the congregation pass through the rope circle.

At Titchfield, Hants, St. Peter's Church tower forms a porch entrance. The ringers are above this entrance, and to reach the ringing room one climbs an outside stairway and then passes through the tower wall. There are six bells and a sanctus, all recast by Mears and Stainbank 1896.

At Trowbridge, Wilts, the approach to the ringing room is somewhat out of the ordinary. Entrance is by a small turret at the south-west corner of the south aisle, thence over the roof of this aisle, and so to the door of the ringing chamber. Here is a fine ring of twelve bells, tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. Originally eight from Aldborne foundry of James Wells, 1800, Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, recast the two trebles and tenor and rehung them in 1912, and in 1923 added two more to make ten. These were all recast and two further trebles added by J. Taylor and Co., and all rehung in a new frame 1934.

The way to the ringing chamber of Walworth (St. Peter's), London, is very unusual. It is by a stone stairway to the gallery, off which springs a low arch about three feet high, which you have to crawl through. That brings you into the belfry which is about eight feet square, and the eight ropes hang close to the walls. The clock is in the centre, built on to two deal joists about eight feet up. A movable step-ladder leads up to the staging to wind it, and to a small trap-door leading to

the bells, and this trap is only about fifteen inches square. The eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.) hang in an oak frame, four upon four, with a gangway up the centre some fifteen inches square. Pieces of timber are placed at intervals for a foothold to get to the bells for oiling, etc., which is a very difficult matter. The gudgeons of the four lower bells are let into the side of the timbers, viz., tenor, 7th, 3rd and 5th, and the grease has to be poked in with a stick when the bells are up. The top four hang above in the usual way. There are four clock dials, the gear for driving rods resting on a floor above the bells, the main driving rod running from the clock through the centre gangway already mentioned. The bells are a very fair ring, and a lot of peals have been rung here, the last being Bristol Surprise, conducted by the late Wm. Pye. The church was destroyed in the great air-raids of 1941, being hit by two high explosive bombs which went through into the crypt where a considerable number of persons were sheltering. As far as is known 79 were killed. The tower and bells are safe.

Another church where the congregation pass through the bell rope circle is at Winterslow, Wilts, which has an embattled tower with low spire. There are six bells restored by J. Taylor and Co. 1910.

The original five bells at West Wickham, Kent, hung in an erratic frame, causing the rope 'circle' to be anything. The fifth came down in front between 4th and treble. However, in 1938 they were made into six by J. Taylor and Co., and rehung so the ropes fall in a proper circle.

At St. Mary Senior, York, a vestry built below the ringers' gallery has of recent years been enlarged by taking into it the belfry steps. The new steps are now on the opposite side of the wall of the nave, and one has to stoop down double and pass through a hole made in the wall, taking care to be quite clear to avoid a nasty crack. During the war of 1914-18 the writer was stationed here in York for two years, but the new arrangement was not then in vogue and the bells were not too bad. They are a ring of six by Pack and Chapman, of London, 1770, with a tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. I understand, however, that the church is now in a very dilapidated condition.

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### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES

TAMWORTH.—On June 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Elton 1. George Peers, jun. 2. Stanley Chapman (first quarter-peal) 3. N. Pratt 4. A. A. Rackham 5. C. Pratt 6. H. J. Dakin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7. S. Dunkley 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 15th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Ledsam 1, J. Hemming 2, A. D. Cook 3, E. T. Lloyd 4. A. Morris 5, V. A. Hemming (conductor) 6.

QUORN.—On July 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. Edwards 1, D. Walton (first 720) 2, A. Jaques 3, H. Haines 4, R. G. Edwards 5, H. Myate (conductor) 6.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**SOUTHGATE.**—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Glasscock 1, D. Wright 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, W. J. Bowden 4, J. Armstrong (conductor) 5, J. E. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: J. R. Stocker 1, L. W. Fisher 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, H. W. Pratt 4, G. L. Perkins 5, J. Perkins 6; 900 Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, H. W. Pratt 2, L. W. Fisher 3, H. Means 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6; and 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. Perkins 1, Miss Beryl Bull 2, R. Houghton 3, J. Stubbs 4, C. H. Harding 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, 720 College Single Reverse: R. Newton 1, T. Mogg 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, M. Lancefield 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

**BLUNSDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Vincent 1, W. Trueman (conductor) 2, A. Aubrey 3, Miss M. Booker 4, I. Trueman 5, E. Portlock 6.

**SALFORD.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the Church of Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Langdon 1, Miss M. Walshaw (first inside) 2, W. Wolstencroft 3, H. Langdon 4, R. Edwards 5, B. Walshaw 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, H. Lees 8.

**EXETER.**—On July 22nd, at St. David's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Retter 1, C. Clarke 2, G. Skinner 3, Miss J. Pring 4, H. Pearson 5, A. Morley 6, B. Pidgeon (conductor) 7, J. Salway 8.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, July 22nd, at the Cathedral, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: V. A. Hemming 1, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 2, J. C. Perkins 3, J. Hemming 4, J. W. Heath 5, J. Hall 6, R. Harris 7, S. T. Holt 8, F. Sadler 9, G. Ambler 10, G. J. Hemming 11, J. E. Newman 12.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Tuesday, July 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Tarr 1, \*Mrs. G. Savill 2, \*G. C. Tarr 3, H. Hodgetts 4, \*F. Allaway 5, J. Cleaver 6, C. Woolley (conductor) 7, W. Hodgetts 8. Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: \*F. Allaway 1, \*G. C. Tarr 2, C. Woolley 3, H. Hodgetts 4, \*J. Cleaver 5, \*L. Tarr 6, W. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8. \*First in the method.

**WOODCHESTER, GLOS.**—On Saturday, July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: G. Townsend 1, S. C. Thain 2, T. C. Witts 3, R. J. Thain 4, G. Latham (conductor) 5, A. Howell 6. Rung half-muffled for Mr. E. Risbey, a local ringer for many years.

**PRISTON.**—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hawkins 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, E. Newsone 3, T. Hayward 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, F. Pike 6.

**BISHOPSTOKE.**—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Carpenter (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. E. Salmons 2, G. Hutchinson 3, R. Burford 4, G. Pullinger 5, T. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (conductor) 7, H. Russell 8.

**LIVERPOOL.**—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Peter's, Woolton, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Hammond 1, T. Lee 2, G. R. Newton 3, T. W. Hesketh 4, F. S. Almond 5, E. C. Birkett 6, F. A. Freeman (conductor) 7, A. Lunt 8.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. White 1, E. Newsone 2, F. White 3, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 4, T. Hayward 5, J. Bond 6, K. Metway 7, A. Higham 8.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Soden (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Soden 2, J. Keyte 3, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 4, A. Cornish 5, J. W. Dixon 6, W. J. Dixon 7, G. Miles 8.

**EXETER, DEVON.**—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. A. Wills 1, W. H. Howe 2, R. Truman 3, E. W. Biffin 4, W. E. Cheater 5, W. Fairchild 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, R. P. Newton (first quarter-peal) 8.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Tebbutt 1, Marjorie Watson 2, Pat Gilbert 3, D. Jennings 4, R. Chapman 5, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 6.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hemming 1, J. E. Newman 2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3, W. Newman 4, R. Harris 5, A. R. Geden (first quarter-peal inside) 6, F. Sadler 7, P. Harris 8.

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, at the Norman Tower, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stannard (conductor) 1, R. Simmonds 2, A. J. Ford 3, A. E. Moore 4, H. Foulger 5, L. Wright 6, W. Goodship 7, F. Buckle 8.

**PLYMOUTH.**—On Sunday, July 29th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 covering: F. Nichols 1, P. Sadler 2, H. H. Thomas 3, O. Thomas 4, J. Sims 5, R. Bennett 6, T. G. Myers (conductor) 7, W. Hatch 8.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Hodgetts 1, Mrs. G. Savill 2, G. C. Tarr 3, L. Tarr 4, F. Allaway 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6. Also 1,008 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Savill 1, W. Hodgetts 2, G. C. Tarr 3, H. Hodgetts 4, F. Allaway 5, L. Tarr 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, W. Attwood 8.—On Tuesday, July 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Hodgetts 1, C. Woolley 2, G. C. Tarr 3, R. Cadamy 4, L. Tarr 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Woolley 1, H. Hodgetts 2, G. C. Tarr 3, L. Tarr 4, R. Cadamy 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. D. Bishop 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, J. F. Churchill 3, Mrs. H. Rogers 4, A. F. Thirst 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. W. Rogers 7, A. Harding 8.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, July 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Linnett 1, E. Richardson 2, A. Chalk 3, A. South 4, F. Chalk 5, H. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

**KETTERING.**—On Tuesday, July 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Clarke 1, B. J. Paddington 2, A. Henman 3, C. W. Bird 4, R. G. Black 5, J. Bell 6, R. F. Turner 7, J. H. W. Linnitt 8, H. Baxter (conductor) 9, W. Lawrence 10.

**WOODLESFORD, YORKSHIRE.**—On Wednesday, August 1st, 720 Bob Minor: E. Foster (first 720) 1, E. Marsh (first 720 inside) 2, W. Ward 3, A. E. Marsh 4, G. W. Steel 5, T. W. Strangeway (conductor) 6.

**STANDLAKE, OXON.**—On August 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: \*J. A. Church 1, \*B. E. Costar 2, B. D. Costar 3, C. Calcutt (conductor) 4, H. C. Farmer 5, \*L. Collins 6. \*First quarter-peal.

**STAGSDEN, BEDS.**—On Saturday, August 4th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. P. C. Bonnett (first quarter-peal) 1, Marjorie Watson 2, P. C. Bonnett 3, Pat Gilbert 4, R. Brockett 5, L. H. Bowler (conductor) 6.

**STAVERTON.**—On Saturday, August 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss P. Jackson 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, Douglas Birkinshaw 4, Paul Williamson 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Lieut. C. W. Bond 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Bushy 3, G. W. Park 4, W. N. Park 5, R. Park (conductor) 6.

**CHATHAM.**—On Sunday, August 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. A. G. Allen 1, C. T. Lamb 3, T. J. T. Shellock 4, V. A. Jarrett 5, W. J. Walker 6, C. E. J. Norris 7, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 8.

**CROYDON.**—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. John's, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Parks 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, T. Blow 3, J. Saunders 4, H. Simmons 5, G. H. Humphries 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, D. D. Cooper (conductor) 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, August 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Wenban 1, D. Cattel 2, E. Leversuch 3, R. Cadamy 4, R. Wenban 5, W. J. Nudds 6, G. Hughes 7, W. Wenban (conductor) 8.

**OHLSFIELD.**—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. J. Spice 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, C. Cullen 4, M. Oakshett 5, V. Benning 6.

**FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On August 5th, 720 Single Court Minor: A. Pearson 1, H. Pearson 2, F. P. Harwood 3, W. Bradley 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, C. Jaques 6.

**EALING.**—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Coulson 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. Jones 3, F. Palmer, jun. 4, W. S. Lethbridge 5, A. Mark Stacey (conductor) 6, Arthur Harding 7, F. Miller 8.

**ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, August 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Elkington 1, Zena Walker 2, J. S. Iliffe 3, Dorothy Robertson 4, A. Disney 5, N. G. McCrum 6, P. J. Stanforth (conductor) 7, Norman Woodcock 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

**WILSDEN.**—On August 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: \*J. C. Birt 1, A. Cutler 2, G. M. Kilby 3, \*H. C. Collier 4, \*E. H. Kilby 5, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 6, F. A. Finch 7, H. Kilby 8. \*First quarter-peal in the method.

**BROMHAM, BEDS.**—On Monday, August 6th, 1,344 Bob Major: \*Marjorie Watson 1, \*Pat Gilbert 2, \*A. C. Sinfield 3, \*L. H. Bowler (conductor) 4, \*C. E. Jeffries 5, C. H. Harding 6, B. F. Sims 7, \*R. Brockett 8. \*First quarter-peal of Major.

**KEEVIL, WILTS.**—On Wednesday, August 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Rowley (conductor) 1, G. K. Westlake 2, L. G. Cave 3, A. G. Moore 4, H. A. Gummer 5, S. Gingell 6.

**FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On August 8th, 1,260 Minor, being 720 Single Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: A. Pearson 1, A. Sharp 2, A. Burchnell 3, W. Bradley 4, H. Harper (conductor) 5, C. Jaques 6.

**DEPTFORD.**—On Wednesday, August 8th, at St. John's, 720 Bob Minor: F. Morris E. S. Owen, R. G. Long, A. F. Bennington, F. W. Richardson and G. H. Daynes (conductor).

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**HERTFORD ASSN.**—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m.—W. Ayre.

**HERTS ASSN.**—Watford District.—Langleybury, Aug. 18th, 3.30. Tea 5.—H. G. Cashmore, 24, Muriel Avenue, Watford.

**HERTFORD ASSN.**—St. Albans District.—Northaw (6), Saturday, Aug. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; bring food.—R. Darvill, 23, Elm Drive, St. Albans.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—Bosley (6), Saturday, August 18th. Tea at the Queen's Arms.—E. M. P. Lawton.

**ESSEX ASSN.**—South-Western Division.—Loughton, Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names by Aug. 22nd to Mrs. J. H. Crampton, 14, Wellesley Road, Wanstead, E.11.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.**—Cheltenham Branch.—Alderton, Saturday, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Toddington, evening. Names by 22nd.—W. Yeend, Millford, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**KENT ASSN.**—Gillingham (8), Saturday, August 25th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 1s. Notify L. C. Harmer, 138, Woodlands Road, Gillingham, by August 20th.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify by August 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.**—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, August 25th, 3.30. Bring food; cups of tea at 5 and meeting. Stoke Golding at 6.30.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.**—Burton District.—Ticknall (6), Saturday, August 25th, 3.30. Tea 5 p.m.; bring food. Cups of tea provided.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—West Ham, August 25th, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck.

**CHESTER GUILD.**—Northwich Branch.—Great Budworth, August 25th, 3 p.m. Tea provided. Names by 22nd to C. Holden, Belmont Smithy, Great Budworth, Cheshire.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Ilchester Branch.—West Coker, August 25th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers by August 21st to F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Western Division.—Practice, Angmering (6), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m.—L. Stilwell, Pulborough.

**PETERBOROUGH GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—Stamford, Saturday, August 25th. St. Martin's and All Saints' bells. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by August 22nd to W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**ELY ASSN.**—Ely Branch.—Littleport (8), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Tea and business at Lincoln's Cafe, 5 p.m.—R. H. Bullen.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—Llangattock (8), Saturday, August 25th, 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names by August 21st to D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.**—Western District.—Hexham Abbey (8), Saturday, August 25th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) by August 22nd.—J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

**DONCASTER SOCIETY.**—Hatfield, Saturday, Aug. 25th, 3 p.m. Names by Aug. 21st.—W. E. Lloyd, 3, Cranbrook Road, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**—Bolton Branch.—Newchurch, near Warrington, Saturday, Aug. 25th, 2.30. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSN.**—Axbridge Branch.—Compton Bishop (6), Saturday, Aug. 25th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sandford, Bristol.

**KENT ASSN.**—Canterbury District.—Herne, Saturday, Sept. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 6d. Names to Mr. C. Hadlow, Hicks Forstall, Sturry, Canterbury, by Thursday, Aug. 30th.—B. J. Luck.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—Great Brickhill (6), Saturday, Sept. 1st, 2.30. Service 3.30. Names by Aug. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.**—Llanelly (6), Sept. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Card to Mrs. Parmenter, 63, Prospect Place, Llanelly, Carnarvonshire, for tea, by August 28th.—E. Stitch.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.**—Bedford District.—Cardington (8), Saturday, Sept. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. H. Bowler, Bromham, Bedford.

**SUSSEX ASSN.**—Northern Division.—East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Sept. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—A. E. Laker.

**SURREY ASSN.**—Croydon Bell Foundry, Saturday, Sept. 8th, by invitation of Mr. C. F. Johnston. Tea 5.30. Ringing at St. John's and St. Peter's 3 p.m. Service at St. John's at 4.30 p.m. Names must be sent before Aug. 29th to C. de Ste Croix Parks, 44, Torridge Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

**BIRTH.**

**BOTHAM.**—In Redhill Hospital, to Frances Botham (nee Humphrey), wife of Lieut. J. H. Botham (R.M.), the gift of a son (Christopher John).

**HORNBY, LANCS.**—On Saturday, August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stanley Clifford 1, Ernest Swain 2, John Woods 3, John R. Lunham 4, James E. Burles 5, Edward Iddon 6, Peter Crook, sen. (conductor) 7, William Taylor 8.

**LITCHBOROUGH.**—On Saturday, August 11th, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Simon's, 240 New Doubles, 180 April Day, 240 Stedman, 180 Grandsire: F. Vickers 1, Miss N. Lovell 2, Miss H. Smith (conductor) 3, F. Browning 4, W. Collins 5.

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