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**BEAUMARIS BELLS**

**L**AST week Beaumaris figured in the list of peals. The name probably recalled to many the Christmas Quiz, as Beaumaris possesses the only ring of bells in the island county of Anglesey. The ancient church of SS. Mary and Nicholas, built about 1295, has many interesting features with unusual clerestory windows, ancient tombs and effigies, some of which were brought from Llanfaes Priory.

To ringers the main appeal is in the bells. Originally there was a ring of six, the gift of Viscount Buckley in 1819. In 1903 they were pronounced as practically unsafe to ring; an appeal was accordingly launched to 'all lovers of music throughout Anglesey,' for funds to carry out the repairs and at the same time add two more bells to complete the octave. Main movers in raising the funds were Mr. A. J. Hughes and the late Mr. W. T. Pegler, of Bangor, and they had the satisfaction of seeing two new trebles added. The old bells were musical and pleasing to the ear, but the two trebles, cast by Barwells, of Birmingham, were delivered out of tune. Tom Miller was sent to Beaumaris to tune them, and they are still a little sharp, especially the second.

Very few peals have been rung in the tower, due partly to its isolation and also to the fact that for a long period permission for an attempt was rarely granted. Mr. A. J. Hughes, who took part in the first four peals, informed the writer that the first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, Taylors, rung on September 30th, 1905, and was conducted by W. T. Pegler. This was followed by Thurstans' Four-part peal of Stedman on August 24th, 1907, again conducted by W. T. Pegler. The next peal, 5,088 Bob Major on May 26th, 1909, was the first of Major in the county. It was composed by M. J. Morris, and conducted by A. W. Brighton. A special interest was attached to the next peal, 5,088 Bob Major on August 5th, 1912, as one of the participants was Miss Sarah Piggott. She was the first lady to take part in a peal for the North Wales Association. The peal was composed by J. Piggott.

For years the late Mr. W. H. Fussell tried to obtain permission for a peal attempt at Beaumaris. At last it was granted, and a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. Sperring, was rung. With this peal Mr. Fussell became the first—and so far the only—man to ring a peal in every county in England and Wales. The footnote in last week's peal, 'First peal of Surprise on the Island,' adds another chapter to the history of these bells; the story of the peal however is told in our news columns.—J. E. C.

### A DEVON TOUR

The following peals rung in Devon for  
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

#### KINGSTEIGNTON.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

#### BUCKFASTLEIGH.

On Sun., July 4, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

#### HIGHWEEK.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF PAINKWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 2	T. MARK WHITE ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

#### BUCKFASTLEIGH.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT CROPPINS PARK HOTEL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 1-2	MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3-4	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 7-8
	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9-10

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

First peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' for the Guild.

#### PLYMPTON.

On Tues., July 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... .. Treble	*JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 5
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6
*MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
*ALICK CUTLER ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild. A birthday peal for Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

#### PLYMOUTH.

On Tues., July 6, 1948, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

*T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	†LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 7
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... .. 3	†JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 9
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First of Yorkshire Royal for the Guild, on the bells and in the county

#### MORETONHAMPTSTEAD.

On Wed., July 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

#### UPTON, TORQUAY.

On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 6
MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

#### BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR.

On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 5
MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
T. MARK WHITE ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

#### BUCKFASTLEIGH.

On Thurs., July 8, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT CROPPINS PARK HOTEL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 1-2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 7-8
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4	*P. MICHAEL FREEMAN ... .. 9-10
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First of Stedman 'in hand' and first 12-bell peal 'in hand.' First of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' for the Guild.

#### BROADCLYST.

On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... .. 5
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 2	*JOHN THOMAS ... .. 6
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4	*JOHN FREEMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

#### HEAVITREE.

On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

#### BERRY POMEROY.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

#### A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*MRS. M. HODGSON ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
*MISS JOYCE GAYMER ... .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
*MISS MARGARET FIDELL ... .. 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 7
†EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. H. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

\* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

#### IPPLEPEN.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.	
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. Treble	*T. MARK WHITE ... .. 5
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6
ALICK CUTLER ... .. 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. 7
MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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

#### OKEHAMPTON.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.



OKEHAMPTON.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each Cambridge and Superlative with 116 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

T. MARK WHITE ... .. Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 5
MRS. T. J. LOCK ... .. 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.  
First peal of Spiced Surprise Major for the Guild and first peal of Major on the bells.

**TWELVE BELL PEALS**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., July 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER ... .. Treble	THOMAS G. FOX ... .. 7
MRS. JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 2	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 9
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. 10
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... .. 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 11
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... .. 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. Treble	*JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... .. 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... .. 9
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... .. 10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... .. 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.  
\* First peal on twelve bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS**

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., June 7, 1948, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

AT ALEXANDRA ROAD,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*REGINALD RIPPINGALE ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 7, 1948, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

FRED HODGSON ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

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

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	*HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 15, 1948, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*RICHARD BLAKEY ... .. 1-2	ROGER LEIGH ... .. 3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... .. 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

**TEN BELL PEALS**

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*RALPH C. SPITTLE ... .. Treble	*JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	*REGINALD T. JONES ... .. 7
REV. E. G. BENSON ... .. 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... .. 8
*FREDK. R. HARRIS ... .. 4	LESLIE EVANS ... .. 9
*JOHN D. ROCK ... .. 5	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.  
\* First peal of Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

LICHFIELD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. CHAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;**

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 cwt.

BRO. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	Treble
BRO. FRANK W. PERRINS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, No. 4134	2
BRO. HAROLD J. POOLE, Highcross Lodge, No. 4835	3
W. BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, No. 4549	4
BRO. HARRY G. WAYNE, Highcross Lodge, No. 4836	5
BRO. H. C. SPENCER, Walmley St. John Lodge, No. 6504	6
BRO. BERT HORTON, Birchfield Lodge, No. 4549	7
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge, No. 5657	8
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Lodge of Unity, No. 267	9
BRO. KEN. W. KNOWLES, St. Bartholomew Lodge, No. 696	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by BRO. HAROLD J. POOLE.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 13, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS ... .. Treble	†RALPH W. SAYERS ... .. 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVE ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	DENIS R. MORRIS ... .. 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... .. 9
*MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.  
\* 300th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS**

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 11, 1948, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... .. Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... .. 2	BERT GOGLE ... .. 6
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... .. 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE ADAMS ... .. 4	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.  
First peal of Major in the method by all except treble ringer, and on the bells.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., July 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

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

GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... .. Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 5
*DOUGLAS SANKEY ... .. 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... .. 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... .. 4	HENRY C. ADAMS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by P. W. GRICE.  
\* First peal in method 'inside.' First in method as conductor.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FLORRIE WYMAN ... .. Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.  
\* 100th peal.



HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Sheffield and District Society.)

On Wed., July 14, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Ashted Surprise Major peal, including Mrs. J. E. Turley, W. Eric Critchley, Jack G. Brothwell, John H. Brothwell, Arnold Hill, Ernest A. Thorpe, John J. L. Gilbert, and John E. Turley.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 16, 1948, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Pudsey Surprise Major peal, including Oswald Claybrook, Walter Allman, George Ledsham, John E. Bibby, Cyril Valentine, Eric J. Gilbert, Ralph G. Edwards, and James C. E. Simpson.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (158). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON. \* First peal in method. † 100th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM. THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes, AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Yorkshire Surprise Major peal, including Kenneth Pickering, John A. Brown, Thomas W. Crowe, William E. Robinson, Jack R. Worrall, Arnold Brunton, Adam Deas, and Denis A. Bayles.

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES. \* First peal in the method. Rung on the 1,065th anniversary of the dedication of this church and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Gregory, curate. Tenor 21 cwt.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Plain Bob Major peal, including Selwyn H. Dearden, Allan Smith, James Taylor, Eric Brunton, A. V. Williams, Charles Clegg, Jack Clegg, and L. J. Williams.

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS. \* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. Reynolds, branch secretary of Manchester Branch, and Miss Joan Murthwaite, of Manchester. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Plain Bob Major peal, including William Rose, Herbert Goakes, William Smith, W. Henry Waldron, George Bush, Frank Warrington, Francis Newman, and Lawrence Hadman.

A variation from Shipway. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the St. Clement's College Bob Major peal, including Walter M. Goddard, Jack Bray, George W. Moody, Frank Lord, Arthur W. Hoodless, John Scott, Philip Barnes, and Fred Jeffrey.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JACK BRAY. \* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

EWHRUST, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Yorkshire Surprise Major peal, including T. Mark White, William T. Beeson, C. Ernest Smith, William J. Robinson, Eric T. Lee, Frederick A. Munday, Harold A. May, and A. Patrick Cannon.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH. \* First peal of Yorkshire. A coming-of-age peal for Harold A. May.

HARWICH, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Oxford Treble Bob Major peal, including Urban W. Wildney, George W. Moss, Ernest H. Scarfe, Horace A. Wright, George Waterman, Ronald G. Bugg, Walter Felgate, and Harry J. Millait.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY. \* First peal in the method. First in method on the bells. A 68th birthday peal for G. W. Moss. Tenor 14 cwt.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Kent Treble Bob Major peal, including G. Kettle, G. C. Beech, Miss M. Flackett, Peter Carbutt, Reg. Rowley, David H. Anstey, G. A. Moore, and Arthur W. Hall.

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp. Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID H. ANSTEY. \* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

PIPE-CWM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 3, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Plain Bob Minor peal, including Charles L. Sadler, Ralph C. Spittle, Michael P. Moreton, John D. Rock, Roy Hallett, and Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON. \* First peal on tower bells.

VERYAN, CORNWALL. THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 5, 1948, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VERYAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Plain Bob Minor peal, including F. Dudley Teague, Miss Joan E. Withey, Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Cyril E. Lanxon, R. Gordon Cross, and Rev. A. S. Roberts.

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS. \* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

ACTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 9, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Minor peal, including Herbert Sutton, Edward J. Boffey, Harry W. Howard, David Smith, Harry Parker, and A. Gordon Lawrence.

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker on the anniversary of their wedding.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 10, 1948, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Minor peal, including Albert C. Rose, Roy Webb, Lewis H. Bywaters, Jack Church, Edwin C. Buck, and R. Thomas Newman.

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN. First peal on the bells since augmentation at Whitsun, 1948.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Table listing names and change counts for the Grandsire Doubles peal, including A. James Young, Leslie D. Young, Tracey H. Young, W. Charles Young, Percy H. Young, and Victor G. Young.

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt. Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG. Rung by six brothers as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 12, 1948, in 3 Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 20 cwt.  
\*JOHN CREBER ... Treble | \*BEN COMER ... 4  
BARBARA PODGER ... 2 | \*JOHN BURROUGH ... 5  
\*CHARLES BLACKMORE ... 3 | \*RICHARD CREBER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURROUGH.

\* First peal, all being the regular Sunday service band.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich and York Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge and London Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Treble | †DEREK E. LATCHFORD ... 4  
\*PETER HOLNESS ... 2 | HERBERT GATES ... 5  
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 3 | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' In memoriam Rev. C. G. H. W. B. Goodwin, Rector of Watton-at-Stone, and sometime Vicar of Apsley End. R.I.P.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Bob, one 720 St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

SIDNEY CLEMENTS ... Treble | HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4  
FRANK W. LACK ... 2 | STANLEY GILBERT ... 5  
CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Fields, of St. Neots.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

\*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble | †ALBERT W. HARTLAND 4  
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5  
DENIS R. MORRIS ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor and achieved on his 17th birthday. † First seven-method peal.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. in F sharp.

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY Treble | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 4  
\*MICHAEL J. BEST ... 2 | GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 5  
MISS FAITH M. CHILD 3 | HERBERT A. MITCHELL... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all except treble.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROLAND E. LEWIS ... Treble | JOHN THOMAS ... 4  
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2 | \*WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 5  
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

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*'The Ringing World' was founded in the  
year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who  
remained its proprietor and editor until his  
death in 1942.*

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas have now rung 300 peals together. These comprise 94 on tower bells and 206 on handbells. Have any other married couples better records?

Congratulations to Mr. Cyril Valentine, of the Chester Guild, on his 100th peal.

The hon. librarian would be grateful if requests for publications were not sent during August.

Two new trebles have been recently installed at Mark, Somerset, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, making a ring of eight. The new bells were dedicated on July 21st.

To-morrow a party gathers at Carbis Bay for a ringing holiday. Eight peal attempts, including one at Truro Cathedral, and visits to eight other towers, is the programme for the week.

London University Association are also having a ringing week starting on Saturday with headquarters at Ilkley. The party numbers 20, and the peal attempts include Leeds Parish Church and Bradford Cathedral.

The claim that the handbell peal at Llandilo on June 24th was the first 'in hand' for St. David's Guild was nine days late. This honour goes to Mr. W. F. Moreton and his band who rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Lampeter on June 15th.

First festival of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Verryan on September 27th, 1898. Fifty-two years later the first peal on the bells was rung. Canon J. A. Kempe, the first secretary of the Guild, was then vicar, and he arranged a full day's programme, viz., Holy Communion 8.30, luncheon, special ringers' service 3, tea 5, harvest festival service 7. Between these activities the bells were ringing the whole time, 20 minutes being allocated to each band of ringers present.

**BELFRY GOSSIP**

Mr. F. C. W. Knight informs us that the Kent peal tour starts on August 7th and ends on August 15th. Twenty-two peals will be attempted, and altogether 38 towers visited. The company numbers 31. Nine of the attempts will be Surprise methods.

The first peal by brothers since the war has been rung at Allensmore, Herefordshire, by the brothers Young.

Mr. David H. Anstey, of Alsager Training College, Stoke-on-Trent, has failed nine times to score his first peal of Surprise. He is determined to rectify this matter before ringing out 1948.

The St. Martin's (Catterick Camp) Society of Change Ringers has now 15 members. It has scored two peals recently—at East Wilton and on handbells in the camp.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Gillingham, Kent, recalls as a novice ringing a quarter-peal at Langford Budville, Somerset, in 1917 or 1918. The conductor was Mr. Albert Tait. The circle in this tower was then awkward, the tenor being between the treble and fifth.

An in memoriam quarter of Stedman Triples was rung for Mr. Ernest E. Bish, whose death was announced last week, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on July 20th, by Miss A. Castle 1, R. Charge 2, T. G. Miller 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, L. G. Miles 5, J. W. Chapman 6, R. Sanders 7, S. Howard 8.

At the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Kingskerswell on July 24th, a discussion arose regarding complaints recently received as to inferior ringing at Buckfastleigh Abbey, and while the branch has no jurisdiction over visiting ringers from outside the county, it was recommended that the position should be watched.

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## IN AFFILIATION WITH CENTRAL COUNCIL

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

IT was at a meeting held in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral at noon on Whit Tuesday, May 18th, 1880, attended by about 150 ringers from all parts of the county, that the Dean of Canterbury, after a few preface remarks, called on the Bishop of Dover to propose the first resolution, viz. :—

1. That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that an Association for the cultivation of change ringing be formed for this county.

Seconded by Mr. J. R. Hall and carried unanimously.

About a dozen bands were admitted to the Society on the first day, besides several who joined as probationers. From this small beginning has grown one of the largest of all ringing organisations, and whatever views may be held as to the desirability of relating ringing societies to their own dioceses, one hopes that this one, at all events, will never be called other than 'The Kent County Association.'

The new Association's first secretary was the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugesson, of Mersham, near Ashford, and when, having accepted a living out of the county, he resigned in 1889, the number of practising members had become 521. There was also one vice-president, whose chaplain had replied to the secretary's invitation that 'His Lordship quite recognises the importance of the work and its proper organisation, and will gladly give his name, but cannot promise any money assistance.'

For the first eight years or so all the work of the Association was borne by the secretary, but in his last year of office the county was divided into five districts—Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone, Rochester and Tonbridge—to give more scope for its activities. A sixth, the Lewisham District, was added in 1892, and this arrangement continues at the present time.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who became the second general secretary, held the post for two years only, and on July 15th, 1891, he was succeeded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was to remain in office for the long period of 38 years, until advancing years compelled him to retire.

## CANON F. J. O. HELMORE.

Frederick John Ottley Helmore was born in London on December 2nd, 1851, the son of the Rev. Thomas Helmore, organist of the Chapel Royal. Educated at St. Paul's School, he went up to Oriel College, Oxford, and was subsequently ordained deacon at Hereford in 1875. In 1878 he was appointed a Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, and Precentor of the Cathedral in 1883, an office which he held for nearly 50 years. He became a ringer only by accident. In 1882 a company applied to the then Dean for permission to learn to ring on the Cathedral bells, which was granted only on condition that one of the Cathedral clergy could be induced to superintend their ringing, which Canon Helmore was reluctantly prevailed upon to do. He eventually became no mean practical ringer, taking part in 205 peals up to Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques, but it is for his work as general secretary that he deserves most to be remembered. When he took up office the Association had 616 members in all; when he retired the resident membership alone was nearly 1,000. The balance in hand had increased from £90 to £620. A Belfry Repairs Fund, which he started in 1895, has since its inception, paid out £269, and a Benevolent Fund set up in 1912, has made grants of £373 to necessitous or aged members. In addition to being general secretary and treasurer, Canon Helmore represented the Association on the Central Council from 1894 to 1929. He died in 1938 at the great age of 87 years.

Almost his first act as secretary was to negotiate the formation of the Lewisham District. It was to cover an area in which the Association had rather a precarious foothold, as there already existed a Society known as the Trinity Youths, a revival of an old London Society. Canon Helmore offered, if the Society would agree to amalgamate with the County Association, to call the new district the 'Trinity Youths' District,' but the Youths would have none of this. At a meeting held at Greenwich on April 5th, 1892, they resolved 'that it is inexpedient to amalgamate the Society of Trinity Youths with the Kent County Association, and that the secretary be

the day when, as we hope, change ringing shall be firmly established in all our county towers.'

The outbreak of war two months later naturally brought ringing almost to a standstill. Over 350 of the Association's resident members joined the Services before the end of hostilities. Sixty lost their lives, and as a memorial to them the Association raised nearly £250 to cover the cost of adding two trebles to the peal of ten at Canterbury Cathedral. The new bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank, were dedicated by Archbishop Davidson in October, 1923, and Kent was thus provided with the second of its peals of twelve, the only other being at the privately owned Waterloo Tower in Quex Park, Birchington.

Despite the ravages of war, the Association soon recovered numerically; indeed, by 1921 over 1,000 resident practising members were recorded for the first time, more than 300 having been elected during 1920. From a ringing point of view the revival was not so marked, but this, perhaps, was common to ringing all over the country. Still, by 1922 the secretary could say that 'change ringing is more general, and practice in some of the higher methods is on the increase.'

In 1929, Canon Helmore retired after his long period of untiring and successful work. At the jubilee meeting of the Association at Canterbury in the following year the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had earlier preached at the festival service in the Cathedral and presided at the lunch, presented him with a cheque, a case of pipes, and an illuminated address recording the members' warm appreciation of his services. Over 400 were present at one of the largest assemblies of ringers ever seen at a gathering of this kind.

It was no easy matter to follow in Canon Helmore's footsteps, but in Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend (who was Master of the College Youths during 1933), and who had previously been secretary of the Rochester District since 1919, the Association found a worthy successor. Mr. Mitchell was to hold office through the difficult period of the early 1930's and during the Second World War. The county was, of course, badly affected by the recent war, because of its proximity to enemy-held territory, and it was with no little difficulty that the Association was held together during those crucial years. Increasing pressure of work compelled him to resign in 1945, when the office of treasurer, hitherto part of the secretary's duties, was created. Mr. Mitchell, who had guarded the Association's finances with the same care as his predecessor, was a natural choice for the post, having at his disposal assets of nearly twelve hundred pounds.

Mr. G. H. Spice, of Tunstall, who, like Mr. Mitchell, was also formerly Rochester district secretary, succeeded him as general secretary. His arrangements for the first post-war annual meeting, held at Canterbury in 1946 and attended by some 300 ringers, were acclaimed on all sides as a triumph of organisation, and under his leadership the Association must continue to progress as before.

The most recent development has been the appointment of a peal secretary, and Mr. P. A. Corby is the first holder of that office. For many years previously valuable assistance in the collation of peals and compositions for the annual reports had been given anonymously by Mr. Stafford Green while he resided in the county.

## DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The Association has been fortunate in its general secretaries, but their work could never have been carried out satisfactorily without the co-operation of the district secretaries, several of whom have or had to their credit many years of faithful service. Most outstanding

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CANON F. J. O. HELMORE.

requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the Kent County Association and to 'The Bell News.' However, the Lewisham District was duly formed, and almost within a year the Trinity Youths had ceased to exist.

## RECORD LENGTHS CRITICISED.

The subsequent history of the Association has been of steady rather than spectacular progress. Occasionally some incident marred its otherwise smooth running, such as in 1897, when Canon Helmore reported that 'towards the end of the year it transpired that several conductors had been in the habit of using visible aid to memory in calling peals. The introduction of such a practice seriously depreciates the merit of a peal, and for that reason no analysis of peals is given in the report.' This was typical of Canon Helmore. He never hesitated to express his own opinions, however much they may have differed from the general view. Some years later he referred to a long peal attempt by saying that it was 'happily abandoned after 4½ hours' ringing. . . . Many of us are of the opinion that these . . . attempts at record-breaking should be steadily discouraged, and even prohibited. Church bells were never intended for such vainglorious uses.'

The 1,000 membership mark was reached for the first time in 1904, and by June, 1914, the total was 1,229. 'We advance by slow degrees,' said the secretary in his report that year, 'but we are gradually drawing nearer



## THE DEVON TOUR

### A Week of Achievement

As a result of the untiring efforts of Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, in making excellent local arrangements, the Devon tour from July 3rd to 10th was an unqualified success. History was made for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, as no fewer than eight new performances for the Guild were recorded. Thirteen tower-bell peals and three 'in hand' were scored in ten methods.

The company assembled at Newton Abbot station on Saturday afternoon (July 3rd), some having arrived the night before and the rest that day. The Whitley Bay contingent had to travel all night. The bus, our companion for the week, complete with Mr. Bennett, was waiting to receive us. Getting down to business at once, we went to Kings-teignton. Eight of us rang a peal of London, and the rest proceeded to headquarters at Buckfastleigh.

For morning service on Sunday we rang at Dean Prior, a good peal of six, now not often rung. On Sunday afternoon those not in the peal at Buckfastleigh journeyed to Teignmouth and rang for evensong at St. James' Church. The ringing included Grand-sire Doubles for a local ringer, and a touch of Spliced as people walked through the circle to go into church.

There were two peal attempts on Monday morning. Painswick was successful at High-week and Bristol inexplicably lost at Wolborough just after half-way. On Monday afternoon Rutland was lost at Teignmouth while the rest of the party rang on the six at Bishopsteignton.

On Tuesday the attempts at Plympton St. Mary and St. Andrew's, Plymouth, were both successful. During the former there was ringing at Plympton St. Maurice, and in the afternoon at Emmanuel, Plymouth. On Wednesday morning a promising attempt for London at Chudleigh had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. There was extra ringing on the light six at Bickington. Belgrave failed at Bovey Tracey, and Bristol was successful at Moretonhampstead on Wednesday afternoon. The last failure of the week was at Babbacombe on Thursday morning, when London was lost five courses from the end. On Friday afternoon there was ringing at St. Thomas', Exeter, for those not in the peal at Heavitree. Broadclyst and Heavitree bells were outstanding in a week of very good bells.

#### DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

The week was not without its difficult situations. One tall dark young man from Lincoln, who shall be nameless, had the misfortune on the night of his arrival to walk into the wrong bedroom. Finding a lady in bed, he made a tactful, if hasty, withdrawal. A difficulty later in the week was to provide supper for band ringing the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques. At least the supper was easily provided, but the mode of keeping it warm was of necessity a little unorthodox. We understand, however, that the particular method adopted is highly recommended and

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ing of these, perhaps, was William Latter, who guided the affairs of the Tonbridge District for 42 years, a record exceeded probably by one man only in any Association. Two others with equally creditable if not equally lengthy periods of service are Thomas Groombridge, sen., Lewisham District secretary for 21 years, and his successor, Alfred G. Hill, who is still in office after 23 years. Mr. Groombridge also represented the Association on the Central Council from 1906 to 1938.

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may at some future date prove useful to the ringers' wives faced with the problem of keeping a meal warm for their husbands returning from a late peal. The system is to enfold carefully a large quantity of fish and chips well wrapped up in newspaper in various blankets and eiderdowns and to place carefully on a bed. We understand that fish and chips can, in this way, be kept warm for several hours.

A number of impressions come to mind from the beautiful ride to Buckland-in-the-Moor to the scene in the ruined aisles of the bombed Church of St. Andrew, Plymouth. Instead of allowing this once glorious Parish church to become a desolate waste, the people of Plymouth have produced beautiful lawns and gardens on what was the floor of the church. The noble ring of ten is still quite intact, and it was a great experience to walk on Plymouth Hoe listening to Yorkshire Royal, the first for the Devon Guild, rolling out in the distance.

In most of the towers we visited the 'go' of the bells was remarkably good. Evidently the call-change ringers have much to teach change ringers in many places on this important subject. A possible exception was Ippelen. The locals were sceptical about our chances of scoring a peal. Indeed, their fears were almost justified. We started for Rutland, but after the clock had struck ten in a most violent manner the clock wire was jerked off the peg. With the clock hammer striking the tenor in addition to the clapper, it sounded as if Big Bill Beeson was doing about six lots of 5-6 places all at once. By the time we stopped, the tenor was down and clock hammer no more. However, we pulled the tenor up again and decided to start for Stedman Triples. That it was that Mark White's 60th peal was appropriately enough 'Pulling's Delight Triples.' From the warming Bill received in blowing behind, the change of music was just as well. The locals here were very impressed with the ringing. Two of them wanted to know how long it would take to learn change-ringing, and in the 'local' mine host enquired if we would be available to come and ring for the flower show. We believe that Mr. Bennett has been commissioned to forward details, so that this peal, the first on the bells, can be recorded in the tower.

On Saturday afternoon the bus developed slight engine trouble, but we arrived in due course at Okehampton, where the Vicar and Mr. F. C. Smale, the general secretary of the Devon Guild, awaited us in the tower. Spliced Surprise was rung on the tower bells, and four enthusiasts rang a peal of Bob Major on handbells in the vestry at the same time. The lovely ride back over the moors was a fitting conclusion to an eventful week.

#### BELLS AND THE LAY EAR

Dear Sir,—In a recent broadcast quiz programme, two competitors were asked to name the number of bells in the peal used as the B.B.C. interval signal. One said four, the other six. The question master then played a recording of the bells, and the competitors again said four and six respectively. When told they were wrong, one reluctantly raised his bid to eight! The question master then solemnly informed them that there were, in fact, twelve bells in the peal at Bow!

That these gentlemen could not tell how many bells were being rung in a few well-struck call changes may perhaps give us cause to think again when discussing the respective merits of the music of some of our methods and their effect on the layman.—Yours faithfully,  
NORMAN PEARSON.

Vicarage Cottage, Warminster, Wilts.

## LETTERS

### Amplifying Bells

Dear Sir,—The authorities of a church whose bells are at present unringable have written to me for advice about installing gramophone records and amplifier; they also have submitted a list of records which have been recommended to them as possible for their purpose. Without wasting your valuable space with either a summary of my reply or a list of the more reasonable records they suggest, readers of 'The Ringing World' might like to know some of the records on the list. They are as follows:—

(1) Bells of Westminster Abbey, York Minster, Coventry Cathedral, Bath Abbey and St. Mary's, Puddletown, rung on Victory Day, 1945. Commentator, Frank Phillips.

(2) Clock Chimes and Bells: (a) Quarter-hour; (b) half-hour; (c) three-quarter hour; (d) twelve o'clock (household clock); (e) Big Ben chimes and twelve o'clock Telephone Bell.

(3) Wedding Record: (a) Bridal March; (b) Wedding March; (c) Bells. New Year Record: (a) Big Ben chimes and twelve o'clock; (b) Auld Lang Syne; (c) God Save the King.

(4) Fire engine effects: (a) Bell; (b) Siren; (c) Bell and Siren. Clock Chimes and Bells: (a) Quarter-hour; (b) half-hour; (c) three-quarter hour; (d) twelve o'clock.

(5) Wedding March and Ringing Bells: (a) Midnight; (b) Angelus; (c) Peals (my comment: this must be a very large record).

(6) School Bell, Sleigh Bells.

(7) (a) Telephone bell (intermittent ring); (b) Three types of Clock Ticking. Big Ben striking the quarters and twelve o'clock.

When your readers have blown off sufficient steam, they might perhaps agree that some of the above might be quite useful, coming out of tower and steeple. Some might be used to proclaim the coming of snow, others to proclaim good news, bad news, or indifferent news. The Vicar might put on No. 4 (a) when sufficient people had rung him for one morning, and No. 4 (a, b c) could break up undesirable political meetings. Perhaps the best use would be to broadcast all seven records at once to demonstrate what the atomic age has brought us to.—Yours faithfully,  
A. G. G. THURLOW.

St. Clement's Rectory, Norwich.

#### EAST ILSLEY'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In my letter published in last week's 'Ringing World' there are two mistakes: (1) The three trebles were added in 1921 and not 1922 as I stated; (2) only the 6th was recast when the trebles were added and not all the old five, as I said.

Please accept my apologies for errors.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. HIBBERT.

East Ilsley, Berks.

#### DUCK OR DABCHICK?

Dear Sir,—Your recent correspondence to the Aldbourne Bell Foundries has been both enlightening and interesting. I secured some years ago from a local shepherd one of Cor's bells. At that time it was still in use as a sheep-bell; it is now in Cheltenham Museum. This also has the founder's mark, depicting (as described by Mr. F. Sharpe) a duck.

May I suggest, however, that it is not a duck but a dabchick. Dabchick has been the nickname of Aldbournites for generations, and was probably adapted as a kind of trade mark by the Cor family. Maybe some of your readers heard broadcast recently on West Regional a narrative alluding to the bird and village which has made Aldbourne locally famous.—Thanking you, yours sincerely,  
T. A. PALMER.

Aldbourn, Wilts.



## Yorkshire Surprise at Beaumaris

For some years the writer has had a keen desire to ring a peal at Beaumaris, and permission was sought and given in June, 1947. Unfortunately he chose a date that clashed with Chester Guild meetings at Frodsham and Macclesfield and, despite a great effort by Mr. J. C. E. Simpson to get a band, the attempt had to be cancelled a week before the date fixed as only seven men were available. That year the writer had to content himself with a view of the church from a steamer in the Menai Straits, when he vowed he would return the following year and ring a peal of Yorkshire.

His first task was to convince his wife that North Wales was the ideal place for a holiday in 1948. This was not difficult, and the next step was to consult the Cheshire men as to a suitable date. That settled, an application for permission was again made early in the year, and again the application was successful, Mr. Jones, the local captain, assuring the band of a hearty welcome. On Tuesday, June 29th, a card was received from Mr. Simpson saying everything was O.K., and on Friday, July 2nd, the writer set out for Chester on the first stage of his journey.

At 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, however, the plans received a severe jolt when one of the band rang up Mr. J. E. Bibby at Frodsham to say he was unable to come. Mr. Simpson, who had by then arrived, was consulted, and Mr. Bibby sent his wife to Runcorn to try and persuade Mr. W. E. Allman to stand in. At 11 a.m. Mrs. Bibby rang up to say Mr. Allman would go, so the situation eased again.

Meanwhile, the writer was speeding through North Wales sublimely unaware of the frantic efforts being made at Frodsham. Having safely deposited his wife and young daughter—to say nothing of the luggage—at Llandudno, he unobtrusively withdrew from the scene and boarded a bus for Bangor and thence to Beaumaris, arriving at 1.50 p.m. The peal was to start between 2 and 3 p.m.

The first man he spoke to in Beaumaris was, strangely enough, Mr. Jones, the local captain, who had everything ready. The bells had been oiled, the ropes were in good order, and the condition of the bells and ringing chamber was a credit to him. At 3 p.m., no one else had arrived, but Mr. Jones was assured: 'Don't worry, they'll come all right.' This assurance was repeated at 3.30 p.m., but with a note of anxiety, and at 3.45 p.m. the assurance was repeated with a slightly greater note of anxiety. Shortly afterwards, however, four of the band arrived, and whilst waiting for the arrival of the other three a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by Mr. Jones.

At 4.20 p.m. a start was made for the peal, and after two hours and fifty-seven minutes 'That's all' was called. The writer has made that call on quite a few occasions, but seldom indeed with such a glow of complete satisfaction as on this occasion. The peal itself was without incident, as was to be expected with that band.

A call was made for light refreshments, and this brought out maps of Somerset, but that will be another story.

J. E. C.

## Winchester and Portsmouth

### GUILD SUBSCRIPTION INCREASED.

The annual meeting was held at Andover on July 3rd and was attended by over 60 members and friends representing seven of the eight districts of the Guild. At the general meeting presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), the chairman of the Andover District (Rev. A. S. Gidlow), welcomed the gathering and expressed his pleasure in meeting them. The Master was supported by Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. general secretary) and Mr. W. Linter (hon. treasurer).

The accounts and balance sheets as printed in the annual report were unanimously adopted, and the treasurer thanked the district secretaries for their valuable work in collecting the subscriptions.

To meet the increased cost of maintaining the Guild's activities and to retain its financial stability it was decided to increase the annual subscription of ringing members from 2s. to 3s. to operate from January 1st, 1949.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Williams; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. general treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis.

It was decided to adopt a war memorial scheme, and a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the officers and district secretaries to examine various proposals from all districts and to report to next annual meeting. One scheme that was suggested was to increase the peal at Portsmouth Cathedral to ten in conjunction with any assistance that might be agreed upon by the Cathedral and/or civic authorities. The general secretary said he would approach the Provost and see if he was sympathetic to such a scheme if the Guild decided to adopt it, and possibly provide one of the two new bells.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Southampton on July 2nd, 1949.

It was pointed out that next year would be the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Guild, and it was agreed to hold a meeting at Basingstoke (where it was founded) on June 25th. The foundation date was June 26th, 1879.

Tea was served after the Guild service was held in the Parish Church. Various rings of bells around Andover were available to members during the day.

### NORTHILL'S VICTORY BELL

On the morning of July 7th a party of ringers and friends left Northill, Bedfordshire, for London. The main objective was the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, where Northill's new victory bell was to be cast that afternoon. At the foundry, the party, which now included ringing friends from St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, was welcomed by Mr. Hughes.

The great moment arrived. A shower of silver coins and a gold ring enriched the molten bell metal and, with a few little 'refrains,' coupled with expressions of good luck, the bell was cast.

The rest of the day passed very quickly and enjoyably. Two ladies who nearly missed seeing the bell, and the two gentlemen who had fillet of beef for lunch will long remember the day when Northill's victory bell was cast.

## Midland Counties Guild

### VISIT THE CATHEDRAL OF NEEDWOOD FOREST.

The summer meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Hoar Cross on Saturday, July 17th, when 40 ringers and friends assembled from Burton St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Ashby, Repton, Winhill, Lullington, Seales, Derby St. Luke's and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Asbury (Cheshire) and Longton.

On the outward journey a short stay was made at Barton-under-Needwood, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung before continuing the journey to Hoar Cross.

Much could be written of this beautiful church, with its wonderfully carved Stations of the Cross, being the work of two Antwerp craftsmen. It is interesting to note that the stations came over to England in the plain carving, the beautiful rich colouring and gilding being executed at Hoar Cross under the guidance of the foundress, Mrs. Meynell Ingram.

The carved and decorated chancel screen and Calvary, the glorious stained glass windows, all combine in giving this beautiful church a cathedral-like atmosphere.

The Vicar (Rev. G. N. Strong) conducted a short service and spoke of recently visiting a bombed cathedral and the bells ringing out with all their triumphal and victorious notes of joy amidst the ruins, and in conclusion the Vicar appealed to the ringers not to dissociate their ringing from the church services.

Following tea in the Meynell Ingram Arms, it was decided to invite the Derby District of the Derbyshire Association to a joint meeting at Repton on August 21st.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and for the address, to the organist who deputised at short notice, and to the local members for tea arrangements.

Methods rung during the visit included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford Bob, Double Court Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT MEET AT GILDEN MORDEN.

In these days of petrol rationing, a meeting at an isolated tower is always a doubtful venture, but thanks to visiting ringers from the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations, the meeting at Guilden Morden on Saturday, July 10th, was a great success. After the service, a substantial tea was enjoyed at the Three Tuns. We feel sure this was needed by some of our younger members, who had cycled about twenty miles; we only hope they did not take the wrong turning on the way home as did the writer on his Rolls Royce auto-cycle.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. Pratt, from Holywood, Northern Ireland, on holiday in Cambridge, who at the meeting following tea extended a hearty invitation to any ringers visiting Northern Ireland. All were very pleased to see our secretary, Mr. H. Martin, with us again after his operation.

Good striking was somewhat hindered by the treble being disinclined to go up at back-stroke, but when someone obligingly broke the stay this difficulty was overcome, and the ringing concluded with some good London and Cambridge Minor. C.W.C.



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**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICS.**—On July 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. A. Flint 1, C. E. Carr 2, G. F. Ball (first in method) 3, W. R. Drury 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, A. Patrick 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 4. Rung for wedding of Mr. Jim Bird (son of Mr. H. Bird, local captain) and Miss Dorothy Willmore.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Hereward Bob Triples: J. G. Collett 1, F. Soden (first in method as cond.) 2, M. G. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.**—At St. Paul's on July 18th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: P. Foster (first of Triples) 1, Miss N. Brain 2, W. J. Leach 3, H. Harrison 4, G. Harrison 5, E. J. White (first 'inside') 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, L. Chamberlain 8.

**CHOBHAM, SURREY.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: A. J. Arlett (first quarter) 1, R. Andrews 2, D. Sleet (cond.) 3, G. Oliver 4, R. Collins 5, R. Coleman 6.

**COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: R. J. S. Stuart (Ifra-combe) 1, A. H. Hayward (cond.) 2, Miss B. M. Bryles 3, L. G. Walters 4, C. Rook 5, S. Hough, jun. (Macclesfield) 6, A. Harman (Leatherhead) 7, T. Yeo 8. First of Grandshire Triples 1 and 3.

**COUNTFESTHORPE, LEICS.**—On July 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Chapman (first quarter) 1, H. Kilby 2, B. Hubbard 3, L. E. Chapman 4, N. Moves (first in method as cond.) 5, J. J. Morris 6. First in method 3 & 4.

**CLERKENWELL, LONDON.**—On July 4th, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, W. H. Hewitt 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, F. P. Mead 5, R. H. Begrie 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On July 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: D. Cooper 1, Miss P. Steere (first of Caters) 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, C. Parks 4, E. Razzell 5, T. Bulgin 6, H. G. Pratt 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, G. H. Humphries 10.

**DONCASTER, YORKS.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Nora Wall 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, A. Hill 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. C. Stacey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. Dawe 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's on July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. P. Kent 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. Harding 4, T. Davies 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, F. Miller 8.

**EAST COKER, SOMERSET.**—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Poole 1, R. Beale 2, Miss M. Clarke 3, Mrs. E. S. Powell 4, W. H. Poole 5, J. T. Locke 6, W. H. Turner 7, J. W. Drew (first of Major as cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 3.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On July 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, Ian Halls 3, E. W. Furbank 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1, 5 and 6. First of Surprise by the Sunday service ringers.

**HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's on July 5th, 1,272 Bob Minor: J. Hobden 1, W. E. Stenney 2, A. Robinson 3, E. G. D. Tonkin 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, G. Beeny 6. First of Minor 'inside' by 2 and 3.

**HERSHAM, SURREY.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: D. Silver 1, Miss J. Smith 2, N. F. D. Coleridge 3, J. Brent 4, H. Calcomb 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. Hessey (cond.) 7, J. Dobson 8.

**HOLLOWAY, LONDON.**—On July 11th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 1, F. W. Bishop (first in method) 2, R. Newman 3, C. A. Parsons 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, C. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

**HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.**—On July 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, C. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, W. Wedlock (Epping Upland) 5, R. W. Stannard 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8.

**QUARTER PEALS**

**LAMBETH, LONDON.**

—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. G. Kitchen 1, J. Bullock (cond.) 2, Miss A. Castle 3, J. H. Lott 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Ottley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, W. Hardy 8.

**LEEDS, KENT.**—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Mrs. Hannington (first of Doubles) 1, Leslie Jarvis 2, Lawrence T. Pope (cond.) 3, Albert Kemp 4, S. Geoffrey Waters 5. Rung on the back five.

**LYME REGIS, DORSET.**—On July 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, Miss Jill Poole 2, Rev. C. C. Cox 3, C. W. Powell 4, H. C. Edward 5, H. G. Keeley 6, P. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

**LONDON.**—On July 11th at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Castle 1, E. J. Rowe (first in method) 2, J. Bullock (cond.) 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. A. Hughes 5, W. Branch (first in method) 6, C. W. Otley 7, J. H. Lott 8.

**LILLINGTON, LEAMINGTON SPA.**—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: W. Collett 1, W. Oakley 2, Miss E. Hall 3, W. Male 4, R. J. Edden 5, P. W. Jarvis 6, J. R. Ball (cond.) 7, D. Allibon 8. In memoriam Mr. Burt. of Lillington.

**LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.**—On July 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Grain (first of Major) 1, D. Clark (first of Major 'inside') 2, M. J. Thurmott (first on eight as cond.) 3, S. G. Elsey 4, C. Gimbert 5, O. A. Needham 6, R. H. Bullen 7, E. H. Mastin 8.

**MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: J. Pearl 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, Miss V. Hunwicke 4, W. Vince 5, G. Herbert 6, G. Ward 7, W. Langley 8. In memoriam the Rev. Edgar Bentley, Rector.

**OXFORD.**—At St. Ebbe's, on July 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. F. Judge 1, E. G. Moore (first in method 'inside') 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, N. I. Allnatt 4, J. Higgins 5, C. Coles 6, W. J. Porter 7, F. A. H. Wilkins 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rector, the Rev. M. A. P. Wood.

**SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: H. Robson 1, D. G. Beach (first quarter) 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, J. W. Cornford 4, H. Spencer 5, H. Chaddock 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

**STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.**—On July 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Cattell 1, D. Cattell 2, T. Clark 3, W. Wenban (cond.) 4, W. J. Nudds 5, R. E. Wenban 6, G. H. Hughes 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

**SOUTHWARK, LONDON.**—On July 4th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,259 Grandshire Caters: H. M. Page 1, J. B. Sansom 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, W. S. Langdon 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, H. Langdon 7, H. Belcher 8, J. E. Chilcott (first of Caters as cond.) 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

**STROUD, GLOS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, J. Gay (first quarter) 2, A. J. Pitman 3, B. Latham 4, G. Latham 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

**TEWKESBURY, GLOS.**—On July 4th, at the Abbey Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams (cond.) 1, E. T. Newbury 2, W. Dyer 3, P. Baker (first of Stedman Triples) 4, T. Boreham 5, W. A. Theobald 6, L. Aston (first of Stedman Triples) 7, F. Miles 8.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Yarrow (first quarter) 1, G. Markwell 2, J. Lawrence 3, S. Shipp (cond.) 4, H. Sharpe 5, G. Gillett 6.

**STREATHAM, LONDON.**—On July 4th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. A. Reeve 2, T. G. Miller 3, E. L. Miles 4, C. D. Nichols 5, L. G. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging in ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston.

**WANDSWORTE, LONDON.**—On July 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Chilcott 1, H. R. Newton 2, W. S. Langdon 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, H. Langdon 6, A. R. Macdonald (cond.) 7, H. Belcher 8.

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The first peal in this method, which is Yorkshire below the treble and Pudsey above, was rung at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on April 3rd, 1948, for the Essex Association, conducted by P. A. Corby.

**OUTING**

**WARMINSTER RINGERS TOUR THE HARDY COUNTRY.**

This year Warminster ringers toured Dorset, and the Thomas Hardy lovers were able to see Shaston, Egdon Heath, Coomb Castle and other well-known Hardy spots.

Ringing began on a fine eight at Blandford semi-classical 18th century church, with Grandshire Triples (successfully) and Stedman and Plain Bob Major (less accurately). Next another fine eight at Wareham—another interesting church with its unique hexagonal lead font. Here Dr. Cunningham welcomed and rang with the band.

After lunch at Swanage, some enthusiasts dashed off to Corfe Castle to 'snatch a tower.' They were unsuccessful as a funeral was in progress. A hurried return to Swanage brought its reward with ringing at St. Mary's, where Wimborne and Swanage ringers were holding a practice.

Kingston, with its beautiful church of polished Purbeck marble, was the next stop, and again a good ring of eight was much appreciated after an exciting chase round the village for the key (and Test match news!).

It was decided to try Corfe Castle once more and this time the tower was available. But the six were found difficult to ring, the fact that the fourth was tucked away behind the clock case adding to the excitement. However, a touch of Grandshire Doubles came round to everyone's surprise, and the band went on to St. Peter's, Shaftesbury, to ring on a pleasant six the best touch of the day, some well-struck Bob Minor. C.N.P.



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## MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 31st, Ellesborough, 3 p.m. Bring tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 3850

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Reopening Tibshelf bells (6), Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 3. Service 6.30; Rev. T. E. Fowler. Presentation during service to Messrs. H. Draycott and J. Draycott. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Tea 5; bring own food.—J. W. Price, Sec. 3870

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Knebworth, July 31st, 3 p.m. Sorry unable to provide teas.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 3878

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Tattershall, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Fortesque Hotel at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 3843

HEREFORDSHIRE GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire. 3857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Combined August Bank Holiday meeting of Portsmouth and Southampton Districts. Bells available (all 8's): Bishop's Waltham, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Soberton, 2.4 p.m.; Curdrige, 2.4-3.0 p.m. Service (4.30) and tea (5.15) at Curdrige. Soberton and Curdrige bells available after tea. Names for tea to John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 3847

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Rotherham (10), Monday, Aug. 2nd, 3 p.m. Good teas obtainable at the British Restaurant. All welcome.—H. Chaddock, Sec. 3808

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 2nd. Bells from 3. Service 4. List of tea shops in tower. Tea notifications to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 3821

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—Church of the Annunciation. No Sunday ringing or practices from August 5th until September 2nd inclusive. Ringing recommences September 5th.—F. C. W. Knight. 3862

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, on Saturday, August 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names to me by previous Wednesday. No. 8 bus to Blackbird Cross.—T. J. Lock, District Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 3848

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Speldhurst (8), Aug. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, Tonbridge. 3856

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on August 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Village Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3860

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Parbold (8), Saturday, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Tea, 3s. per head, to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 4th. Make it a good meeting. Election of new branch secretary.—N. Heaps. 3861

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting, Mablethorpe, Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting afterwards; important Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 4th, to Miss D. Clarke, 13, Regent Road, Mablethorpe.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec. 3863

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting will be at Rochdale Parish on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells at 4. Business meeting in tower 6.30.—I. Kay. 3869

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6) Saturday, Aug. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 3867

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Mapledurham (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Picnic tea; room if wet. Kindly bring own food.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 3866

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 3864

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Ruskington (6), Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. T. Warrington, Rectory Road, Ruskington. 3876

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting at Lymington on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Notify for tea by Aug. 5th.—Secretary, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3875

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Saturday, Aug. 7th, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, 3 p.m. Ringing St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 3877

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting, West Grinstead (6), Aug. 7th, 3. Tea. Names for tea by Aug. 4th.—G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 3874

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Bristol City Branch.—Next meeting Aug. 7th, Abbots Leigh. Ringing 3. Tea 5. Please book by Aug. 4th.—C. H. Wood. 3872

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Darfield, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. T. Hilton, Stoneleigh, 62, Barnsley Road, Darfield, near Barnsley, not later than Aug. 5th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 3880

DEVON GUILD.—Meeting, Broadclyst, Aug. 7th, 2.30. Visitors welcomed. Tea.—F. C. Smale. 3882

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Aug. 14th. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 9th, please, to F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Willoughby, near Rugby. 3871

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Notify for tea by Aug. 11th, E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 3873

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, Sat., Aug. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to H. Groom, 1, Broken Green Cottages, Standon, Ware, Herts. 3855

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Cliffe at Hoo (8), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea followed by business meeting 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 10th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 3865

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names must be sent to W. Hayes, Moreton's Place, Flamstead, Herts, by Wednesday, Aug. 11th.—W. C. Hughes. 3883

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Hershaw, Aug. 14th. Bells 3. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 3881

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