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MODERN WORK.

OUTSIDERS NOT WANTED.

There is no greater festival in which ringers can join than that of the dedication of a new or renovated peal of bells. Happy as they may be to see ringing facilities extended, there is, we are glad to say, a deeper feeling among them than this. To-day, ringers are first and foremost church workers, and as such, it is to them a matter of rejoicing that in some familiar steeple an ancient peal, long since silent, has been restored, so that the music of its notes may sound as of yore; or that in some fresh tower a new ring of bells has been set to join in the ever-growing chorus of "brazen-throats" that call to worship, or tell of a nation's joy, or, muffled, mark its periods of grief. They welcome, too, the accession of strength which every new peal ought to give to the Exercise by adding to its devotees and extending its scope.

It is a matter for regret, therefore, that the announcement is made that, at the dedication of the new bells at Wargrave on July 22nd, visiting ringers will not be allowed to ring. It is, happily, very seldom on occasions such as these that visiting ringers are debarred from sharing in the festival. As a rule, when it does happen, the explanation is to be found in a spirit of jealousy animating the local ringers, who wish to keep to themselves exclusively the pleasures of the day. In the case of Wargrave, however, we learn that it is the Vicar and Churchwardens who have intimated that visitors are not wanted. It is difficult to see what the object can be, for we should have thought at a tower so closely associated as Wargrave has been with the Oxford Guild, that neighbouring ringers would have been specially welcomed. It is not too late to withdraw the fiat that has gone forth, so that in this forthcoming festival, which has far more than a parochial interest, a great ringing organisation such as the Oxford Guild is, may take its part. In the absence of a specific reason for the step that has been taken, we can only assume that there must be some misunderstanding or misapprehension.

Wargrave is to be congratulated upon having so quickly restored its church and replaced its bells after the disastrous fire which originated from the misguided activities of certain individuals, who looked upon incendiarism as a path to other more legitimate aspirations. The church is now completely renovated, having been in parts rebuilt, and the Bishop of Oxford is to open the edifice at a dedicatory service. The tower now contains a heavier and, one may venture to prophesy, a better peal of bells than before. Those who have had the work of restoration in hand can look with satisfaction on their labours, but it would be a sad blemish on the consummation of the undertaking if the authorities excluded from participation in the festival those who will rejoice at the restoration of the building and the bells, and whose presence would demonstrate the goodwill and the sympathy of many a parish around.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDWARD KERSHAW Treble	EDGAR WHITELEY 5
ALBERT JAGGER... .. 2	EDWIN WHEATER 6
FRED HUTTON 3	MALLINSON TAYLOR 7
HARRY GREGSON 4	JOHN WM. WRIGHT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH FLEMING.

Conducted by JOHN WM. WRIGHT.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lord Kitchener and his Staff. Mr. Edgar Whiteley entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, July 8, 1916, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER... .. Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
JAMES NEWMAN 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FRANK CLAYDON... .. 3	SERGT.-MAJOR FARLEY 7
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... .. 4	DAVID ELLIOTT... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

First peal of Bob Major by Sergt.-Major Farley, for whom it was arranged; it was also a birthday compliment to Mr. James Newman on his 67th birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS.

RETTFORD.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 3, 1916, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different 720's.

*HAROLD JOHNSON 1—2	JOHN SEGAR, JR. 3—4
JOHN HURST 5—6	

Conducted by J. HURST.

Umpire: G. TURNER.

* First peal. Conductor's first away from 1—2.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 9th, 1916, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS ELLEN M JOHNSON 1—2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5—6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON... .. 7—8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury.

KEEVIL RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Harold Ludlow, of Keevil, who died from consumption in the latter part of June at the early age of 19 years. Deceased was a ringer and one of the choristers at St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, where his father has been the much-respected captain of the ringers for some years past. On the evening of the funeral, the ringers from the neighbouring parish of Steeple Ashton kindly assisted the Keevil men in ringing a muffled peal at Keevil Church, where the deceased was laid to rest.—R.I.P.

W-H-ET MONDAY A B-L-ANK HOLIDAY.

Several inquisitive ringers and others have kindly made inquiries as to what happened on Whit-Monday last? I can best reply to them through the courtesy of "The Ringing World," and must preface my notes of the day's work by a war apology. The very serious naval and military misfortunes of that time prompted a cancellation of the arrangements, but it was too late to advise everyone, so the gathering was held.

Then again it was thought silence would be golden in regard to bell ringing announcements at that time, which now, many ringers would rather have broken.

The suspension of the Bank Holiday Act led tradespeople to hastily bill their windows stating that they would be "open," and it woke up the Board of Education, who ordered all schools to "carry on" as usual, whilst in Munition areas the war worker willingly continued at an enhanced rate of wages. Then, by what right had bells to be rung when the Court sadly went into mourning for one of England's greatest soldiers and our brave men of the sea, when even the weather combined with the nation in its grief for the fallen by a steady rainfall throughout the Whitsun holiday? To those who have an aversion to a little ringing in war time, I beg to quote a couplet which may be found upon so many of the old Rudhall bells throughout the West of England.

"I, to the Church the living Call
"And to the grave do summon all."

Half a band met in the rain at Farnham Royal, where Mr. J. J. Parker kindly attended with the keys of the tower at the hour appointed. Nothing daunted, these enthusiasts trudged five miles to Beaconsfield, amidst beautiful Bucks scenery; the walk, the weather, and the war affording subjects for conversation. Arriving to time, with the steeplekeeper in attendance, a surprise muster was attributed to the Great Central Railway; and St. Mary's eight—of growing fame—were soon put to Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, the following men scoring touches:—Messrs. J. and P. Evans, Blackmore, Buckland, Henley, J. Batting, Wingrove, Gransbury, Elburn, White, T. S. Smith, W. H. Fussell, W. Lawrence, J. W. Wilkins, Horne, and Harry Passmore, of London, who was spending his holidays in the district with Mrs. Passmore (a Bucks girl) and the family.—The Rector (the Rev. A. S. Commeline) visited the tower and said a few words, promising the belfry and bells for another occasion.

RECOLLECTIONS OF BEACONSFIELD AND HUGHENDON.

Our portable luncheons were unwrapped in the George Inn, where we were able to refresh our memories by a chat over pre-war peals and absent performers—Messrs. Cox, Mayne, Rolf, Bailey and Young, all of the local band now serving in the army. Here I may mention that a half-dozen copies of the "Story of the Bells" were soon disposed of in aid of a church bells fund. My readers can also get copies by remitting a nimble sixpence to "Bell Mead, Esq., Clun." This booklet is well worth perusing, for it's not only written by a ringer, promoted to churchwarden, but it is printed by our ringing editor of "The Ringing World."

At Easter I referred to some mysterious bulbs in the potting sheds of the Priory Gardens. The sequel has recently come to light, for the owner of the place, Mr. Colin Romaine, at the recent Rose Show held at Windsor, took three first prizes, one second, and one third for blooms, and the N.R.S. bronze medal. There are a good number of ringing gardeners in this neighbourhood who will be pleased to hear of this success in which Mr. Gutteridge, of Old Windsor, had a share.

The independent cycle and the 2.30 p.m. Central removed our party to High Wycombe, and thence by the picturesque grounds of Hughendon Manor, the home of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, to the Parish Church. Here the one hour's ringing as usual was strictly adhered to, the standard methods rung, a successful snap photo of tower and men taken by Mr. W. Lawrence. Our veteran photographer had pleasant recollections of this parish in 1889, when he called Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire, which Messrs. Truss, of Marlow, and Dentry, of Twyford, will recall as their maiden performances. Excepting Drayton, more peals have been scored at Hughendon than at any other tower in the Diocese of Oxford. I also have similar happy reminiscences of Hughendon in company with Messrs. G. Symonds (Suffolk), G. Alder (Bucks), F. Richardson (Kent), T. Taffender (Middlesex), G. Martin (Berks) and Harold Davis (Surrey), who at various times came here to ring or call their first Double Norwich, and will they ever forget the event? If they should there is a valuable volume of all the peals rung in this tower, for visitors' use, forming a fine local record, which will refresh their memories, but, I regret to say, there are no records at the Fox Inn to which one may have access, especially so when peal ringers frequently catch a fox.

AT HIGH WYCOMBE.

Our standing orders—tea at the White Lion at 6 p.m. (High Wycombe)—were punctually complied with, Mrs. Dan Townsend, the daughter of a Warwickshire ringer, doing her utmost to make us all comfortable. Ringers visiting our "Chair Town" will find one of the most cosy of such contrivances here, as brother Pitstow can testify, and those who know both will say how well they fit.

The sounds of the bells being raised roused the tea party, who found a strong muster of local members in All Saints' belfry waiting to welcome them, and a touch of Stedman Cinques in progress with Mr. F. Hayes at the helm as conductor. The tower warden, Mr. Ralph

Coles, had everything prepared for a good twelve bell practice, and amongst those present were Messrs. W. Phipps, E. Markham, F. K. Biggs, F. Boreham, E. R. Coles, A. J. Hoing, Smith, C. Wheeler and Wilkins. The first half of this practice was made with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to our departed warriors and Earl Kitchener. Afterwards the muffles were removed, and the ringing ended with a decent touch of Treble Bob Royal, thereby celebrating (although unknown at the time) the official summary of the great naval action in the North Sea on the eventful first of June—viz., that the German victory off "Jutland" which evoked so many joy bells in Prussia was nothing less than a master success for the British Navy in "Joyland," for our sailors were in their element that day. How the White Lion again wagged his tail so well that the Beaconsfield men barely boarded the tail end of their train, and how the cyclists rode on in the down-pour to the southern end of the county may here be briefly touched on. What is of more importance is the revelation of a strong band of brotherhood, among the ringers of Berks and Bucks, spread across nearly 20 miles of country, which will prove to be a great asset in the near future when the boys come home and peal ringing is resumed.

W. H. F.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Kettering on Saturday week. Ringers to the number of 33 were present from Northampton, Kettering, Rothwell, Isham, Irthlingborough, Desborough, Wellingborough, Findon, Pychley, Peterborough, Ecton, etc., as well as the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Lucas). Tea took place at the Cross Keys Cafe, and at the meeting which followed, the Rev. J. E. Atkins was voted to the chair. He was supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), the district secretary (Mr. R. F. Turner), the Wellingborough district secretary (Mr. Walter Perkins), the Northants district secretary (Mr. T. Law). Welcome letters were read from Lieut. E. M. Atkins, R.E., who is making satisfactory progress towards recovery from his wounds, and also from Pte. F. Kilborn (7th Northants Regiment), who is looking forward to the time when the boys come home.

The committee recommended that Stoke Albany be chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and this was confirmed.

The report for the year was listened to with interest. It showed that there were 75 members on the books, that seven had joined during the year, and five had left. Four quarterly meetings had been held and two bye-meetings, the average attendance having been 35.

The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Rev. R. Copeman, Stoke Albany; district secretary, Mr. R. F. Turner, Kettering; central committee, Messrs. D. J. Nicholls and H. Peet; district committee, Messrs. W. T. Wilson, J. E. Chapman and G. Lines.—The Rev. J. E. Atkins proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers.—Mr. F. Wilford seconded, and the motion having been carried, a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. E. Atkins for presiding, brought the business to a close.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening in the following methods: London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held on Saturday week at Haworth, where the bells of St. Michael's Church, and the schools had been placed at the society's disposal, by the kindness of the Vicar. Considering the cold and unsettled weather a good number of ringers and friends attended.

Seven sets of ringers took part in the contest, each set ringing 600 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley and Mr. Cundall, of Bradford. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 3.30 p.m., and the bells were soon merrily ringing, and were in the hands of the competitors till 8 p.m.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the annual meeting took place, and in the absence of the President (Mr. Cotterell) the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. Lawson), who was supported by the other officers of the society.

The balance sheet for the past year, showing a balance of £23 in the society's favour, was presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. Ambler) and duly passed.

The whole of the officers were re-elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools, and to the local company for all they had done for the well-being of the members.

The judge's decision was given by Mr. Broadley as follows: No. 1 company, Heptonstall, 219 faults; No. 2 company, Earlsheaton, 182 faults; No. 3 company, Kirkheaton, rung out; No. 4 company, Thornhill, 217 faults; No. 5 company, Batley, 136 faults; No. 6 company, Calverley, 198 faults; No. 7 company, New Mills, 217 faults. Batley were, therefore, declared the winners.

In the absence of the Vicar, who had unexpectedly been called away, the silver cup was presented to the conductor of the winning team by Mr. Hartley.—Mr. North suitably replied, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Lawson for presiding concluded a very pleasant and successful meeting.

OCCASIONAL NOTES.

By "BOB MAJOR."

If a newspaper printing department ever makes a slip by permitting an error to get into print, readers are generally not slow to pull the editorial leg if they can. It is not often, however, that ringers get this opportunity in connection with their own weekly sheet, but I have often thought how interesting it would be if, just for once—I don't think we should want it more than once—we could see the reports, which reach the editorial office, inserted verbatim et literatim. We are not likely to get an edition with this kind of entertainment in it, however. I know that, because, when I suggested it to the Editor the other day he was very emphatic on the point, and said he wasn't mad, if I was—which was rather a nasty insinuation. But he gave me several genuine examples which he said I might reproduce if I didn't mention names. These three are taken from recent touches: One was rung on "With-Sunday," and another by the "Stoke Arch-diagonal Society," and another referred to the "hold, pull and stand." I have no doubt that many such errors are due to genuine misapprehensions on the part of the writers; they write as they pronounce. It reminds me of an old chap I once came across who always used to call a single a "signal"; and of another who, in a tower, where a plain course of Grandsire Doubles was the extent of the change ringing knowledge, the conductor used to call "single" when he wanted the bells round.

A FINE "DRUMMER."

My inquiry as to what had become of Bill Greenleaf brings a letter from a former employe of his, Mr. A. Weaver, of Penarth, who tells us that when Mr. Greenleaf and his partner, Mr. Tristram, gave up their bell hanging business in Hereford they went to Australia. Mr. Weaver would like to know whether anyone at Hereford can supply any information as to Mr. Greenleaf's exact whereabouts. My correspondent, who had nine years under W. G., bears out what I said as to the old College Youth's abilities as a tuner, and also as to his skill as a hanger, remarking that there are bells round about Herefordshire which he hung years ago, and which go like the proverbial tops to the present day. Yes, there is no doubt Bill Greenleaf knew his work. From what I said on the last occasion it must not be inferred that he could not ring anything but the tenor. He was a finished ringer anywhere, and in nearly anything, but he took a special delight in ringing the tenor and, of this I am sure, there never was a finer "drummer."

"LIFTING" A BELL.

Some people are great admirers of American methods, and the prototypes of Bill Sykes in this country—no, no, Joe, this has no reference to you—will doubtless look with admiration upon the cool cheek of certain well-dressed "crooks" who have just "lifted" a bell from Kentucky chapel, and carted it away under the very noses of the congregation. The "New York World" describes the incident thus: "The church bell of Highland Chapel, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, was recently stolen in broad daylight, while several of the parishioners were looking on. The bell was lying on the ground while a new framework was being constructed to receive it, when two well-dressed strangers entered the enclosure, looked it over and finally loaded it on a team and drove off. The unsuspecting members of the church who witnessed this performance supposed that the bell was removed for repairs. All efforts to trace it have since failed." Some cheek, this, I guess. What the congregation said when they found they had been so cleverly hoodwinked is not recorded. Presumably no respectable paper would print it, but I calculate 'twas some language. It (the theft, I mean, not the language) almost puts the Worcester Cathedral job, which I recalled some time ago, into the shade, for whoever took the bell from that belfry did not do so under the eyes of the congregation.

COUNTING THE CHICKENS.

Records of peals, sent in minus some important particular, such as the date, as in the case of the peal at Woodstone the other day, are not an infrequent occurrence, and many a time has the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council had a growl at the careless correspondents who fail to report their performances properly, or make their footnotes sufficiently lucid. But it is quite an easy thing to miss out something essential from such reports, even if one is in the habit of sending them for publication with some frequency. I have found that out myself, and, growing wise by experience, I usually have a copy of "The Ringing World" in front of me—or rather I used to have it in my peal ringing days which now seem so far off—open at the peal page, to make sure that all my details are included. We, most of us, make up our reports of these performances with great care, and what a lot of importance we attach to the time. How we quibble sometimes over the question of a minute or two, and finally decide to split hairs by going into seconds, not so much for exactitude, but to arrive at a compromise! There have been occasions, however, when it would have been no good quibbling over half minutes. I have been told that in those palmy days of peal ringing, now nearly thirty years ago, round Oxford way, they used sometimes to send off the reports of their peals for publication before they went into the tower to ring them. It was counting your chickens before they were hatched, with a vengeance, but I believe there were not many added eggs.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HIGHGATE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Ann's, Highgate, on Saturday last, and although, owing to very obvious reasons, the attendance was not up to the usual standard, yet about 36 members and friends were present during the afternoon. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and touches in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major, were rung, until 7 p.m., when a short service was held. The Vicar (Rev. R. Ellershaw) gave an address, which he based upon the words: "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," and the service was concluded by the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past."

At the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry, one new member was elected, and for the next meeting Finchley or Hadley were chosen.

A sincere vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of Pte George H. Orford, 10th Batt. Royal Fusiliers, who recently died of wounds received in France. Pte Orford was a member of the St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, band, having for some years been hon. treasurer to that society, and an expression of sympathy with the Rev. O. R. Dawson, Vicar of St. Matthew's, in the loss of a second ringer belonging to his church, was added to the vote of condolence.

A similar vote was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Frederick Rumens, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, who had been a loyal member of the Association since its formation, and had done much valuable work for the society when there was plenty of work to be done.

Mr. F. A. Milne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Ellershaw for his kindness and courtesy to the Association that day in placing the bells at their disposal, for his very interesting address, and for the use of the Vestry for the meeting. — This was carried unanimously, and a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Baker (tower keeper), and to Mr. Frank Smith and the local ringers for their very kind welcome and for arrangements made, concluded the meeting.

RINGER LOST IN NAVAL ACTION.

Amongst the gallant crew who went down on H.M.S. Black Prince in the great naval battle off Jutland, was Engineer Artificer A. H. Middleton, an old and esteemed member of the band of ringers attached to Christ Church, Crewe, and step-son of Mr. G. Harding, who is still an active member of the band. Joining the company in 1892 the deceased was one of the regular service ringers till 1899. He then joined the Royal Navy as an Engine-room Artificer, which undoubtedly cut short what would have been a successful peal ringing career.

He rang about eight peals prior to joining the senior service, his first peal being achieved at the age of 15.

Whenever duty would allow, a visit to his tower, and a pull on the bells on which he learnt was what he always looked forward to.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to his wife and child, and father and mother.

As a token of respect to his memory, his old associates obtained permission to ring the bells muffled on June 8th. It was intended to attempt a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but meeting one short, the following rang two touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples: A. Crawley, J. Dentith, W. Edge, R. T. Holding, W. T. Holding, R. Langford, R. D. Langford and H. Overton; and W. Sutton, of Nantwich.

PRESENTATION AT TENTERDEN.

On Wednesday week the ringers of St. Mildred's, Tenterden, rang a 518 of Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, N. Tickner 2, H. Rummery 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, W. Savage 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, L. Honess 8—as a farewell to Mr. F. T. Bennett, one of the band, who is leaving Tenterden to reside at Bagshot, Surrey, and to whom they made a presentation of a framed photographic enlargement of the church tower and High Street. Mr. Bennett had always been very interested in bells, but had never had an opportunity to learn to ring until he came to Tenterden, about three years ago. He has been a very regular attendant at ringing for the Sunday services, and will be much missed on that account. But Tenterden's loss will be others' gain, and doubtless Bagshot will be able to avail themselves of his services.

SERVICE RINGING AT 85.

Mr. J. Bate still rings regularly twice every Sunday for the services at Wednesbury Parish Church. Although he was 85 years of age last January, he is as keen as ever, and often calls a touch of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday week he took part in a quarter-peal rung in 46 mins., by: S. Summerhill 1, A. Blundell 2, J. Bate 3, W. Brittan 4, Hughes 5, W. Cooper 6, J. Barber (conductor) 7, T. Myatt 8.

WAR'S DEMANDS.

It is stated that the bells of Salzburg Cathedral have been melted down in order that they may be used for war purposes.

WARGRAVE CHURCH RESTORATION.

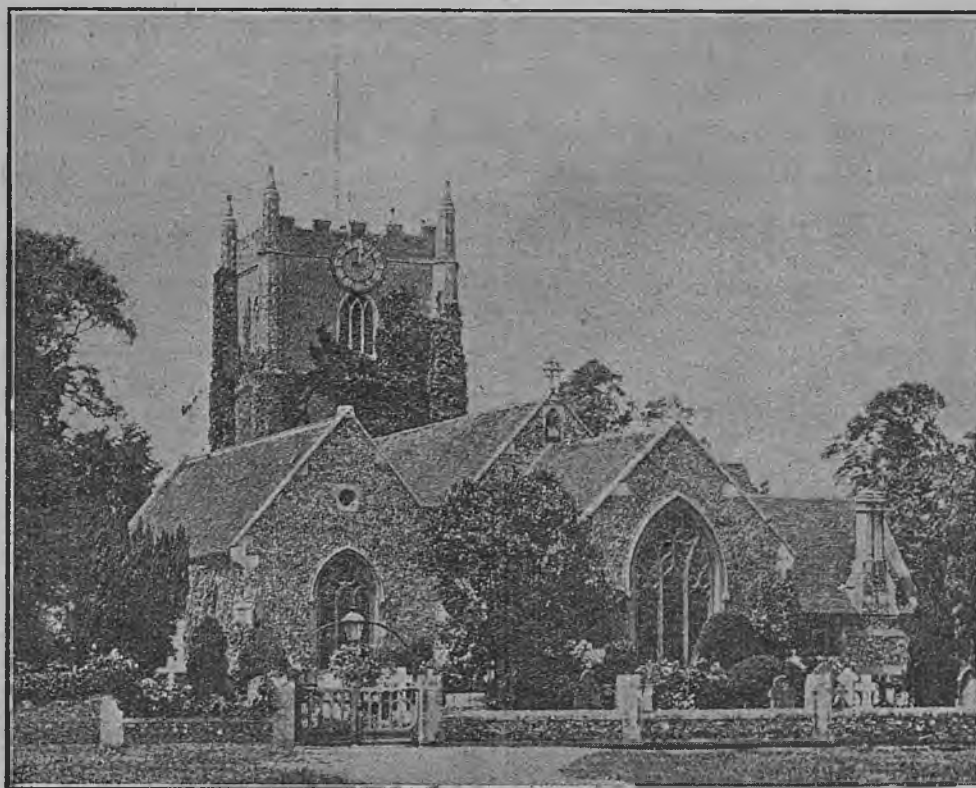
THE NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

The restoration of Wargrave Church, Berks, which was destroyed by incendiary fire on Whit-Monday, 1914, has now been completed, and the Bishop of Oxford will re-open the building at a dedication service to be held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 3.30 p.m., when admission will be by ticket only.

The old peal of eight bells which was destroyed in the conflagration were cast by Henry Knight at the Reading foundry, most of them in 1668, but the fourth in 1670, and the tenor, which was 16 cwt. in F sharp, in 1688.

The new peal of eight have been cast and hung by Messrs. Mears

and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, and the bells will be dedicated at the same time as the opening of the church. The upper part of the tower (battlements and pinnacles) has been taken down and rebuilt, and four strong iron stanchions fitted, one in each corner, and built into the walls, rising from the foundations to the roof. The ringing floor is of oak boards on iron joists, and there are also two reinforced concrete floors between the ringing chamber and the bells. The bells are hung in an iron frame, on heavy iron girders, and an arrangement for "silent" practice has been installed. The weights and inscriptions of the new ring are as follows:—



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Tenor.—Weight, 17cwt. 2qrs. 10lbs., in E; diameter, 3ft. 11½ins.

To the Glory and Praise of God.
Saved yet so as by fire. A.D. 1915.

7th.—12cwt. 3qrs. 11lbs.

Let him that heareth come.

6th.—10cwt. 0qrs. 21lbs.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice,
And weep with them that weep.

5th.—8cwt. 3qrs. 8lbs.

Fear God, Honour the King.

4th.—7cwt. 3qrs.

In this place will I give peace.

3rd.—6cwt. 3qrs.

My lips shall praise thee.

2nd.—5cwt. 3qrs. 9lbs.

Glory to God in the Highest.

Treble.—5cwt. 2qrs. 6lbs.

On Earth peace, goodwill toward men.

It is intended that a record of the fire and the history of the old bells shall be inscribed and set up in the tower.

We are asked to state that the Vicar and churchwardens will not allow any ringing in connection with the forthcoming ceremony by visiting ringers.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

The 105th anniversary of Lavenham bells was celebrated by the customary ringing day, and the visitors, numbering 14, and representing 13 towers, were Messrs. E. Beckwith and W. Howell (Great Coggeshall), D. Elliott (Little Coggeshall), J. Sadler (Great Tey), J. Newman (Feering), W. Elliott (Kelvedon), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), Trumpet-Sergt.-Major W. Farley (Wells), P. Fordham (Mildenhall), W. Head (Little Waldingfield), T. Hollocks (Preston), T. Slater (Glensford, Suffolk), A. King (Luton, Beds), and T. Fitzjohn (Thetford, Norfolk), the methods rung included Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, upwards of 4,000 changes being rung, and the conducting being shared by D. Elliott, A. King and S. H. Symonds. The visitors were provided with a tea by Mr. H. Wells, of the old ringers' meeting house, the Cock Inn. Without doubt the unfavourable weather stopped many others, especially cyclists, from coming to join in the celebration.

KING'S CLIFFE BELL FUND.

We give below the complete list of contributions received towards the King's Cliffe Bell Fund. It will be seen that a considerable further sum is required, and donations should be sent to the Rev. H. A. Orlebar, King's Cliffe Rectory, near Peterborough.

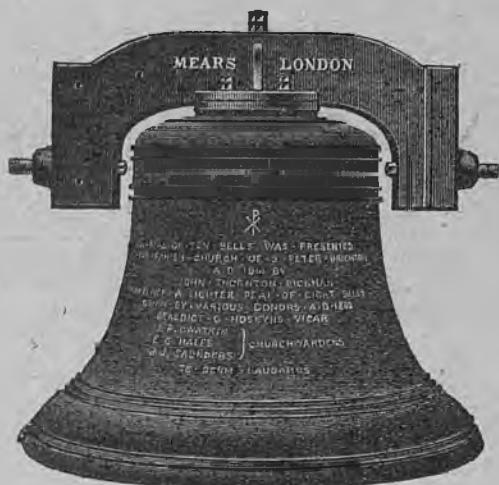
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STEDMAN CINQUES "IN HAND" AT BIRMINGHAM.

We give on this page the photograph of the band that rang the first peal on twelve bells "in hand" in the City of Birmingham. This was accomplished on June 15th last, and was noteworthy because, while more peals of Stedman Cinques have been rung at the famous church of St. Martin than upon any other peal of bells in the country, no such peal had been rung on handbells in the city, which for so long has been one of the chief centres of Stedman ringing. Peals of Cinques had, of course, been rung on handbells in the district, the last having been by the Holt Society, at Aston on April 4th, 1888, but Aston was not then included in the City of Birmingham.

The band that scored this first peal for St. Martin's Guild were not

long in accomplishing their object. They met for their first practice on May 27th, and rang six courses and eight courses. At their next meeting, on June 8th, they decided to start "peal fashion," and rang 14 courses, while two days later they met again and got as far as 18 courses, when the bells were brought round owing to a "change course." An attempt reaching to 27 courses followed on June 13th, and then, on the 15th, came success. Mr. Tom Russam was the referee, and on the 29th June, he took part in another peal of Cinques, it being 28 years since he had rung a peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand." In that previous peal of his, 3-4 was rung by W. Kent, who came in as referee on this occasion.



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A. & H. Allport, Sparkbrook.

THE BAND THAT RANG THE FIRST HANDBELL PEAL OF CINQUES IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM.

F. W. PERRENS	G. F. SWANN	A. WALKER	T. RUSSAM	J. E. GROVES	J. F. SMALLWOOD	J. GEORGE
1-2	3-4	5-6	Referee.	Conductor, 7-8	9-10	11-12

SALISBURY GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BRATTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, at St. James' Church, Bratton, near Westbury, Wilts, and the day being a beautifully fine one, the gathering was well attended by ringers from Devizes, Westbury, Holt, Seend, Bratton, Southbroom, Chirton, Trowbridge and Stapleton, Bristol. The Devizes party of 14 travelled in a two-horse brake, supplied by Mr. Hawkins, of the Pelican Inn, and had a most delightful journey to and fro. Ringing commenced with Grandsire Doubles, and afterwards the authorised Guild service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Hawkes) giving a very instructive and impressive address.

Tea was provided on the lawn in Mr. Marsh's Tea Gardens, in Bratton Village, and thoroughly enjoyed in the open air.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. S. Hillier), supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, and 35 ringers.—The next three meeting places were decided upon as follows: August 5th, Upavon; Sept. 2nd, Steeple Ashton; and October 7th, Bromham. — Seven new members from Upavon, and two from Westbury were duly elected, and the Bratton company also promised to rejoin the Guild in a very short time.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bratton for the use of the bells and the service in church, and to the organist for his kind assistance with the musical part, closed the meeting, and the ringers returned to the church, where some good touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

On the return journey the Devizes party stopped at Erlestoke for a short touch of Grandsire on the light ring of six. Resuming the journey through Cheverell Magna and Potterne, they duly arrived in Devizes Market Place at 9.35 p.m., well pleased with the outing.

LADY HEYWOOD'S GIFT TO THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

A short time after the lamented death of Sir A. Heywood, Bart., Lady Heywood most kindly gave to the College Youths a set of 19 handbells. This set comprises a ring of twelve in B, size 16, and a ring of eight in B, size 23, the tenor of the twelve being also the treble of the back eight.

As a means of preserving a record of this generous gift, the tenor of the twelve has been engraved with the following inscription:—

"The gift of Lady Heywood to the College Youths, May, 1916."

The lighter bells were the set always used at Duffield by Sir Arthur and his daughters, and the last occasion on which they were so used, was only four weeks before Sir Arthur's death, when a touch of Stedman Triples and a plain course of Duffield Major were rung. The society values very highly the possession of this useful and interesting memento of Sir Arthur Heywood, who had long been a most generous and loyal supporter of the College Youths.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Wanborough on Saturday week, and resulted in the election of ten new members. The Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Burgess) and the local ringers were present, together with visitors from Chiseldon, Liddington, Stratton St. Margaret and Swindon.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, where a short business meeting followed. Stratton St. Margaret was selected for the next meeting.

With a view to facilitating the advancement of change ringing it was decided to arrange a series of combined practices at the various towers in the district, the first of which was held last Saturday evening at Stratton St. Margaret with very satisfactory results. The next practice will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, July 22nd.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT READING.

The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers held their annual meeting at Reading on Saturday last, and in point of view of attendance, provided a record gathering for the ladies, 32 attending from Edmonton, Basingstoke, Bramley, Bradfield, Bucklebury, Twyford, Berks, Hurst, Guildford, Yorktown, Portishead, Cranleigh, Yateley and Titchfield.

The day was beautifully fine, and the proceedings commenced with ringing at St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. As the writer entered the belfry eight ladies were ringing rounds on this fine ring of bells (tenor 28cwt.), and this was the first time I believe (though the bells have been there for about three centuries) that they have been rung by eight members of the gentler sex. A short touch each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was also rung by mostly ladies.—The Hon. Secretary then intimated that St. Lawrence's bells were waiting, and on reaching this tower the ladies rang the ten bells. Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were also rung, and then the company passed on to St. Giles', where a short but bright service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. T. G. Evans. Two hymns were sung, and the lesson was taken from Isaiah vi. The Rev. T. G. Evans was the preacher, and addressed the ringers on the lessons to be learnt from the bells, explaining the meaning of the many old customs of bell ringing.

An adjournment was afterwards made to the Rising Sun Institute, Silver Street, where a splendid tea was waiting, 54 men and women ringers sitting down to a repast to which full justice was done, especially to the tea-pot.

SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

After tea the gentlemen retired to one end of the room, and with the permission of the ladies, enjoyed a smoke while the ladies held their business meeting.

Miss Alice White, the President, took the chair, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Secretary (Miss E. K. Parker) read the report and balance sheet. The financial statement was most satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £20 14s. 10½d.

The report, after briefly reviewing the history of the Guild since its formation, stated that although so few members had attended previous meetings it must be borne in mind that the meetings were held in different parts of the country, and consequently the members who attended one were not present at another, so that they had managed to get into personal touch with a good many of the members. They deeply deplored the death of Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Edinborough, who was one of their prominent members. She attended the first meeting at St. Giles', and the annual meeting at Birmingham, and always took the keenest interest in the Guild's work. She was a very accomplished ringer, and although she had no opportunity of taking part in a peal for the Guild, she had rung a good many peals for other societies, including a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. The Guild had also lost a strong supporter by the death of Sir Arthur Heywood. Sir Arthur was keenly interested in the welfare of the Guild, and was always ready with a word of encouragement and help. It was due to Sir Arthur Heywood's generosity that they were able to start on a firm financial basis, for his donation of £10 towards the funds was a great help. Three of Sir Arthur's daughters were honorary members of the Guild, and the Guild extended to them and Lady Heywood their deep sympathy in their loss. The opportunities for peal ringing were very remote, more especially at the present time, but they had to record one which was rung at Portishead on January 30th, 1915. This was a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, and was rung in memory of Miss Margery Sampson. They congratulated the Portishead band on their achievement, and also thanked them for thus honouring a deceased member. Many happy events have taken place since the last meeting, namely, the marriage of a number of their members, and they extended to them all their hearty congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness. In conclusion, the report reminded members of the object of the Guild as set forth in the rules, namely, "To encourage ringing among Church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise, to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom." They could have no better opportunity than the present of helping their brethren. So many ringers had joined the colours that it was very difficult in most towers to keep the bells ringing for the Sunday services, and it was their duty to give all the help they could and encourage others to come forward and fill up the gaps. The Guild now numbered seven honorary members and 78 ringing members.

The election of officers which followed resulted in Miss Alice White being unanimously re-elected President, and Miss Edith K. Parker, hon. sec. and treasurer. The following were also re-elected to serve as the committee: Mrs. Hardy (formerly Miss Lilian Wilson), Leicester, Northern District; Miss Evelyn Steele, Bedford, Eastern District; Miss Nellie Gillingham, Portishead, Western District; Miss Eva N. Belcher, Bramley, Southern District; Miss Sarah Pigott, Smethwick, Midland District.

The election of nine new members then took place, bringing the total of membership to seven honorary and 87 ringing members.

The Hon. Secretary then took the feeling of the meeting as to whether they would like to have the annual report and balance sheet printed and sent round to the members. The suggestion was unanimously agreed to. On the question of altering the title of the Guild Mrs. A. E. Reeves (nee Miss Chillingworth) said she wished to move the following resolution: "That rule 1 be altered, and that the title of the Guild be known as the Women's Guild of Bell Ringers."—A long discussion took place, and on being put to the meeting the resolution was lost.

SHOULD LADIES WEAR HEAD COVERING?

Mrs. Reeves then said, as the only lady member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Committee, she was deputed to bring forward the question of women being covered while ringing. She said the committee of the Oxford Guild considered this a matter of great importance, and as one Vicar said he would never allow any women to ring at his church unless their heads were covered, she thought it would be much better for the members to suggest some suitable covering.

After some discussion the matter was deferred to the next meeting. The question of the next meeting was discussed, London being suggested. This was received with enthusiasm, and it was finally agreed that it should be held on a Saturday in July, 1917.

Miss Parker then proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Lawrence, St. Mary's and St. Giles' for the use of the bells; to the Rev. T. G. Evans for taking the service; to the gentlemen present for so kindly keeping quiet during the meeting (laughter); and, last, but by no means least, to Miss Goodship for making all the arrangements for the service, tea and meeting.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on behalf of the gentlemen present, replied to the vote, and at the same time congratulated the ladies on the businesslike way in which they had conducted their meeting.

A move was then made to St. Giles' belfry, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., when the party separated, everyone agreeing that it had been one of the most successful meetings the Guild had held.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

The ringers of Christ Church, North Shields, visited Chester-le-Street for their annual outing. On arriving at their destination, they were met by several of the local ringers, and, proceeding to the church, the bells, a fine peal of eight (tenor 21 cwt.), were soon going to Kent Major. Following a splendid tea, the visitors had a stroll in the neighbourhood of Lumley Castle, returning by the riverside to the church, where they once more turned their attention to the bells, the method on this occasion being Oxford Major. After refreshing the inner man, train time brought to a conclusion a most enjoyable day's outing, the success of which was due to the Chester-le-Street friends, to whom the North Shields ringers tender their sincere thanks.

A CHESHIRE TRIP.

The ringers of Flixton Parish Church had a very pleasant outing on Saturday last. Leaving the Jubilee Tree shortly after 12.30 in the Palladium motor char-a-banc, and passing through the rural districts of Partington, Warburton, High Legh and Arley, and leaving the ancient Parish Church of Great Budworth on the right, the party arrived at Northwich Church at 2 o'clock, and indulged in a few touches of Grandsire Triples, under the conductorship of Mr. Collier, until 3.30. Leaving Northwich they travelled through Davenham, Bostock Hall Estate, belonging to Col. France Hayhurst; Middlewich, Nantwich, and Church Minshall, to the Wheatheaf Hotel, Over, having covered 30 miles of road from Northwich, through some of the most beautiful scenery in Cheshire. A substantial tea was provided at the hotel, ample justice being done to the good things on the menu, which included salmon, beef, salads, sweets, etc. Adjourning to St. Chad's Church, Over, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. installed a new peal of eight in March last, the visitors indulged in ringing for about two hours, and found the bells in splendid running order. Leaving Over shortly after 9 p.m., the return journey was made through Whitegate, Hartford, Tabley and Altringham, and home was reached at 11 o'clock, the whole of the party having enjoyed themselves immensely.

The anniversary services were held the following day, and for the evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by A. Johnson 1, R. Davies (Didsbury) 2, J. Eachus (Manchester Cathedral) 3, J. Ridyard (Worsley) 4, S. Collier 5, S. Stott 6, J. H. Collier (conductor) 7, Wright Johnson 8.

BOLNEY RINGER KILLED.

News reached Bolney, Sussex, on Thursday, the 6th inst., that Pte Stoner, of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed in action in France on June 17th. The deceased soldier was 25 years of age, and a highly valued member of the local band of ringers, his genial and happy temperament making him loved and respected by all. He had taken part in peals of Grandsire Triples, and also in the only peal of Major by the local band for upwards of 68 years. He enlisted in November, 1915, and went out to France in March last. On Sunday afternoon, the local band (now reduced to seven members) rang a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his memory: G. Walder 1, W. Wheeler 3, E. Davey 4, A. Absalom 5, T. Gasson 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHESHUNT.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Tuesday, April 11th, for the confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, H. Cornwell 4, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 5, C. Dille 6, W. Saban 7, G. Radley 8.—On Sunday, April 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): O. Twist 1, G. Andrews 2, W. G. Darlington 3, F. Jelf 4, H. G. Rowe 5, G. Maxim 6, W. Saban (conductor) 7, C. Dille 8.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): G. Maxim 1, G. Andrews 2, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 3, F. Jelf 4, C. Dille 5, A. Darnell 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.

BROXBORNE.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Sunday, April 16, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): F. Downman 1, W. Saban 2, J. Puppelt 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, A. Darnell 5, G. Radley 6, S. Proctor 7, F. Shepherd 8.—On Sunday, May 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): S. Proctor 1, G. Maxim 2, J. Puppelt 3, H. G. Rowe 4, S. Knight 5, A. Darnell 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, C. Gouldsmith 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1120 Cambridge Surprise Major; for evening service, 1152 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, J. M. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.—On Sunday, April 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. W. Bailey 1, Sapper H. Jones, R.E., 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, J. M. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, May 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): E. S. Bailey 1, G. Wilson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, E. H. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 6, J. E. Rumsey 7, J. Titterton 8.—On May 21st, for morning service, 1008 Double Norwich: W. W. Bailey 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Wilson 3, A. Keeble 4, C. F. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, E. H. Bailey 7, E. S. Bailey 8; and for evening service, 704 Cambridge Surprise: A. Keeble 1, G. Wilson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 14th, for the annual school sermons, 504 Grandsire Triples. — On June 18th three courses of Grandsire Triples; on June 25th, a touch; and on July 2nd, 700 Grandsire Triples. In each of these, ladies took part, among those sharing the ringing being Mrs. Wolstencroft, Miss A. Wolstencroft, Miss M. E. Thorp, Miss E. Grimshaw, Miss S. Holt, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor), H. Holme (3rd Writer H.M.S. Victory), Regt.-Sergt.-Major Barlow (Australian Contingent), J. H. Shepherd (Birmingham), J. Rolls, J. Harrison, R. Ninepenny and H. Palmer.

TAUNTON.—On May 28th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Phillips 1, T. Doble 2, F. Millard 3, E. Burgess 4, W. Evans 5, Pte H. Bosley 6, J. Maddock (conductor) 7, W. Tarr 8. Arranged for Pte Bosley, who was home on short leave.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church on May 28th, after the funeral of Lieut. Ralph Jenkins, R.G.A., who met his death through a motor accident, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes), in 52 mins., with the bells half-muffled: T. Middleton 1, W. Biss 2, L. Wright 3, B. Chew 4, J. Bailey 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6, followed by the whole pull and stand denoting the age of this young officer. The ringers desire to convey their sympathy through this paper, to Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins and family in their sad loss.

SOUTHGATE.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, May 28th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, Pte N. A. Tomlinson (4/7th Middlesex) 2, R. G. Bester 3, G. W. Fletcher 4, W. Pickworth 5, H. Miller 6, Pte F. G. Tegg (East Surrey Regt.) 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 7th, who were home on leave. Also on Empire Day, 312 and 228 Stedman Triples, the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 and tenor, together with S. Wade, H. Burlingham and A. G. Crane taking part.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Saturday, June 3rd, a half-peal of Bob Major (2528 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins.: W. Sadler 1, E. Beckwith 2, F. Clayton 3, A. Shuffelbottom 4, J. Sadler 5, W. Elliott 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7, Trumpet-Major Farley 8. A peal was started for, but the bells had to be brought round half-way owing to bad light. Longest touch of Major by the tenor man.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Warnett 1, J. Crowder 2, C. H. Walker 3, T. Taylor 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. This was rung in honour of the King's birthday; also of the 21st birthday of the second daughter of H. Warnett.—On Sunday, June 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 2, E. J. Pannett 3, T. Taylor 4, H. Warnett (conductor) 5, C. H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Fox.—On June 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. J. Pannett 1, H. Warnett, junr., 2, Bomb. E. W. Marsh (R.G.A.), Plymouth 3, T. Taylor 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Walker 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—At St. James' Church, on Saturday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss E. M. Stuart (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Smith 2, T. Stuart 3, J. Williams 4, J. E. Burles 5, H. Wormwell 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, J. Burrows 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's Church, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V.: R. Forsdyke 1, F. W. Richardson 2, E. B. Crowder 3, H. E. White 4, E. J. Pannett 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On June 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Boswell 1, T. Law 2, B. Fisher 3, A. Andrews 4, A. Mawby 5, W. J. Allen 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, W. Freeman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Boswell and Mr. J. Hopper, father of the conductor, on his 77th birthday.

LUTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on June 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Rookwood 1, W. Payne 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Kendall 4, F. Hunt 5, C. Wing 6, Pte H. Walker (5th Beds Regt.) 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor (for 12 years hon. secretary of the band), on his 45th birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to ringer of 6th, and as a farewell to the ringer of 5th, who had been called up to join the colours.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 4th, for evening song, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Coakham, G. Grimwade, R. Maynard, senr., C. T. Coles, J. C. Adams (first quarter-peal as conductor), J. H. Wilkins, H. T. Scarlett, H. Stubbs.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener: D. Smith 1, F. Blood 2, G. Hardstaff 3, T. Bottinson 4, J. Bleazley 5, H. Allsopp 6, Wheeler A. Roberts (A.S.C.), conductor, 7, Farrier J. C. Hanson (A.S.C.) 8. The two last-named are at Clipston Camp, Mansfield. Any ringers in the neighbourhood would be welcome at the above tower.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 9th, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor was rung with 6-8 covering: C. Edwards 1, G. Ransom 2, W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, T. Beadle 4, H. W. Lidbetter 5, H. Beadle 6, Sergt.-Major Verrall (A.S.C.) 7, W. J. Dickens 8. Sergt.-Major A. T. Verrall is stationed at Park Royal. W. J. Dickens has quite recently learned to handle a bell, and he rang the tenor well.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Saturday, June 10th, after an attempt for a peal with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Lord Kitchener and all others lost in the Hampshire, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: Wm. Clarke 1, W. White (conductor) 2, Rev. C. J. Sherton 3, W. E. White 4, Thos. Squires 5, Percy Price 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, June 10th, for a special service for the dedication and opening of a new organ, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and after service several touches of Plain Bob by the following: W. Welham, H. Copeland, E. Welham, F. Allard, W. Souter (conductor), A. Grimwood, Pte S. Squarrow (10th Suffolk Regt.) and I. Bartlett (N.R. Camb. Regt.).

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On June 10th, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled and tenor half-muffled. Also on Sunday, June 11th, for morning and evening service with the bells half-muffled for Lord Kitchener, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the following taking part: W. E. Tydeman, F. Allard, W. Welham, A. Grimwood, H. Copeland, E. Welham, C. Alderton, W. Souter, E. Diaper, Pte S. Sparrow (10th Suffolk Regt.).

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), composed by W. Coombes of Cardiff, in 50 mins. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Lord Kitchener: J. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad 2, H. Edwards 3, W. H. Perry 4, T. Booth 5, E. Mills 6, A. E. Edwards (first quarter of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Peacock (aged 66) 8.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins.: H. Day 1, A. Squires 2, C. Cannon 3, F. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Else 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Lord Kitchener.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Whit-Sunday, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Gillett 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, R. Hall 4, J. Collett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, H. Gillett 7, J. Butler 8. For evening service, 1260: W. Stratford 1, R. Hall 2, J. Collett 3, T. Banning 4, H. Gillett 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, J. Trotman 7, J. Butler 8.—On June 18th, for evening service, 630 Union Triples: F. Pitts 1, W. Stratford 2, H. Packer 3, T. Banning 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, H. Gillett 6, J. Collett 7, J. Butler 8.

WICKHAMBEAUX.—Kent Association.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Smith 1, J. Cobbold 2, S. Walter 3, H. Wellard 4, H. Smith 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Kitchener, and others of H.M.S. Hampshire, also to all who lost their lives in the great naval battle. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th are of the local company, and the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th are of the Littlebourne company.

NOTICES.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (election of district officers).—T. Law, District Secretary, St. Peter's Cottages, Weston Favell.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Deane on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The summer festival will be held at Woburn on Saturday, July 15th. Service at 4 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rector of Shenley. Tea at 5 at King's Tea Rooms, Bedford Street. The bells (8) will be available at 2.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton on Saturday, July 15th. Tower open 3 to 6; short service at 6 o'clock. Tea at King's Head to those who notify me by July 14th.—H. J. Bradley, 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special general meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at 4.15. Service at 4.45. Business meeting after tea.—H. Kettle, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Cottage, Allesley, Coventry.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Feckenham on Saturday, July 15th. Service, with an address, at 5 p.m., at which all possible are requested to attend. Tea will be provided. The bells (8) will be available. — J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A practice meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 15th, 1916. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 15th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 3 to 7.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held at 8 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—T. Walker, Hon. Secretary, 10, Police Buildings, Bishopsgate, E.C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (South and West District).—A meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Wilson) at Harlington on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at a nominal charge at 6 p.m. All ringing friends welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Hon. Secretary, Church Road, Heston.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 15th. Bells available 3.30. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by July 14th.—F. Stubbs, District Secretary, Grove Street, Raunds.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637. — Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on July 27th for hand-bell practice, and on July 18th and August 1st for general business. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Central Division).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom at 5, price 6d. each, to those who let me know by Tuesday, July 18th.—A. D. Stone, 156, Upper Lewes Road, Brighton. Note new address.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, July 22nd. Tea will be provided at the Café, High Street, at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells available 5.30.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service (association form) at 5.30 p.m., and address by the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (Vicar). Being the first meeting held here it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Tea 1s. per head in the Parish Room, adjoining the Vicarage. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, July 18th, and I trust those doing so will be there. Half rail fares, up to 2s., paid to those attending.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Secretary, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, July 22nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Woodhouse, Honorary Secretary.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at Enmore on Saturday, July 22nd. Service in the church, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—A. E. Moulton, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on July 22nd. Bells (6) available from 3. Tea 5.30. Visitors welcomed. Kindly notify by July 19th to W. A. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingtonborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Doddington on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at the Stag's Head, 5 o'clock. Election of District Officers.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitechurch Canon-icorum on Saturday, 29th July. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Rev. E. H. H. Lee) at 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing till 9 p.m. Stations: Axminster, Bridport, or Lyme Regis. Will those intending to be present inform me by the 24th inst. at latest.—Frank Bugler, Hon. Sec., Beaminster.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, July 29th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, 1/- per head, will be arranged at the Mason's Arms Hotel for all who advise me not later than the 26th inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, July 29th, in the Chapter House at Christ Church, Oxford, at 3 p.m.—Albert E. Reeves, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

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