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### LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL.

The discussion in our columns on London Surprise Royal has now arrived at the stage when all those who have produced methods, worth considering as extensions approximating to the Major, have placed their figures before the Exercise, and what has now to be decided is, which of the various extensions is to be accepted as that entitled to the designation of London Surprise Royal. It is fairly obvious that this question will not be mutually agreed between the rival claimants, and the thought that may occur to some is that the matter should be settled by the Central Council as the final body of appeal. In the end it may be well if the Council set the seal of their authority upon what is to be recognised as the acceptable extension of the method, but the Council, as a whole, could hardly be expected to decide the merits of the question. Yet it ought to be decided. Who, then, is to adjudicate upon the matter?

We would suggest that a small body of, say, five members of the Exercise—preferably from within the Council, so that eventually their finding might go out with the endorsement of the Council—should be appointed to examine the claims. We believe that such a committee, with the requisite knowledge and impartiality, could be found from among the experts who have watched the controversy with detached interest. The committee might consist of two members who specialise in the theory of methods, and two men of wide practical experience in the ringing of London Surprise Major, with a chairman appointed by themselves. Such a body, we believe, could arrive at a decision on the subject, whereas the full Council could not be expected to deal with it. Indeed, were it referred to the Council as a whole, the result would probably be similar to that which attended the proposal made by the Rev. H. Law James in 1913 to recognise Shipway's method as the correct extension of Superlative Surprise. After adjourning the subject for a year, and having an amendment before them that the Council did not feel competent to decide the question, Mr. James' motion was ultimately withdrawn, largely to save the Council from putting themselves in an awkward position, and, as the President urged, to avoid 'making fools of themselves.'

After all, a matter of this kind cannot be settled satisfactorily and with knowledge by a large body of members, many of whom have not even rung a peal of London Surprise Major. But a small committee of experts, such as we suggest could decide the question for them and, with the co-operation of the rival claimants, who would have full opportunity of stating their case, the arrangement ought to work well. But by the time the next Council

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meeting is held much of the interest in the discussion will have evaporated, so far as the general body of the Exercise is concerned, and we would suggest that the interested parties should agree straightaway upon a committee, submit their respective cases and let a decision be come to, so that when the next Council meets a resolution can be moved and the finding of the committee endorsed. All that would then remain, it seems to us, would be for the College Youths, if they desired to do so, to prefer their claim to the name for the peal rung by them at Stepney, which stands in their records as 'London,' but which is classed by the Council as 'Stepney.' The question of prior right to a name is a question which the Council would be fully competent to decide; the question of the closest extension of the method from Major to Royal is one which they could not be expected to answer.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Thursday, August 25, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

MISS C. THORP ... .. Treble	J. MELLOR ... .. 5
H. HRAP ... .. 2	P. ADAMS ... .. 6
T. JAKEMAN ... .. 3	S. BOOTH ... .. 7
W. JAKEMAN ... .. 4	B. THORP ... .. Tenor

Composed by HARRY JOHNSON. Conducted by B. THORP.

This peal was arranged to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jakeman, who are at present on a visit from America.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEISTON).

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED W. BAILEY ... .. Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 6
GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Sept. 2, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. Treble	CYRIL RADDON ... .. 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 6
HENRY RANGLES ... .. 3	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT ... .. 7
HARRY COLLYER ... .. 4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except ringers of 2, 4, 5. This composition, Author's No. 207, is now rung for the first time.

**SWANSCOMBE, KENT.**  
**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,**

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... .. 5
WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 7
HERBERT AUDSLEY ... .. 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

**OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*ELSIE B. BRANDON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 5
PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	† HUGH BEECHEY ... .. 7
† FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 4	§ SIDNEY H. TOWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HUGH BEECHEY.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.  
‡ First peal as conductor. § First peal.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**  
**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,*  
**AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,**

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5
GEORGE CLEAL ... .. 2	SAMUEL COTTON ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM E. SMITH ... .. 7
*PRYCE TAYLOR ... .. 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method as conductor.  
J. Oldham has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble	ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 5
WILLIAM HECTOR ... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. BALLARD ... .. 3	ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Triples. Arranged for the treble ringer, who is the son of the Vicar of Belgrave, and home on holiday from school at St. John's, Leatherhead, Surrey.

**BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.**  
**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON ... .. Treble	ALBERT CALLAWAY ... .. 5
*MISS B. N. MILLS ... .. 2	*WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... .. 6
WILLIAM CHAMBERS ... .. 3	HENRY JENNINGS ... .. 7
*MISS H. F. MILLS ... .. 4	RICHARD WARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

\* First peal. Also first peal for the Isle of Wight District. Rung especially for the Misses Mills, of Aldershot, who were spending their holiday on the Island, and as a birthday compliment to Walter Scott. First peal on the Island in which ladies have taken part.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**  
**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,**

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

SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... .. Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS ... .. 5
JAMES GEORGE ... .. 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. NORMAN.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Right Rev. Ansgar Hockelmann, on the 22nd anniversary of his appointment as Lord Abbot of Erdington Abbey.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

**HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.**  
**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, August 20, 1921, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**

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

comprising 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN ADKINSON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. HAYNES ... .. 4
ARTHUR PALMER ... .. 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 5
HARRY SQUIRES ... .. 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Hoyes, who was a ringer at All Saints' Church for 40 years, and was buried in the churchyard on August 16th.

**KELVEDON, ESSEX.**  
**THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, August 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**

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

consisting of New London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... .. Treble	DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... .. 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 60th birthdays of Mr. & Mrs. W. Elliott, who, at the conclusion of the peal, kindly entertained the band at Brunswick House. First peal in 7 methods by the Association, also first on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and first peal since the Diamond Jubilee (June 22nd, 1897), in which peal both the conductor and tenor ringers took part.

**MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.**  
**THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, August 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*  
**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**

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

consisting of 720 of Double Court, 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANNIE M. DALE ... .. Treble	ELSIE B. BRANDON ... .. 4
*PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2	HORACE M. DAY ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal in five methods.

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FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

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

being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD PALMER ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 4
† FRANK STAFFORTH ... .. 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 5
ARTHUR SWAIN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First peal. † First peal with Treble Bob included. The conductor was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

REBINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 3, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. Treble	GEORGE LUNT ... .. 4
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 2	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Caunce.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

NORWICH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
In the Belfry of St. Peter Mancroft,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5-6
JOHN E. BURTON ... .. 3-4	DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 7-8

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by all except the conductor.

**THE EXTENSION OF DOUBLE NORWICH.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since I pointed out in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. H. W. Wilde had previously produced the same extension of Double Norwich Maximus as that given by Mr. G. Baker, I have received a pamphlet by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, which is an extract from 'The Bell News' of twenty-five years ago, giving exactly the same Maximus extension with instructions how to ring the method. This is certainly interesting, coming as it does from three independent sources, and each arriving at the same conclusion as to what is the true extension of the method.

While writing I should like to endorse what you say in your leading article of August 19th, 'that we ringers owe everything to those who spend or have spent their labour in research.' Our scope for ringing would have been narrow indeed without them.

How interesting, too, is the correspondence going on in 'The Ringing World' by some of the experts of to-day, much of which is beyond the average ringer, but nevertheless highly interesting, and we are grateful to them for giving us of their time and labour in solving some of the 'knotty problems' which have been baffling the Exercise for years, and thereby opening up a still wider field for ringers' enjoyment.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

**DEATH OF A LINCOLNSHIRE RINGER.**

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild loses one of its oldest members, by the death of Mr. John Hoyes, of Hough-on-the-Hill, who passed away on Saturday, August 13th, at the age of 67 years. Deceased had been a ringer at All Saints for 40 years, and was well known and much respected in South Lincolnshire.

The funeral took place at Hough-on-the-Hill on August 16th, deceased being carried to his last resting-place by four of his brother ringers: Messrs. J. Cragg (Caythorpe), A. Mackears (Long Bennington), J. H. Haynes and H. Squires (Hough-on-the-Hill). After the funeral the bells were rung muffled.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
MEETINGS BY ROTA IN PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Preston Parish Church, on Saturday, August 27th, about 40 members attending, and making good use of the fine ring of eight bells. The business meeting was held in the spacious ringing chamber. Mr. W. Heald, of Preston, was voted to the chair, and several important propositions were carried. The first of these was that the whole of the towers of the branch be put into a fixed order, and visited in rotation without voting at every meeting. This idea is intended to save time, and the list will be drawn up by the branch secretary and submitted for approval at Leyland in October.

Next it was decided to support the Rossendale Branch in their proposition to reduce the general committee, and only one representative was elected, instead of two as previously.

Mr. J. R. Taylor gave an account of the committee meeting at Bolton, also the arrangements for the annual general meeting at Todmorden.

Mention was made of the deputation to St. Luke's Church, Preston, with regard to their hemispherical bells, but the authorities are determined to go on with their scheme.

At the close of business, the Vicar and wardens were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells. The bells were again brought into use, and ringing kept up till about 8.30. Standard methods, with the addition of Double Norwich and Superlative, were the methods rung during the afternoon.

**MANCHESTER BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at Prestwich, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who presided, said how pleased he was to see such a large gathering of ringers present, and also to note the variety of methods rung, which had ranged from rounds for the learners to London Surprise. The good striking had been a prominent feature of this meeting.

Nominations for the officers of the association were: Vice-president, Mr. A. Trippier; ringing secretary, Mr. J. H. Banks; auditors, Mr. S. Greenhalgh and Mr. A. Barnes.

Flexton was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

A discussion took place on whether it was possible to arrange a tea at these branch meetings, and it was left to Mr. J. Collier to see if one could be arranged for the meeting at Flexton, in order that the branch secretary may give due notice in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to church officials, the local ringers, and the chairman, closed the meeting, and further ringing took place on this grand ring of bells.

**DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.**  
MEETING AT WEST BROMWICH.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, August 20th, when over forty members, representing various towers in union with the Guild, attended. The fine peal of 12 bells was at the disposal of the members from 2.30 until service time. The beautiful Guild service was conducted by the Rev. J. Goodacre, M.A., M.C., who also gave a very interesting and eloquent address, in the course of which he gave the members a right hearty welcome to Christ Church.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar. Afterwards the business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Ringing Master), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who had other engagements to fulfil. An apology was read from the secretary, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, as he was away from home on a holiday.—Several new members were elected to the roll.

The arrangements for the next quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the secretary to make what arrangements he could, as no invitation had been received.

It was proposed that the quarterly peal for the Guild be attempted at Christ Church, West Bromwich, and that the method be Stedman Cinques, the necessary arrangements to be left in the hands of Mr. Jesse Screen.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of West Bromwich for his great kindness in consenting to the Guild holding its meeting at Christ Church, for conducting the service, for his eloquent address, for the use of the tower and bells, and of the Parish Hall, as also for the bounteous tea he so generously provided.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the ladies who prepared and served the tea, and looked after the comforts of the members; to Mr. Jesse Screen and the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had assisted in any way in making the meeting such a successful and happy one.—Thanks were also extended to the Ringing Master for presiding at the meeting. The bells were again utilised in the evening, while some of the members visited the town and park before returning home.

## PEALS TAPPED ON HANDBELLS.

MR. MORRIS REPLIES TO CRITICS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In his recent letter, Mr. Pye makes the assertion that the education received through tapping of peals is of no value except to the performer. As this seems to me to be the kernel of the whole thing, may I, through a little illustration, try to show that he is quite wrong. My brother ringers will have noticed that I was at last successful in tapping a peal of London. Now I maintain that it is quite possible for me to teach any young band that method, and in the process of teaching, the education I have received entirely through tapping is distributed amongst them, and, therefore, becomes the property of eight or nine ringers instead of only one, as Mr. Pye asserts. If I am wrong will someone please point it out and convince me. I should take that as a great kindness, and I would promise that 'The Ringing World' would be troubled no more with my performances; but if I am right, I think the Essex Association, in the passing of that resolution, has committed a great error of judgment. I should like my brother ringers to know that personally I do not care two straws whether or no there are points given or records kept; but the point, to my mind, is, will such action be likely to deter any ringer from trying to educate himself in a similar way? My opinion is it will. My object is to try and educate myself to fit any situation I may find myself in. I had a plan of entirely reconstructing the Harwich band, by the addition of six or eight youngsters; but I must confess the thought has arisen, if, after I have done my best to teach them what little knowledge I have, they will turn to me and say that my education is of no value to anyone but myself. To my brother ringers who have sent me their congratulations and kindly words of encouragements, the umpires, our Editor for the publication of the records, the composers who have so kindly sent me peals, and to Mr. W. Pye for his most candid letter, I tender my most sincere thanks, for these are things which, in my estimation, really count.—I remain, yours truly,

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

P.S.—I note your remarks in 'Belfry Gossip,' and I quite see the point; but I would point out that recently I have had the services of several competent outside umpires, one of whom conducted one of the peals, another who has tapped a peal or two himself.

## THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE.

Dear Sir,—Should space permit I should like to make reply to Mr. Pye's letter in your issue of August 26th, re the booking of peals tapped on handbells. Mr. Pye hits the nail right on the head when he states that we jumped to the conclusion that the members of the Essex Association responsible for the passing of the resolution referred to considered the performance of tapping peals on handbells worthless. We did; and Mr. Pye further endeavours to substantiate his case that they are worthless by giving three apparently sound reasons why they should not be booked. I will answer them very briefly, as they are stated.

For the purpose of booking, why should we discriminate between tapping and ringing? I submit that in ringing a handbell peal it is not the fact that the ringers engaged in the performance continue to strike their bells up and down that makes the performance worthy of note, but that they keep their bells in place and their mind concentrated on the method. A tapper goes further, he keeps eight bells in place. Surely this is a greater achievement! The fact that he does not ring them obviously enough is because it is a physically impossible feat.

The second reason given is more important. Mr. Pye states that, being individual performances they are of no educational value. Now, Mr. Morris has only once rung a course of London. He was, however, successful in tapping a peal in this method. The advantage derived here is that should Mr. Morris at any time go to a tower where London is rung he could at once become a useful member of that band. Also, Mr. Morris is and has been for years an enthusiastic teacher of change ringing to youngsters wishing to learn, and when his next batch of pupils come along in the winter months there is not the slightest doubt that he will find his exercises in tapping of great advantage in his teaching.

I think that the third point mentioned in Mr. Pye's letter can hardly be raised in protest against the booking of these peals, as handbell peals rung by three or more members are booked, and these can hardly be said to assist 'Bell Chamber Reform.'

If the resolution was passed for reasons no stronger than those mentioned by Mr. Pye, I would repeat that the matter never received sufficiently thoughtful consideration. To express an opinion as to who is foremost in the vogue of tapping is to beg the question raised.

Thanking you, sir, for the hospitality of your columns. — Yours faithfully,

T. H. BERNARD.

53, Church Street, Harwich.

## TAPPING, NOT CHANGE RINGING.

Sir,—In your last issue, another correspondent, Mr. Broyd, who has done some peal tapping, complains of these peals not being re-

cognised. He also says if two persons had rung four bells each they would be booked. Quite true, and deservedly so. Could Mr. Morris ring four handbells retained in hand to a peal, say, of London Surprise? I doubt it very much. If he can, perhaps Mr. Broyd being a peal tapper would ring the other four. Such a performance would rank as the greatest on record. I see Mr. Morris has tapped a peal of London, and without ever ringing an inside bell in the method. I hope Mr. Morris does not think he has strengthened his claim for recognition by doing this; if so, he has made a great mistake, for he certainly has shown us that the system he adopts to tap peals does not apply to change ringing. I may say that I have known two persons who used to tap touches who could not ring two handbells to the method. That convinced me that from a change ringing point of view there was not so much in it as many people think there is.—Yours faithfully,

W. PYE.

## WHY HAS DISTINCTION BEEN MADE?—AN ENQUIRY.

Dear Sir,—I consider the Essex Association quite justified in not booking any further tapped peals. This is not change ringing as I have always understood it. Tapping is not ringing, but why book one and not more? I believe there was a previous one tapped by Mr. O. Broyd, and booked. Now, Sir, I should like to know why these two peals which were tapped and not rung have been booked? I can find nothing in the rules of the Essex Association to allow them to be booked. I am quite aware the rules of the Association have been set at defiance on more than one occasion; but that was to suit one individual, and Messrs. Broyd and Morris are only ordinary members. I hold no brief for either. They may be wonderful performances—undoubtedly they are—but that does not turn the performances into change ringing. You, Sir, mentioned in 'Belfry Gossip' that you would like to see this performance repeated in the presence of competent witnesses (I refer to the peal of London tapped by Mr. Morris), and as I am able to repeat a peal of London (or any other method on 7 or 8), change by change and call the bobs, I should be quite willing to act as one umpire, providing this meets with your and Mr. Morris's approval.—Yours truly,

Rye Mill, Feering.

W. KEEBLE.

## TWO QUESTIONS.

Dear Sir,—Without in any way detracting from the merit due to Mr. Morris for the various peals he has tapped, I would like him to answer two questions: (1) Can he ring an inside bell on tower bells and conduct a peal in all the methods he has tapped? (2) Can he also ring any pair of handbells retained 'in hand' and conduct all the methods? My reason for asking is that I have known of cases where a person can tap changes but cannot ring a pair of handbells in the same method. In my opinion tapping peals is not advancing change ringing, for which all associations were formed.—Yours faithfully,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

## ACTON GUILD'S EXCURSION.

Backed up by fine weather, the St. Mary's, Acton, Guild, held their annual outing on Saturday, August 27th, when a visit was paid to the two churches at Staines, and one at Egham. Under the guidance of the captain (Mr. Robt. Holloway) the visitors made their way to St. Peter's, Staines, where the peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.), by Warner, were soon off to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Owing to the ambitious route set out, however, a long stay could not be made, and no matter how charming a place may be, or how delightful the bells, there always seemed a pleasurable anticipation of the next stopping-place. So the party moved on to the parish church at Staines, where the bells with their tenor (approximately 1 ton) were set going, and made good use of during the short stay, when the same methods as above were indulged in.

The next stop was for a splendid and well-earned tea. Soon after this the band found themselves at Egham, which has a ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.) by the Croydon foundry. It was not long before these bells were off to the harmonious changes of a well-struck touch of Bob Major, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Lowering the bells in peal at 9 o'clock, the visitors returned by train to London, where they arrived about 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable excursion.

The thanks of the Guild are extended to the respective clergy and local ringers, who so kindly assisted in making such excellent arrangements, and placing the bells at their disposal. The visitors included: The Misses D. Feltham, N. Williams and I. L. Hastie, Messrs. Robert Holloway (captain), L. H. Page, R. H. Bodington, R. A. Fardon, H. Wincoke, J. W. Fruin, C. Brown, S. D. Breeze, F. Goodfellow, and M. England.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Tuesday evening, August 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Violet Treble Bob was rung. This was brought round after several unsuccessful attempts, the ringers being: \*R. Welsby 1. \*A. Lees 2. F. Triner 3. J. Hurd 4. T. Hilditch (conductor) 5. W. Bourne 6. \*First in the method. Other ringers taking part in Woodbine and Burslem Delight were T. Hurd, L. Pennington and W. P. Deane.

### LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL. THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES ENTRENCHED. To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In his letter of Sept. 2nd, Mr. Baker says:—  
*'Perhaps Mr. James will now understand that his method of Royal is not the same construction as London.'*

In my letter of August 26th, I said:—

*'The only connection that I can see between London Minor and London Major is this, they neither allow any other work than the plain hunt backwards, and the Treble Bob hunt forward.'*

I think I may safely say that I do understand that simple fact as well now as I did when I wrote that letter.

Meanwhile, Mr. Baker does not explain how his infallible rule failed so lamentably in the case of the Grandsire method.

Here is another method for his consideration. The first 12345678 four changes are here given, and you continue as in 21435687 Oxford Treble Bob until you come to the last four, when 12436878 you duplicate the places. Now, half the changes are even 21346587 and half are odd. When we extend to ten bells, we have 24 even changes and 16 odd!

Of course, I quite agree with Mr. Baker that you must have equal numbers of odd and even changes if you want to ring a 720 of Minor, and I am also prepared to allow the same argument if you want to ring a peal of 3,628,800 of Royal; but then I have no ambition to start for such a peal, and as I know that far better methods can be obtained if we disregard such a rule, I do not think that the Exercise ought to be bound by it for the purpose of pleasing Mr. Baker.

But the war has advanced to such a point now that I think it is time to dig in. Here are my trenches, and everyone is welcome to inspect them.

1. There are two methods, known as London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major, which defy all the efforts of the experts, with their simple laws of construction, to trace the connection between them, and yet show such a marked resemblance to each other that the Exercise is justified in calling them by the same name.
2. That that likeness is entirely due to a higher law which overrules all other considerations in their construction, the law of the two hunts.
3. That I have produced a method on ten bells, which conforms to that higher law, that it is the only method that can be produced on ten bells which will do so, and that it is as closely connected with London Minor and London Major, as they are with one another.
4. That as long as the Exercise retains the names of London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major, they must, to be consistent, recognise my method as London Surprise Royal.

There is my camp, safely guarded by its four trenches, and to hold that position I am ready to fight, tooth and nail, cat and dog, until the fur and feathers fly; but I am not to be drawn outside to contend with any stray side issues which may be advanced. If they think that they can apply their little simple rules to such a complex monster as London Surprise, by all means let them try. I will allow them a lifetime to show any other connection between London Minor and London Major than the one that I have made use of in my trenches.

The two methods published this week are both obviously Oxford extensions, and are both unlike London in that they have internal places with treble bob on both sides of them, a feature that is entirely wanting both in the Minor and the Major. The resemblance, too, has vanished, as soon as the great law is broken.—Yours faithfully,  
E. BANKES JAMES.

#### MR. TROLLOPE'S FORMULA.

Dear Sir,—I have to thank Mr. Baker for pointing out to me a clerical error in my formula for extending London. No. 2 should read, 'make a place at every cross section above the treble's path, except when she passes into the hindmost dodging position but one.' This on eight and all other numbers.—Yours truly,  
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

#### PROGRESS AT WORCESTER.

On Sunday, August 21st, at All Saints' Church, Worcester, for evening service, three courses of Cambridge Surprise Royal, in which J. Morris, F. W. Neate, J. R. Mackman, G. Hinton, junr., S. Holt, T. Walters, W. Lewis, W. Page, W. C. Jones, J. J. Jefferies and R. G. Knowles took part. On Monday, August 22nd, at St. Helen's, for practice, two courses of London Surprise Major, by: T. Walters, F. W. Neate, W. C. Jones, S. Holt, J. J. Jefferies, G. Hinton, junr., W. Lewis, W. Page and J. R. Mackman. Both the above are the longest rung in the methods by a local band at Worcester. On Tuesday, August 23rd, at St. John's 720 of London Surprise Minor: W. Page (conductor) 1, S. Holt 2, T. Walters 3, J. J. Jefferies 4, W. Lewis 5, J. R. Mackman 6. First 720 in the method by all except Messrs. Page and Holt.

### A WEEK ON A FARM. RINGING—NOT HARVESTING.

On Saturday, August 20th, ringers began to congregate by various means at a small Lincolnshire village, yeolpt Surfleet. Mr. Rupert Richardson was responsible for collecting all these 'mad' people together, ostensibly for a handbell ringing week. Some of them, however, had recollections of cutting corners with a scythe in a harvest field the previous summer, so they went prepared for a few aching backs, as well as happy hours with handbells. Imagine their relief, therefore, when it was found that all the harvesting was finished, and all that remained to be done was to sit down and ring peals on the lawn, with a few wasps and umpteen flies tickling their noses.

As far as ringing was concerned, Saturday was a quiet day, as everybody was busy greeting somebody else, and discussing the state of the roads, etc.

Sunday was the great day of the week, namely, Rupert's birthday, and right well it was celebrated, by the ringing of two peals of Bob Royal in honour of the auspicious occasion.

Monday and Tuesday passed without much excitement, except a peal or two, to keep one's hand in. Wednesday morning saw a Ford, and a few motor bikes and side-cars leave Surfleet in full travelling order for Everby, where a peal of Stedman Catens was attempted, but abandoned, owing to one of the party becoming indisposed. Lunch was the next item on the programme, but as half the band suffered from indigestion for the rest of the week, nothing more need be said about that. In the afternoon, a peal of Double Norwich was successfully brought round at Heckington. Then the fun began. One member of the company had 'wind up' about a 'dud' tyre on his machine, so he started, with numerous helpers and advisers, to put a new one on. Work continued until after dark, when it was carried on by the aid of matches, one would-be helper eventually producing a candle. When the job was finished, and all were ready for home, one member was missed. He appeared later, correctly attired, as to his goggles and mackintosh, but his overalls were reversed, with toes pointing over the heels of his boots. His excuse was that he had put them on in the dark, and could not see which way he was going.

Eventually a start was made, and all went well for about a mile, when Frank stopped, with a flat tyre on his side-car. A lot was thought, but nothing said, as he had a parson with him. The tyre being repaired, the journey was resumed for a few miles; then Frank's lamp went out, but this did not cause a serious delay. On starting a third time (everybody hoping it was the last) all went well for a few more miles; but it was not to be, for Frank then thought it time to have another rest, so he broke his driving chain. This extinguished any further active interest which Frank had in the journey, and he was towed home by a well-known conductor.

On Thursday afternoon, the convoy moved off to Peterborough, where everyone enjoyed themselves to the full, thanks to the kind hospitality of Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jutson. Some interesting reunions took place between old friends at the tea-table, and someone was heard to remark 'that he wished he was staying there a week.' Nothing of special interest occurred on the return journey to Surfleet, as Frank had left his 'bus' behind.

Friday was a quiet day, with a couple of peals added to the score, and on Saturday afternoon the party began to break up. A ringer, who had his fiancée with him, was sent off in fine style from Spalding with an old boot attached to the back of the car, much to the amusement of the boys on the street corners, and to the remainder of the party.

With the departure of a 'Trusty Triumph' and side-car, loaded up with three other popular members of the party, nothing was left for the rest, but to bemoan the fact that a very happy and pleasant week had come to an end. The 'bag' included ten handbell peals and one tower bell peal.

THE LOST SHEEP.

#### DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A meeting of the above society was held at Conisborough on Saturday week. About 40 ringers were present, representing about a dozen towers. Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, and was conducted by the curate, in the absence of the Vicar. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall.—Mr. Smith (one of the churchwardens) was voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed. — Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman for his services, and to the local band for making arrangements for the meeting and providing the tea.

Conisborough bells are a grand peal of eight, and are considered by the experts to be the best light peal in the Doncaster district. They were cast about seven years ago by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at their famous Loughborough Foundry. The weight of the tenor is about 14 cwt., and its note F sharp.



**A SCARBOROUGH MEMORIAL.**

On Sunday, Aug. 28th, before morning service, the Vicar of Scarborough (the Rev. Canon C. Cooper) unveiled and dedicated a tablet, erected in the belfry of St. Mary's Parish Church, to the memory of two ringers who made the supreme sacrifice during the great war. The tablet, which is of polished slate background and inset panel of white marble, bears the following inscription:—

In memory and in honour of Corporal A. Rayner, 5th Yorks; Private H. Ferguson, Royal Fusiliers, ringers of this tower who gave their lives in the great war, 1914—1918.

After the dedication, the ringers of St. Mary's Guild rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled.

Quite a goodly number were present, including Mr. Rayner, senr., father of the late Corporal A. Rayner, and family; Mr. Ferguson, senr., father of the late Private H. Ferguson, and family; the churchwardens, Messrs. Bourne and McConkey; 10 of the local ringers: Mr. P. L. Wright, of Burton-on-Trent; and Mr. George Hatton, senr., of Ashby-de-la-Zeuch, Leicestershire, who were visiting Scarborough.

In the evening, for Divine service, and in connection with the above, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 minutes, by: H. Priest 1, G. Hatton, senr., 2, P. L. Wright 3, H. Ferguson 4, A. Coates 5, H. Gibson 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, J. R. Fryers 8. Mr. Coates cycled from Whitby to take part in the ceremony to the memory of his brother ringers.

The tablet, which was subscribed for by the local ringers, was designed and executed by Mr. Fred Dove, sculptor, Dean Road.

**CLIFTON RINGERS' TRIP.**

On Saturday, August 20th, the Clifton (Bristol) ringers held their outing, Minehead and Dunster being the places visited. After a most enjoyable trip by boat, Minehead was reached at 11.15 a.m., where the party were met by Mr. G. Atkins, who conducted them to St. Michael's tower. Here the splendid peal of ten bells were soon going to Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise. A good dinner was partaken of at Stevens' Cafe, and a pleasant drive by motor was afterwards enjoyed through the country to Dunster. After a good pull on Dunster bells, the return journey was made to Minehead, and boat taken to Bristol, which was reached about 9 o'clock, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The members wish to thank Mr. Atkins for his kindness in making all arrangements and conducting the party; also Mr. Thrush for having the Dunster bells ready, and the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Michael's, Minehead, and St. George's, Dunster, for the use of the bells.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD OUTING.**

The members of the Romney Marsh and District Guild visited Chatham and Rochester for their annual outing on Saturday, August 13th, the journey being made by motor charabanc. Arriving at St. Mary's, Chatham, at 10.30, they were kindly met by Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, who acted as pilot for the day. After an hour's ringing at this church, the party went on to Gillingham for another hour's ringing in various methods. After lunch, the meeting-place was Frindsbury to test the new peal of eight, by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The tone and 'go' were satisfactory, and another hour's ringing was enjoyed before proceeding to St. Margaret's, Rochester, but the ringing here was cut short by the late arrival of the prominent members. At 4.30 all sat down to a really good tea at the Tea-Table Cafe, High Street, the party numbering 43. At 5.30 the pilot conducted the visitors to the Cathedral tower, and the new peal of ten by the Croydon foundry were soon set going, and gave great pleasure to all the party. The three lady ringers seemed to be quite at home on the Cathedral ten.

Later the party heard, from terra firma, a well-struck touch of Stedman Caters rung by London ringers and the Cathedral band. At 8.30 p.m. the return journey was begun, and with a brief stop at Maidstone home was safely reached, after a perfect day. The party desire to thank Messrs. Haigh, Allen and Kidd and all others who assisted in making the day so thoroughly enjoyable.

**BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED.**

At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, on Tuesday, August 23rd, 1921, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: John W. Billing 1, David F. Ward 2, George W. Harris 3, Thomas Easterby 4, Richard Riches 5, William H. Daynes 6, George H. Daynes 7, William H. Billing 8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Stretton, mother of the ringer of the tenor, and grandmother of the ringer of the treble, and who attained the ripe old age of 87 years on this day.

On Sunday, August 28th, 1921, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 41 mins.: John W. Billing 1, David F. Ward 2, Frederick Barnes 3, George W. Harris 4, Richard Riches 5, William H. Daynes 6, George H. Daynes 7, William H. Billing 8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Daynes, mother of the ringer of the seventh, and grandmother of the ringer of the sixth, and who attained the age of 82 years on this day.

Both the quarter-peals were composed and conducted by G. H. Daynes, and, with the exception of Mr. Easterby (St. John's, Deptford), were rung by the local band, with their hearty congratulations.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the very early peals of Grandsire Triples was one recorded at St. Mary's, Coddendam, Suffolk, where lived Theodore Ecclestone, who had an estate at Coddendam, and gave the bells at his parish church, and also the peal of ten at Stonham Aspill. The 180th anniversary of the peal at Coddendam occurs to-morrow.

The ancient tablet records: 'On Thursday, September ye 10th, 1741, was rung in this steeple by ye Crowfield Society of Ringers a compleat peal of five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two doubles only, it was completed in three hours and seven minutes by ye men whose names are under-written: Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., 1, Daniel Horsham 2, John Foster 3, Samuel Cullum 4, Samuel Keeble 5, John Leggett 6, Stephen Garnham 7, Samuel Anderson 8. John Foster call'd the bobs.'

It is assumed that this peal was Garthou's peal of Grandsire Triples, and the same John Foster (or a namesake) called the peal again at St. Peter-at-Archies, Lincoln, in the year 1756, when it was described in the records as 'Catharan's Tripples.'

On Sept. 9th, 1750, a peal of Bob Triples, conducted by John Holt, was rung at St. George's, Southwark; and Sunday next is the anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich in Cheshire, which was rung at Christleton in 1844.

Eighty-one years ago next Monday, viz, on Sept. 12th, 1840, Charles Henry Hattersley was born at Sheffield.

The Dean of Chester, in an appeal, states that only by making a big effort will Chester Cathedral be restored. There are big cracks and deteriorating stone in the edifice. The bells can no longer be rung, as the tower will not stand the strain. There is much that must be done at once, and it is a case of everyone helping by giving a little, because few can help largely.

Prior to 1867 there were five bells at Chester Cathedral believed to have been cast originally by Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, in 1608. In 1867 Messrs. Warner added three trebles. The present eight have a tenor of 29 cwt.

Clever as Mr. A. H. Pulling is in ringing on handbells, he has not yet aspired to ringing two pairs at once, and the ringer of 7-8 in the second peal at Surfleet on August 21st was Walter Ayre.

## A PEAL ATTEMPT IN VANCOUVER. VISIT OF AN OLD GUILDFORD RINGER.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It is now quite a while since I have been able to give you any news of our doings here, and the following may be of some interest to you and readers of 'The Ringing World.' You may imagine my surprise and delight in receiving a visit from no less a person than Mr. Charles Willshire, senr., from Montreal, Quebec (formerly of Guildford, Surrey), who was spending his vacation in a tour through the Rockies. He arrived in Vancouver on Friday last (August 5th). I at once had the wires hot, summoning the best ringers I could reach, for a ring for Sunday evening, when we had a very satisfactory and pleasant time. Amongst other touches was one of 572 Grandsire Triples by the following: A. C. Limpus 1, Charles Willshire, senr. (conductor). 2, John Dunaway 3, W. R. Warner 4, George W. Foster 5, John C. Dearlove 6, H. Whiteman 7, John Parkinson 8. Indeed, so satisfactory was the ringing that it was decided to ask permission for a peal attempt on Monday. This was promptly given by Father O'Boyle, and at about 10.15 a.m. we started for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went very well, and we had good striking for 1 hour and 17 minutes, when Father O'Boyle reluctantly had to break his way in and request us to stop, on account of sickness in an hotel opposite.

Well, I suppose it just couldn't be helped, but we all felt a keen disappointment, as everyone was fully confident that the peal was ours could we have been left to ourselves. However, it will probably be of interest to those at home, and more particularly to the Guildford ringers, to know that those taking part were as follows: A. C. Limpus 1, G. W. Foster 2, Charles Willshire, senr., 3, John Parkinson 4, William Sampson 5, John C. Dearlove 6, Herbert Whiteman 7, Farrington Jones 8. Mr. Willshire was conductor, and started for Holt's Original. On taking his leave for Montreal, on Monday evening, Mr. Willshire told me he had enjoyed his trip out here past all expectations, and he has all but promised to return next summer, when it is hoped we may capture the first peal of Stedman away from the British Isles.—Yours very truly,

A. C. LIMPUS.

1237, 8th Avenue E.,  
Vancouver.

August 10th, 1921.

P.S.—Mr. Willshire's present address is 11, Broadway Avenue, Montreal East, Quebec, Canada.



## THE BAILEYS OF LEISTON.

### UNIQUE RECORD OF A WONDERFUL FAMILY.

The unique record set up by that family of talented ringers, the brothers Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, has been crowned by the peal of Stedman Cinques rung by six of them on handbells and recorded last week. For several years they

monopolise the tower, where there is a united and progressive company of some sixteen members. Indeed, we think it probable that the Leiston company practise more Surprise methods than any local eight-bell band in the country.

We give here a photograph of the six brothers who scored the peal of Stedman Cinques on August 25th, and it is noteworthy that both Allen and Frederick have rung Cinques 'in hand' before they have rung Triples.



The six brothers who rang the peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

Allen 1-2, Ernest 3-4, Charles 5-6, James 7-8, Frederick 9-10, Edgar 11-12.

have been steadily progressing, and our readers must have noticed how, one after the other, these brothers, as they grew up, were drawn into the Exercise. This alone is a remarkable thing, and it must be almost unique in itself for eight brothers to take enthusiastically to the same pastime. The first 'family affair' was a peal of Bob Major on tower bells about eight years ago. Since then, in addition to the 44 handbell peals which they have rung, there have been peals of Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples on tower bells. These latter have been achieved by the six brothers who took part in the Stedman Cinques on handbells, with the help of Leonard and Wilfred. Providing nothing occurs to break this family circle, we may look for still further peals by the eight brothers. It must be added, however, that while forming the backbone of the Leiston band, they do not

Appended is a list of the 'family' handbell peals:—

	Edgar.	Charles.	Ernest.	James.	Fredk.	Allen.
Bob Major ... ..	1	3	3	3	1	1
Bob Royal ... ..	2	6	6	6	4	6
Bob Maximus ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	11	10	10	3	3
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	7	7	6	5	7
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	3	3	3	3	3
Oxford Treble Bob Major	—	4	3	4	1	4
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	—	3	3	3	3	3
Stedman Triples ... ..	3	3	3	3	—	—
Stedman Caters ... ..	1	2	2	2	1	2
Stedman Cinques ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1
	22	44	42	42	23	31

All the peals, both on tower and handbells, have been conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

### CHORLEY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 6th, the ringers from the Chorley Parish Church, along with their wives, and a few friends from Standish, held their annual outing by charabanc to Lytham and Bispham. Starting from the Town Hall, Lytham was reached about 3 o'clock, when the bells of the Parish Church were soon going merrily to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and successfully brought round. The party continued the journey through leafy Lytham, St. Anne's, and breezy Blackpool, on to Bispham, which was reached shortly before 5 o'clock. Tea had been arranged at Ivy Cottage. After tea, Mr. J. Booth and his daughter from Standish gave a few handbell selections, which were much appreciated.

The musical ring of Bispham Church were soon going to Grandsire and Bob Major, and successfully brought round. Interest was shown in the arrangement on the clappers by Mears and Stainbank, which are a very good improvement. The return journey commenced at

eight o'clock, Chorley being reached at 10.30, after a very enjoyable afternoon.

The thanks of all are due to the Vicar and ringers of both churches for permission to ring, and for having everything ready for us.

### EAST SUFFOLK RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dennis, in his letter of the 26th August, wishes that the Norwich and Ipswich Association should release East Suffolk. Does he think we are retained against our wishes; if so, he is greatly mistaken, as by far the greater majority of East Suffolk ringers wish to remain connected with the association they helped to raise to its present position, and what is more, they will not be cut away just because the diocese is altered.—Yours truly,

Stoke Ash, Eye.

ERNEST F. POPPY.

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## DEATH OF MR. HARRY FLANDERS. PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN LONDON RINGER.

It is with the utmost regret that we announce the death of Mr. Harry Flanders, of West Ham, at the comparatively early age of 55 years. The deceased had suffered from heart trouble for some time past, which caused him to give up peal ringing, his last peal having been rung on August 2nd, 1920, when he almost collapsed near the end. He was, however, a regular attendant at West Ham church, and as late as Sunday, August 14th, he was in his place, and rang for evening service. He was, however, far from well, and on the following Wednesday had to cease work. He took to his bed on the following Friday, and passed peacefully away on Tuesday, August 23rd.

The funeral took place at West Ham Cemetery on Monday week, the first part of the service being read at West Ham Church. Owing to the time of the funeral, few ringers were able to be present, but the following were able to attend to pay a last tribute of respect: Messrs. W. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Miller, J. Moule, E. J. Butler, H. Torble, A. J. Baynes and C. Smith. A large number of wreaths, including a handsome one from the West Ham and Leytonstone ringers, was placed on the grave, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by the following: J. Moule 1—2, W. Pye 3—4, G. R. Pye 5—6, W. Miller 7—8.

In the evening, at West Ham, the usual 'whole pull and stand' was rung with the bells half-muffled, followed by four courses Stedman Caters and a course of Treble Bob Royal, the following taking part: A. J. Neale, A. Scambler, W. Theobald, W. Miller, J. Scholes, A. Pryor, C. Smith, E. Andrews, A. J. Baynes, G. Potter, G. Hayden, E. Wightman, R. Sanders and W. Pye.

Until ill-health prevented him, there were few more enthusiastic ringers than Harry Flanders, as his peal record proves. His employment was not one of the most favourable for peal ringing, but he was one of those who believed that where there is a will there is always a way, and the times that he failed to turn up could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Among his peal records are some notable achievements, and he once, in company of the Brothers Pye and I. G. Shade travelled from London to Guildford and rang three peals in a day. Among the societies to which he belonged were the Middlesex Association, with which he rang the majority of his peals; the Essex Association, the Kent County Association, the Norwich and Ipswich Association, the Hertford County Association, and the Royal Cumberland Youths. The list of his peal performances is as follows:—

Grandsire Triples .....	2	
Stedman Triples .....	37	
Stedman Caters .....	59	
Stedman Cinques .....	30	
Bob Major .....	2	
Bob Maximus .....	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major .....	15	(including a 10,464).
Kent Royal .....	9	
Kent Maximus .....	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major .....	1	
Oxford Royal .....	1	
Double Norwich Major .....	20	(including a 15,072).
Superlative Surprise Major .....	52	
Cambridge Surprise Major .....	12	
Cambridge Royal .....	6	
New Cambridge Surprise Major .....	3	
London Surprise Major .....	2	
New Cumberland Surprise Major .....	1	
Duffield Major .....	1	
Total .....	255	

## RINGER UNDER NINE VICARS.

### DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM LAW, KILDWICK.

Mr. William Law, one of the oldest inhabitants of Kildwick, Yorks, passed away on Wednesday, August 17th, after a long illness, at the advanced age of 79 years. Mr. Law had been the village blacksmith for over 50 years, having worked at the forge up to a few years ago. At the time of his death he was one of the bell ringers at 'the Lang Kirk o' Craven,' and up to fairly recently had never missed taking his place in the belfry on Sundays. He had been a ringer at Kildwick Church under nine vicars, and for a period of about sixty years, and was one of the oldest ringers in the Keighley district.

The deceased was also at the time of his death one of the trustees of the local Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, a position he had held for a very considerable number of years. He had lived in the village practically the whole of his life, and was a most interesting personality. By reason of his occupation he was known to all in the village, old and young alike, and was highly respected, being a man of the highest integrity. He belonged to the old generation of sturdy Yorkshire characters, of which there are unfortunately few survivors.

At the funeral on Saturday, August 20th, the coffin was borne to

the churchyard by the local ringers. After the funeral several muffled touches were rung, as well as on the following day for both services, as a last token of respect to an old veteran.

The deceased's only son, Mr. Charles Law, is at the present time leader of the ringers at Kildwick, where he has been a ringer about thirty years.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday, August 25th, at Yateley, Hants, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, in honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. Barzillai Hawkins, a well-known ringer of this district, who has done a great deal to further interest in change ringing. The peal unfortunately, however, came to grief, and time was too short for a second attempt, but not to be outdone, the ringers scored a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss Robinson (Wokingham), longest length of Major, 1, Miss B. M. Mills (Aldershot) 2, W. Haynes (Farnborough) 3, Miss H. F. Mills (Aldershot) 4, F. Nye (Basingstoke) 5, G. Miles (Camberley) 6, S. Riddis (Yateley) 7, Sergt. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 8.

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## MARRIAGE.

EBBERSON—ADCOCK.—On August 27th, 1921, at the Parish Church, Wells (Norfolk), by the Rev. G. H. N. Ingle, Cecil Victor, eldest son of W. J. Ebberson, Fakenham, Norfolk, to Annie Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Adcock, Wells (Norfolk). Mr. Cecil V. Ebberson's address is now 119, Malvern Road, Kilburn, N.W.6.

## LATE NOTICES.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guisborough District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Watford to-morrow (Saturday), September 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER. —A meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Friday, September 16th, at 7.15 p.m., for business of importance. Members are urgently requested to attend.—James E. Davis, Hon. Sec., 70, Wooler Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

AVERAVON, GLAM.—On the occasion of the anniversary of St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, on Saturday, August 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: F. Stone 1, E. Stitch 2, W. Nulton 3, D. Rees 4, J. Hammond 5, H. Perry 6, A. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Wethersby 8. Also 630 Grandsire Triples: A. Hatton 1, E. Stitch 2, D. Rees 3, W. Nulton 4, A. Pitman 5, J. Hammond 6, F. Atwell 7, W. Pring 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—Midland Counties Association. — On Sunday evening, August 14th, after service, at St. Thomas' Church, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. David Dewar, M.A., of Loughborough, who was for 14 years Vicar of the above church prior to going to Loughborough, the local ringers rang several touches with the bells half-muffled, including a well-struck 336 of Stedman Triples: L. Willars 1, Albert Bell 2, O. Randle 3, W. H. Humberstone 4, S. Cox 5, H. Brown 6, E. J. Jelley (conductor) 7, J. Clarke 8.



# A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, at St. John's, South Hackney, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Pickett (conductor) 1, E. E. Holman 2, J. Lee 3, L. Franks 4, J. R. Gammon 5, R. Chappelle 6, I. J. Attwater 7, W. Rushton 8. First quarter of Stedman by the ringer of second; also first quarter as conductor.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, 1,179 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Clark 1, Miss Nora Shorter 2, C. Dean 3, H. J. Skelt 4, W. Bulpitt 5, J. Sparrow 6, D. Wright 7, A. W. Clark (conductor) 8, R. Brough 9, G. Burt 10. Longest length of Caters by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

**HITCHIN.**—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): G. Croft 1, H. Else 2, A. Pratt 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. J. Newell 5, J. Have (conductor) 6, L. Fidler 7, W. Croft 8. For afternoon service, 560 Grandsire Triples: E. Day 1, H. Else 2, C. Cannon 3, F. R. Bacon 4, E. J. Newell 5, J. Have (conductor) 6, W. Croft 7, L. Fidler 8.

**EALING.**—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 4th, 630 Grandsire Triples was rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Maynard, M.A., who paid a visit to the tower, and gave a short address. He hoped the ringers would continue the same as they had previously done, and he wished them every success. 504 Stedman Triples was then started for, but owing to the variation of service time stand was called with half a course to run. The band was: Messrs. H. Belcher, C. Edwards, H. Folkard, E. Harris, A. Harding, W. H. Hollier (conductor), F. Hayes (Gravesend) and J. Rootes.

**FULBOURN, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, C. E. Patten (conductor) 5, A. Page 6. — Ward (Melbourn) 7, B. D. Buttress 8. For evening service, 720 Bob Major: E. Webb 1, J. Page 2, C. Hall 3, J. Giddens 4, W. Sermons (Barley) 5, A. Page 6, C. E. Patten (conductor) 7, G. Bridge 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Prior 1, Miss W. King 2, G. Upshall 3, R. Hasted, junr. 4, E. Claphaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted, senr. (conductor), 7, A. King 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. Bradley 2, H. Norgate 3, J. Law 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, F. W. Swayne (Winchester) 8.

**HORSHAM, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on September 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, W. Short 3, J. Birdfield 4, S. Paice 5, J. Whitehead 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, G. Dibley 8.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. J. Langston 1, J. C. Newman 2, J. Sadler 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. — On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, for early celebration, 720 Plain Bob: R. Porter 1, H. J. Langston 2, J. C. Newman 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. — For morning service, 1,264 Bob Major: H. J. Langston 1, W. Mellins 2, J. C. Newman 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Sadler 5, W. Butler 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 8. — For evening service 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, W. Mellins 2, J. C. Newman 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, R. Fisher 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott 8. — After service, 1,280 Bob Major: W. Keeble (composer and conductor) 1, H. J. Langston 2, J.

C. Newman 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, R. Fisher 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott 8.

**EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 28th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Johnson 1, W. Simkiss (Harborne) 2, H. Wilson (Manchester), conductor, 3, V. Hemus 4, H. Hastings 5, H. Withers 6.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—For matins, at the Parish Church of All Saints, on August 28th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Shuffelebotham (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, G. F. Williams 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, J. Redgwell 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

**LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Parish Church, Long Eaton, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Harrison 1, J. Andrews 2, E. C. Chasty 3, A. Hickton 4, J. Bailey 5, H. Green 6, C. Wilkinson 7, R. W. Drage (conductor) 8. — On September 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. N. Widdowson 1, H. Hickton 2, E. C. Chasty 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, C. Geary 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8.

**GRANTHAM.**—For evening service, on Sunday, August 28th, at the Church of St. Wulfham, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: E. Mounter 1, J. Wheelstone 2, E. Nidd 3, P. Turner 4, S. Proctor (conductor) 5, H. Thorpe 6, W. Thorpe 7, A. Parker 8, F. Turner 9, H. Daniels 10. Arranged for E. Mounter, who hails from Bromley, Kent.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 28th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 240 London Surprise Minor: W. Powell 1, J. Bevan 2, W. T. Poston 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First touch of Loudon for all.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—For Sunday morning service, on August 28th, 798 Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins., taken from Louis Head's peal published in 'The Ringing World': A. Webb 1, E. C. Ruck 2, H. C. Castle 3, P. Page 4, E. Powell 5, C. W. Everett 6, W. Wenban (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

**MALINS LEE, SALOP.**—At St. Leonard's Church, 720 Bob Minor, on August 28th, after evening service, for the choir and bell ringers' festival: G. Harley 1, H. Garbett 2, E. Attwood 3, E. Woodvine 4, F. Mole 5, A. Woodvine (first as conductor) 6.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 28th, for evening service, 720 and 216 of Oxford Treble Bob: Ernest Bailey 1, Albert J. Naunton 2, Edgar Bailey 3, Albert J. L. Naunton 4, Harry Chapman (Manchester) 5, Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

**RODMELL, SUSSEX.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Sunday, August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. W. Hoather 1, E. J. Pannett (first in the method) 2, R. J. Dawe 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner 6.

**WRITTLE, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. B. Emery 1, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, F. G. Radley 4, W. Lincoln 5, A. Head 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, W. Collett 8. W. Collett hails from Oxford, and this was his first attempt on eight bells.

**UPPER CLAPTON.**—On August 14th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wilson (first quarter-peal) 1, H. J. King 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, A. Coles 4, C. A. Gray 5, T. F. East 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, R. E. Pellatt 8.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, Aug. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 Double Court, 360 Oxford Bob, 240 Kent, 120 Oxford and 180 Plain Bobs: Annie Dale 1, Elsie Brandon 2, F. Rowlinson 3, J. J. Jutson 4, W. Waldron 6, G. Barker (conductor) 7. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Barker on his leaving Peterborough for Ware. On Tuesday following, the St. Mary's ringers presented Mr. Barker with a pipe and pouch, wishing him and Mrs. Barker every happiness and prosperity.

## USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

### 1,264 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	B	M	H
23564	1	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—
24365	1	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

J. A. Trollope.

### 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

231456				
132654	4	13		
134256		13		
436251	4			
Repeated.				
S. G. Chaplin.				
413 STEDMAN CATERS.				
231456				
142356	1	5	15	16
134256			15	
123456			15	
134265	4	9	11	13
	13	14		

W. H. Barber.

### 1,200 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

23456	1	4	5	6
32654	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

F. W. Rogers.

### 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

23456	
35642	1
54263	1
32546	2
65324	2
52436	1
52364	3
35264	5
42356	2
42563	3
53642	4
34256	1
23456	5

H. W. Wilde.

## NOTICES.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Saturday, September 10th (8 bells). Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30; address by Rev. W. R. Parr. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**SELBY ABBEY.**—Unveiling of Ringers' War Memorial will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service at 4 p.m. Ringers are invited to this service.—W. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. — W. Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 1, Church Street, Middleton. (Please note change of address.)

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Sherfield on Saturday, September 10th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Hampton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3.15.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Sept. 10th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and the peals of 8 at All Saints', St. John's and St. Maries will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Wolstenholme Hall, beside the Cathedral, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Members are hereby reminded that annual subscriptions of 1s. 6d. are due from all resident ringing members, and should be paid before September 30th.—P. J. Johnson, General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Summer Outing, Saturday, September 10th, at St. Albans.—St. Michael's, 2 p.m.; the Abbey, 3 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's, 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at The Creamery, Chequer Street. Names for tea to be sent in by September 3rd.—A. D. Barker, Oak Cottage, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, September 10th. Committee meeting will be held at the Black Bull Hotel at 3 p.m. sharp. Business as in previous circular. Tea will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 4 p.m. sharp. Members, 2/-; non-members, 3/-. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, September 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Neville G. J. Stiff, at the Church Room, West Hill.—A. J. Trap-pitt, Hon. District Sec.

**NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ufford, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8), by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. H. Drake), available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, District Sec.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Wragby, near Wakefield, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 4 till 7 p.m.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on September 15th and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on September 13th ('Social' afterwards at Wheatsheaf, Stoney Street); \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on September 20th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on September 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards at headquarters. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's Tower, Leicester, on Thursday evening, September 15th. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend. Ringing from 7.30 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Local Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) open all day. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 at a nominal charge on the Vicarage Lawn, if fine. Business meeting after. Nearest station is Deepcar (G.C.). Also a motor bus service from Middlewood Tram Terminus to Moor Hall Lane or Deepcar.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Feering on September 17th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at the Bell Inn at a moderate charge. Will members kindly notify me of their intention of being present not later than Monday, September 12th?—Bert Redgwell, Rayne, near Braintree.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea will be able to get same close to church. Election of officers will take place at this meeting.—A. Davies, Branch Sec., 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Worcestershire.

**PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Holland, Abbey Cottage, Crowland.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

**SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Symonds, Hon. Sec., 41, Market Lane, Lavenham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The Quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday,

September 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Members requiring tea please notify Branch Sec. by September 12th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**NORWICH & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Beccles District.—A Practice meeting will be held at Bungay on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m.—R. J. Goate, Dist. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The next meeting will be held at Wonerish on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. The bells at Bramley and Shalford will also be available.—Edward Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The Annual meeting of above will be held at Caythorpe on Saturday, September 17th. Tea on the usual terms to those who notify Mr. E. Wilcox, Caythorpe, Grantham, by Wednesday, September 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Service to be arranged. Usual business.—J. W. Seamer, Hon. Sec.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bethersden on Saturday, Sept. 17th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at the Bull Hotel at 5 o'clock.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next monthly meeting of the Guild will be held at Exhail on Saturday, Sept. 17th next. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will members please arrange their own tea? Certificates can now be supplied to all members requiring them at 1s. each.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meat tea 4.30, 2s. each. Motor will leave Trent Bridge 2.30, 2s. 6d. return. All wishing to go by motor please notify the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, Sept. 15th.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec., 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting will be held at Stanmore, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1/6 per head at 5.30. Harrow Weald bells open for ringing after tea. Will all members requiring tea please advise me by September 21st?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The Ladies' Guild of Church Workers of Cookham, has kindly offered to entertain the members and friends of this branch, at Cookham, Berks, on Saturday, September 24th. Evening choral service will be held at the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., when the Rev. A. W. Batchelor, D.D., will give an address to the ringers. Tea on the Vicarage lawn will be provided at 5 o'clock,

followed by a social, when it is hoped the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., will preside. Tower bells will be available at 2.30 and after 7, subject to the supervision of the belfry keeper. It is important that the number of the honorary and practicing members who can be present, should be forwarded to Mr. J. T. Fowler, Dean View, Cookham Rise, Maidenhead, by the 20th inst.—W. H. Fussell, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, September 24th. Ringing from 2 o'clock. Committee meeting in Schools at 4 o'clock. General meeting after tea. Mr. F. Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, will arrange for tea at the Tea Rooms, Market Place, at 2/6 each, for those who advise him by September 21st.—Alfred C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers.—H. T. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Cave on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Albion Hotel, at a charge of 1s. 9d. each, to those who notify Mr. J. T. Blanshard, Nordham, North Cave, by first post on Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Business meeting to follow.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Calverleigh (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available at 2.30; service, with address by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, at 4.45; tea 1s. each, at 5.15. Those who require tea should notify me not later than the previous Tuesday.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A by-meeting will be held at Bovington on Saturday, Sept. 24th, by the request of the Rector (Rev. G. Ernest Day). Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector, 5.45. Will the secretaries of towers kindly notify me the number of their members who intend to be present by the 19th, so that arrangement can be made for tea? Nearest station Blake Hall, G.E.R. Trains leave Leytonstone 1.30 p.m. and Stratford 2.23 p.m.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney (Haywards Heath Station) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting. Those attending please notify the undersigned not later than Sept. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Western District will be held at Wetherby on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9. Short service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after.—P. L. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Willoughby Avenue, Holbeck.

**STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Those intending to be present please notify me on or before Sept. 19th.—E. Steele, 109, George Street, Sandford Hill, Longton, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.



**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Brewood on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. Perry's at 5, 1s. each. Service in church at 6, with an address by the Rev. Preb. Dunkley, Vicar. A motor bus will be engaged to leave Station Drive (L. & N.W.R.), Wolverhampton, at 2, 2s. 6d. return. Please notify me by Tuesday, 20th inst., whether by bus or not. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and the annual business meeting, at which it is hoped all members will be present, and any subscriptions still owing should be paid. All ringers are welcome, and, if requiring tea, should please notify me not later than Sept. 19th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 16, West Park, Clifton, Bristol.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, first Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Bride's, second Saturday, 5 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.



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